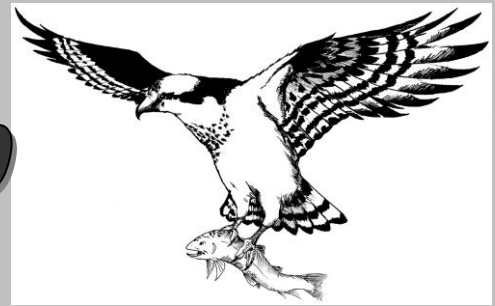


THE FISH HAWK HERALD

Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society



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COMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 8, Tuesday
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Mountain West Bank
125 Ironwood Dr.

IDAHO AUDUBON COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: October 18-20
TIME - PLACE - PROGRAM:
For details call Susan Weller
682-3413

OCTOBER PROGRAM

DATE: October 21, Monday
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: First Presbyterian Church,
521 Lakeside
PROGRAM: "Coordinated Bird
Conservation in Idaho: A Vision for
the Future." Rex Sallabanks, Ph.D.
Nongame Bird Biologist and PIF
Coordinator, Nongame and
Endangered Wildlife Program,
Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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FALL IDAHO PARTNERS IN FLIGHT MEETING

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The fall meeting of "Idaho Partners in Flight" (ID PIF) will be held October 20–22 in Coeur d'Alene. The meeting has been scheduled to coincide with the Idaho Audubon Council meeting (October 18–20) and the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Chapter meeting (October 21). ID PIF will kick off its meeting with a steering committee social on the evening of October 20, followed by field trips to Mica Bay and Farragut State Park on October 21, and a working group meeting on October 22. Field trips will be led by local

birders, wildlife biologists, and resource managers, and will depart from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game regional office at 0800. Tentative plans are in the works to return to Coeur d'Alene in time for a joint dinner with local Audubon

Chapter members prior to the Chapter meeting later that evening.

The working group meeting on October 22 will be held at the IDFG regional office, and also will begin at 0800. The agenda includes regional updates, discussion of a statewide implementation plan for bird conservation in Idaho, work on the Westwide All-bird Monitoring and Assessment Program (WAMAP), and review of Panhandle bird issues, current projects, and information/funding needs. Everyone is welcome to attend both the field trips and working group meeting. The overall theme of the ID PIF meeting is to strengthen interaction with Audubon Society members and focus on Panhandle bird issues and projects. For more details, including a copy of the meeting agenda, please contact Dr. Rex Sallabanks, ID PIF coordinator, at (208) 334-2920 or via e-mail at rsallaba@idfg.state.id.us. (See Page 2 - What is "Idaho Partners in Flight (ID PIF)?"

WHAT IS IDAHO PARTNERS IN FLIGHT (ID PIF)?



Photograph by Wayne Tree

Rex Sallabanks

Idaho Partners in Flight (ID PIF) is the state working group of the national Partners in Flight organization. For more information on the Partners in Flight program in general, check out the national website at <http://www.partnersinflight.org>.

State working groups, such as ID PIF, represent the level of Partners in Flight that is "closest to the ground" and where the goals and objectives of the Partners in Flight movement are typically implemented. Partners in Flight is organized into a series of hierarchical tiers, such that ID PIF is part of the Western Working Group, which is part of the National Working Group, which in turn, is part of the International Working Group. Direction filters down from the national Partners in Flight coordinator and national steering committees to the regional and state working groups.

ID PIF was formed in 1992 and throughout much of the 1990s was actively preparing the Idaho Bird Conservation Plan, which was released in January 2000. Other significant achievements include the production of more specific publications, such as "Birds in a Sagebrush Sea." Since the

publication of the Bird Conservation Plan, ID PIF has shifted its focus away from plan preparation to plan implementation. Now the emphasis is on identifying high priority projects that further the goals and objectives outlined in the Bird Conservation Plan, exploring funding opportunities, and coordinating bird conservation efforts with neighboring states in the Western Working Group. Moving away from an initial focus on Neotropical migratory landbirds, Partners in Flight has now joined forces with other bird conservation programs (e.g., waterfowl, waterbirds, and shorebirds) under the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI). Like NABCI, ID PIF now promotes conservation of all birds in all habitats.

Much like the national Partners in Flight working groups, ID PIF is a cooperative effort involving partnerships among federal, state and local government agencies, philanthropic foundations, professional organizations, Native American tribes, conservation groups, industry, the academic community, and private individuals. All ID PIF meetings are open to anyone interested in bird conservation. At the core of ID PIF is a steering committee which is currently comprised of eight individuals representing the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Audubon, Potlatch Corporation, U.S. Geological Survey, and Ducks Unlimited. The steering committee provides direction and oversight to the state working group Chair, Dr. Rex Sallabanks, who is the Nongame

Bird Biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. For more details on ID PIF, Dr. Sallabanks can be reached at (208) 334-2920, or via e-mail at rsallaba@idfg.state.id.us.

AUDUBON REPRESENTED AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

Janet Callen



Dick Cripe, Jan Severtson, Lynn Sheridan and Lisa Hardy ably represented Audubon at the Farmer's Market August 24, 2002. This has become an annual event for the chapter and provides an excellent opportunity to let the community know about us. We displayed bird guides, posters, a birdhouse, suncatchers and a photo display of our chapter activities. Always popular are the small bags of birdseed we give away. We also had a variety of printed information about birds to hand out and several items to sell, including Lynn's beautiful note cards. Many people stopped at the display to talk about birds and birding, and to learn about Audubon. Thank you all.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

1. Please register with the leader ahead of time.
 - a. It helps the leader plan the trip.
 - b. You will be informed if the trip time or location is changed or if the trip is canceled.
2. Fees: (to paid to the driver of the car) \$5.00 - all day trips \$3.00 - 1/2 day trips.
3. We sometimes use radios to communicate between cars. If the radios are used we are asking participants to contribute \$1.00 toward batteries.

MICA BAY SURVEY

DATES/TIME: October 14 and 28, Mondays, 8:00 a.m.

MEET: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

LEADERS: Shirley Sturts, 664-5318 - Corinne Cameron 664-0344

ACTIVITY: We spend about 3 hours twice a month counting birds in the Mica Bay area. Beginner birders are welcome to join us

BROWN BAG BIRDING TRIP

DATE/TIME: October 8, Tuesday, 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

MEET: Fernan Lake - west end public boat docks

LEADER: Lynn Sheridan (leave messages for Lynn with Kris Buchler 664-4739)

ACTIVITY: We will look around the west end, public boat docks and if we have time check out the east end marsh.

HIDDEN LAKE CRANBERRY BOG

DATE: October 5, Saturday

TIME: 7:00 a.m.

MEET: carpool @ Cove Bowl, meet leader at 7:25 AM at Rose Lake Junction (Café)

LEADER: Lisa Hardy, 682-4808 or basalt@earthlink.net

ACTIVITY: This will be a full day canoe trip to the cranberry bog near Killarney Lake. Please call leader ahead of time so we will know how many canoes we will have, and how many canoeless trippers we can accommodate. Bring lunch and water, and buckets or bags for your cranberry harvest.

THE BIG SIT

DATE/TIME: October 13, Sunday / sign up for a sit time

LOCATION: Mica Bay Platform

LEADERS: Shirley Sturts, 664-5318 and Lisa Hardy, 682-4808 or basalt@earthlink.net

(After Oct. 2 contact Kris Buchler 664-6739)

ACTIVITY: As a group effort we are counting birds at Mica Bay from dawn to dusk. Contact Shirley or Lisa to sign up for a time. You can sign up for as 2 hour shifts and as you like.

There is no limit to the number of people we can have at one time. We would like to spread participants out over the entire day to get as much coverage as possible.

Bring a chair, binoculars, bird book, scope (if you have one), water, food and your enthusiasm.

See the article on page 6 for more information.

RAILS-TO-TRAILS BICYCLE TRIP

DATE: October 26, Saturday

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

MEET: Cove Bowl. carpool and meet leader at 8:25 AM at Rose Lake cafe

LEADER: Lisa Hardy, 682-4808 or basalt@earthlink.net

ACTIVITY: We will bicycle from Medimont to Harrison, birding the lakes and wetlands as we go. Bring lunch or eat at a local restaurant and water.

FALL AND WINTER TRIP SCHEDULE

To volunteer to lead a trip or to suggest places to go, call or email Lisa Hardy 682-4808 or basalt@earthlink.net

Check the September newsletter and future newsletters for more details -

THE NORTHWEST SHADE COFFEE CAMPAIGN

by Carolee Colter, Seattle
Audubon Society

*A reprint from the National Audubon
Webpage*



Coffee is good for migratory songbirds. No, they don't need it to stay awake on all-night migration flights. But they do need coffee plantations in which to spend the winter when they get to the tropics. Unfortunately, throughout Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean islands and Colombia -- the destinations of most wintering songbirds -- there are virtually no forests still standing in the mid elevations (roughly 500 to 1500 meters.) These regions have all been converted to permanent cropland.

However, the birds have found a viable replacement -- traditional coffee and cacao plantations. Grown in the time-honored manner, coffee bushes are cultivated under a forest overstory, using basic principles of agroforestry. This involves planting a mixture of nitrogen-fixing trees with up to 40 other useful species, to provide not only shade, but firewood and fruit for household and commercial use. Shade trees protect the coffee and cacao bushes from rain and sun, help maintain soil quality, counteract erosion, and provide natural mulch which reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and weeding.

Habitat and Humanity

As far as the birds are concerned, coffee plantations are a modified forest. The flowers and fruits of the shade trees attract omnivorous species like Tennessee Warblers and Orchard Orioles. (Although most Neotropical migrants feed primarily on insects in breeding season, some species readily turn to fruits and flowers while wintering in the tropics.) Researchers have found a surprising biodiversity of birds, butterflies, ants, amphibians and orchids. Wintering migrants are joined by resident tinamous, parrots, trogons, toucans and woodcreepers.

Coffee has been called a "democratic crop." While there are vast plantations worked by tenant farmers for absentee landowners, most coffee is still grown by families on small farms. Because of its high profitability per unit compared to raising corn or beef, coffee growing has been looked to as way for small landowners to earn cash with relatively little investment. Traditional practices allow farmers to avoid dependence on expensive chemical applications, protecting them and their families from the harmful effects of pesticide exposure and fertilizer run-off in drinking water.

Casualties of Conversion

Until recently, nearly all commercial production of coffee was managed under a canopy of shade trees. But debt-strapped nations seeking to boost export commodities have undertaken a deliberate campaign to modernize growing practices away from traditional "shade" coffee to new "sun," or "technified" coffee. The US Agency for International

Development has also encouraged this trend. Sun coffee plantations produce higher yields -- at a serious social and environmental price. They require large applications of expensive chemicals, while the plants are more susceptible to disease and need to be replaced more often. Small farmers can't afford the increased costs.

Another casualty of the conversion to "sun" coffee is biodiversity. Studies in Colombia and Mexico found 94-97% fewer bird species in "sun" than "shade" coffee plantations. The last refuge of wintering Neotropical migrants is gradually disappearing. With so much tropical forest already eliminated, the birds have nowhere else to go.

What's a Coffee-Drinking Bird-Lover to Do?

As consumers of one third of the world's coffee, Americans have a lot of influence. Due to increased consumer awareness, people are starting to ask for shade coffee, which helps to keep shade coffee economically viable.

To raise awareness about the positive role-played by shade coffee in conserving migratory birds, a group of local roasters, retailers and importers joined with Seattle AS to form the Northwest Shade Coffee Campaign. We define "shade coffee" as coffee grown under a canopy of trees of diverse species that provides viable winter habitat for migratory birds. We welcome new members (contact Seattle AS for membership requirements); current members include 26 importers, roasters and retailers in WA, OR, ID, MT, British Columbia and northern CA. By patronizing these companies

and asking for shade-grown coffee, you can use the marketplace to help preserve habitats.

World Wide Web carries increasing discussion on this topic; you can access numerous links through the NAS Web page: <http://www.audubon.org/>, or e-mail Lissette Pavajeau: lpavajeau@audubon.org for specific links.

EDITORS NOTE:

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I have contacted the Seattle Audubon Office to send me a list of certified bird friendly coffee roasters

and retailers in our area. Buying shade grown coffee is going to cost you more than the cheaper brands of sun grown coffee but you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing your part in saving habitats for birds. Besides this, you will have some great tasting coffee.

The only source I know in Coeur d'Alene is our local Wild Birds Unlimited store at 296 W. Sunset Ave. Coeur d'Alene. They carry a brand called "Good Migration" which is certified organic, shade grown and Fair Trade. It is distributed by: Montana Coffee Traders, Whitefish, MT

The following stores in Spokane belong to "Northwest Shade Coffee Campaign":

4 Seasons Coffee Company

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*(Mexican Malinal)

Great Harvest Bread Co.
2530 E. 29th Ave.
(509) 535-1146
**Craven's Coffee Co.

Huckleberry's
926 S. Monroe St.
(509) 624-1349
*4 Seasons Coffee Company
**Craven's Coffee Co.

Lindaman's
1235 S. Grand Blvd.
(509) 838-3000
*4 Seasons Coffee Co.
**Craven's Coffee Co.

Craven's Coffee Company
1003 E. Trent Ave. #200
(509) 747-6424
** Craven's Coffee Co. – shade grown coffees: French Roast Organic, Caffe Tenago, Pablo's Blend, Caffe Bazza, Organic Toucan Blend, Organic Breakfast, Sumatra Organic, Mandheling Nicaragua Organic, Segovia Guatemala Organic, Swiss Water Process Decaf

Seattle Audubon is sending our chapter some brochures and cards that we can take to our favorite coffee houses and local stores to encourage them to join the "Northwest Shade Coffee Campaign" by carrying Certified Shade Grown Coffee. I'll have these available at our next meeting.

One problem that is encountered in the shade debate is the level, quality, quantity, etc. of the shade. One needs to investigate each in some depth before promoting them. This is what Seattle Audubon has done. When buying shade grown coffee look for the symbol "Member Northwest Shade Coffee Campaign".

We will serving Shade Grown Coffee at our monthly meetings

and Idaho Partners in Flight will be serving Shade Grown Coffee during their meetings.

AUDUBON MEMBER ENTERS THE POLITICAL ARENA

Janet Callen

George Saylor, a longtime Coeur d' Alene chapter member and a former member of the board, is a candidate for the House of Representatives in the Idaho Legislature. George is running as a Democrat for house seat 4-B. While serving on our board of directors George has held the positions of Education Chairman, Hospitality Chairman and member-at-large. He also is the individual responsible for securing our meeting room at the Presbyterian Church.

George and his wife Katie have two grown daughters. He was born and raised in Missoula Mt. and has a BA in History from the University of Montana. He is a Vietnam veteran. George earned a Master's Degree in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary in 1973. For 28 years he has taught government at Coeur d' Alene High School and was named Secondary Teacher of the Year in District #271 for the school year 2001-2002.

Our board's loss may become the state's gain. For information about his position on various issues visit his web site at:

www.Saylorforrep.org.

Meet and talk with him at the October 21st meeting.

THE BIG SIT!!

"If you sit in one place long enough, eventually every species of bird will pass by."



Fuertes' Eastern Bird Collection

We are participating (for our 2nd year) in the Tenth Annual New Haven Bird Club's, "The Big Sit!"- co-sponsored by [SWAROVSKI OPTIK!](#) **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2002.** **See the field trip page for how to participate.**

The BIG SIT! is like a Big Day, or a Bird-a-thon in that the object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard within 24 hours. The difference lies in the area limitation (17 foot circle) from which you'll be allowed to observe. This free event is open to every individual & every club in every state in every country.

There are 3 categories:

- 1) Best Overall Count (Most species seen by a single circle - wins our commemorative T-shirt)
- 2) Best State Count (Highest combined total from circles within a state - wins State Pride.)
- 3) The Big Prize!: Swarovski Optik is offering \$500 to the circle who finds the "Golden Bird". (A random drawing-we could win!)

RULES:

- 1) Observations can be made from any area within the state/country you live, or wish to represent.

2) Observations can only be made from within a 17-foot (diameter) circle.

3) There's no limit to how many people can occupy the area (other than the obvious spatial limitations). Bring some chairs. Have a picnic or barbecue. Welcome passers-by and their contributions to your list.

4) If a bird is seen or heard from within the circle but is too distant to identify, the circle can be left to get a closer look for confirmation. However, any new bird seen or heard while confirming the original, can't be counted unless it's seen from an "anchor" who stayed behind in your circle, or when you return to your spot.

5) The participants can work in shifts. No one person needs to be there throughout the whole Big Sit! The area can be left and returned to as frequently as desired, but you must be sure to return to the exact spot each time.

6) The same circle must be used for the entire Big Sit!

7) The Big Sit! will begin at 12:00 am midnight on October 13 and end 24 hours later.

Our first "Bit Sit" (October 14, 2001) was a great success.

Thirteen birders counted birds in 1-2 hour shifts from 6:45 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Mica Bay Platform. We counted a total of 28 species. Visit our website for list of participants and bird species recorded.

www.cdaaudubon.org We easily took the State Pride Award. We were Idaho's lone participant.

FOR MORE "BIG SIT" INFORMATION.
<http://members.aol.com/nhbirdclub/bigsit/htm>

THE KOOTENAI ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE (KEA)

TO KEEP INFORMED OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - VISIT THE NEW (KEA) WEBSITE:

www.kealliance.org

A reprint taken from the KEA Website

The Kootenai Environmental Alliance (KEA) is one of the oldest membership-supported non-profit conservation groups in Idaho. It has been working to protect and restore the environment of the Coeur d'Alene River Basin and the Idaho Panhandle since 1972. The KEA is based in Coeur d'Alene, ID in Kootenai County. Kootenai County is home to some of Idaho's biggest mining corporations, and the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, one of the largest timber producing Forests east of Washington's Cascade Mountains.

The organization was founded by former Idaho state senators Art Manley and Mary Lou Reed, Scott Reed, a nationally renowned environmental attorney, and representatives from several local and regional sporting organizations. It was created in response to the extensive environmental degradation promulgated in the Idaho Panhandle by timber and mining interests, land developers and the Forest Service.

We believe an informed public is essential to safeguarding the environment. To that end we have held [public meetings](#) almost every week for 30 years to provide the public an opportunity to hear experts and political candidates address local, regional and national environmental issues.

KOOTENAI COUNTY BIG YEAR



Photograph by Wayne Tree

We need to get busy if we want to reach our goal of 200 birds. With a White Pelican being spotted by Roger Young in July and the Spruce Grouse tallied on the recent CDA Audubon field trip up to Twin Craggs we have a total of 174. At the end of August 2001, Steve Lindsay had a total of 179 and by the end of September he was up to 191.

Some birds we need to find: Peregrine Falcon and Prairie Falcon (Rathdrum Prairie), Blue Grouse (high altitude birds), Shorebirds-- Greater or Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary, Baird's, Least, and Western Sandpiper, Red-necked and Wilson's Phalarope, (look for on area where there are mudflats such as Hardy Loop Road, Coeur d'Alene River Delta at Harrison, American Pipit (Rathdrum Prairie - should be migrating through about now), American Tree Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow and Snow Bunting (later on this winter on Rathdrum Prairie.). See the total list on our website.

OBSERVATION POST

OSERVERS:, Kris Buchler (KBUC), Lisa Hardy (LHAR), Dave and Roberta Larson (DLAR,RLAR), Shirley Sturts (SSTU), Roger Young (RYOU)
Mica Bay Survey August 5 and 19
Corinne, Del and Cliff Cameron, Theresa Potts, Kris Buchler, Roland Craft, Martha Dolliver, Dick Cripe, Shirley Sturts

Common Loon 1 Mica Bay Survey August 19

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Pied-billed Grebe 1 Mica Bay Survey August 19, September 9

Red-necked Grebe 1-5 Mica Bay Survey August 5, 9 and September 9

American White Pelican July 21 (week of) Cougar Bay (RYOU, DLAR,RLAR)

Cinnamon Teal 12 Mica Bay Survey August 19

Spruce Grouse 1 Twin Craggs Audubon Field Trip Sept. 15

Spotted Sandpiper 4 Page Ponds September 17 (LHAR)

Baird's Sandpiper 8+ Page Ponds September 1 (LHAR, SSTU) and 1 September 17 (LHAR)

Solitary Sandpiper 4 Page Ponds September 1 (LHAR, SSTU) and 4 September 17 (LHAR)

Lesser Yellowlegs 3 Page Ponds September 1 (LHAR, SSTU) and 1 September 17 (LHAR)

Greater Yellowlegs 2 Page Ponds September 17 (LHAR)

Least Sandpiper 2 Page Ponds September 1 (LHAR, SSTU)

Common Snipe 1 Sept. 17 Page Ponds (LHAR)

Red-necked Phalarope 3 Page Ponds September 17 (LHAR)

Red-naped Sapsucker 1-2 Mica Bay Survey August 5&19 and September 9

Cassin's Vireo 1 singings few notes, Armstrong Hill September 10 (KBUC)

Willow Flycatcher 1-3 Mica Bay Survey August 5 &19

Common Yellowthroat 4 Mica Bay Survey August 5

Wilson's Warbler 1 Mica Bay Survey August 5

American Redstart 1 heard Mica Bay Survey August 5

Savannah Sparrow 1 Mica Bay Survey August 5

THE SEATTLE AUDUBON ACTIVIST TOOLKIT:

Dear Activist,

It is our pleasure to bring you the new Seattle Audubon Society's "Activist Toolkit - A Citizen's Guide to Protecting the Environment." This toolkit was designed to assist citizen activists in their work on behalf of the environment, and describes the basic elements of grassroots advocacy - how to target an audience, influence decision-makers, get media coverage, formulate a compelling message, recruit and retain volunteers, and more.

You can download the entire toolkit, or specific portions if you prefer from, <http://www.seattleaudubon.org/conservation/toolkit.html>

Sincerely,

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