

THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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October Program

Date: October 11, Tuesday

Place: Lutheran Church of the Master, 4800 N. Ramsey, CDA

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Brett Haverstick, Education and Outreach Director for the Friends of the Clearwater

Program: Brett will present a program on birds and other features of the Clearwater Area. This should be an outstanding program. You won't want to miss it.

Membership Corner

Congratulations Members!

Thanks to our members for their excellent response to this year's dues request! As of September 28, 2016, we have received 53 donations for membership dues along with 8 unsolicited donations from generous members. At present our club has 118 "active" members. Thanks to all!

Peggy Albertson, membership chair

From the President

It seems that every year at this time I am a bit frantic, feeling as if there is so much work to do and not enough time in which to do it. There is the garden produce to attend to, compost to move, garden to mulch, branches to stack, plants to move, hoses to pick up, hay to get in, water lines to winterize, etc., etc. I must get it all done before freezing temperatures set in and it is too late.



Evening Grosbeak – Photograph by Jaquith Travis
Hauser Lake fall 2014

I wonder, do birds feel this way with the changing of seasons? Are they a bit frantic as they face the cold freezing wintry weather? There are some ways we, as bird lovers, can help them.

First, make sure your bird feeders are clean and supply a good variety of seeds. Tube feeders are good at protecting seed from wet weather. Only put one day's worth of seed in platform feeders. Build a windbreak around your feeders if you have a problem with snow drifting and build-up.

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High energy foods are needed to survive the coldest winter nights. Peanut butter (avoid any high in sugar and salt) smeared into holes in a log and hung will be appreciated. Put suet out once the cold sets in. The insect eaters will appreciate the protein since many of the delectable insects are unavailable. Mealworms are wonderful sources of protein. Fresh or dried apples, berries, oranges, grapes and cherries are also hits. Scatter feed in sheltered places for those birds who do not want to come out in the open.

Don't rake up all your leaves - keep some to harbor insects. Don't dead-head flowers until springtime. The dead stalks and seed heads provide feed for the winter and, in the spring birds will use old stalks and leaves for nest-building. Build a brush pile for safe, warm hibernating areas. Clean up any nest boxes you have. Some birds use them for roosting in the winter.

Provide clean warm water. In some areas, few non-frozen water sources exist. Dehydration can be as big of a threat to birds in the winter as starvation. Birds also need water for preening. Without proper preening, a bird's feathers won't stay positioned for optimal insulation.

Creating special places in our backyards will help many birds survive the upcoming winter and, perhaps, decrease their angst about facing the cold. I know that, once I have my backyard ready for the birds, my October frenzy will lessen. - Midge -

Celebrate Asa Wright Nature Centre's 50th Birthday in 2017

In 1967, Audubon members rallied behind three influential people -Don Eckelberry, a renowned wildlife artist; Erma Fisk, a prominent ornithologist and conservationist; and Russell Mason of Florida Audubon Society - to raise

enough money to buy Spring Hill Estate and its famous Oilbird Cave in Trinidad, creating the first non-profit, conservation-focused trust and eco-lodge in the Caribbean. Fifty years later, the renamed Asa Wright Nature Centre has lived up to its mandate to protect and conserve habitat and wildlife, and to educate.



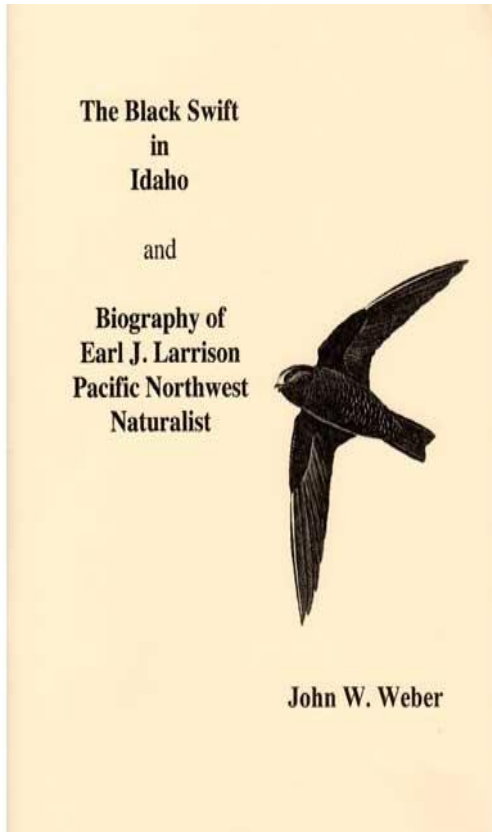
Highlighting the amazing role that the Centre has played in tropical conservation, a wonderful selection of celebrity birders, conservationists and artists will visit the

Center in 2017. Celebrities will offer a lecture or workshop in their specialty, join tour groups on guided walks, and be available at the Centre for informal conversation and birding on the verandah. If you have always dreamt of visiting the Centre, doing so in 2017 will benefit you as well as your chapter! In honor of the anniversary, Caligo Ventures (the US booking agent for the Centre), will provide a \$100 donation to their chapter for every Audubon member who books a tour as a result of seeing this article in their chapter newsletter or website. And the birding is amazing!

A visit to the Centre is one of the best introductions to tropical birding. In addition, modern hotel facilities, an amazing dining experience and a wide range of field trips offered by highly trained Centre naturalists round out your stay. Time your trip to join a celebrity birder, and get even more out of your experience! For more details about dates and tour options, please contact Caligo Ventures at 800.426.7781 or www.caligo.com

Darlene Carlson, one of our board members, wrote the following about Caligo: "These are the people I went to Texas with and am going to Madagascar with. I would love to go to Asa Wright, and if there is any way to do this with our chapter it would be wonderful."

Two New Bird Books
For Pacific N. W. Birders



***The Black Swift in Idaho and Biography of
Earl Larrison, Pacific N. W. Naturalist***

By J.W. Weber

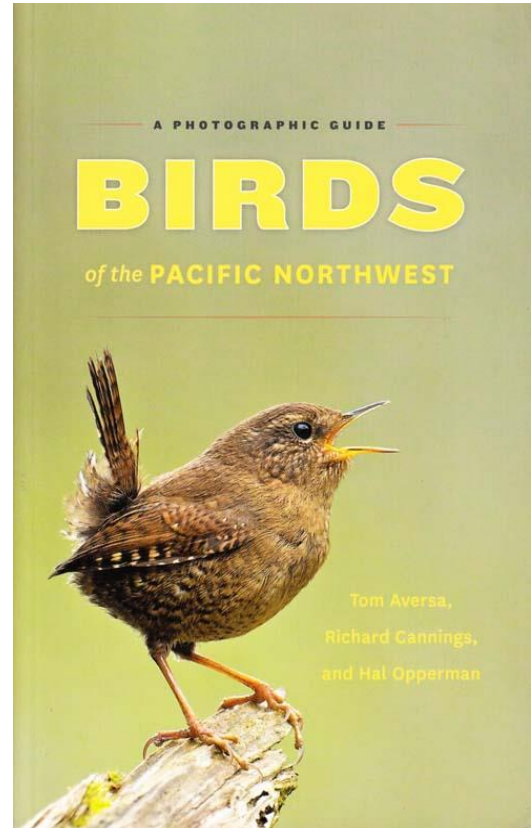
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Telephone: 800-722-2460

25 pages - \$5.00

<http://www.buteobooks.com/category/WA.html>

Special Sale at Buteo Books (mention Allen Hale)
The above book plus Weber's other book, *A
Review of Birds of Washington* (Wahl et al
2005) and Supplement to *Birds of S.E.
Washington* (Weber and Larrison 1977) is being
offered for \$9.00 (The original price of the
latter book was \$17.00)



***Birds of the Pacific Northwest
A Photographic Guide***

By Tom Aversa, Richard Cannings, and Hal
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Discover more than four hundred bird species in
Birds of the Pacific Northwest - the
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This region is a well-defined biogeographic unit
composed of three large ecoregions-the coastal
rainforest, North America's northernmost
deserts, and the northern/mid-Rockies to the
east.

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Birds of the Pacific Northwest is your birding handbook for a vast region rich in refuges, protected sanctuaries, public parks, and raw wilderness. Its depth transcends any guidebook that has preceded it.

Tom Aversa is the coauthor of *Birds of Southwestern British Columbia*, *Birds of the Puget Sound Region*, and *Birds of the Willamette Valley Region*. He lives in Unity, Maine. Richard Cannings is a renowned naturalist, conservationist, and bird expert. He is the author of *Birds of Interior BC and the Rockies*, *An Enchantment of Birds*, and *The Rockies: A Natural History*, and is coauthor of *Birds of Southwestern British Columbia and British Columbia: A Natural History*. He lives in Penticton, BC, Canada. Hal Opperman is the principal author of *A Birder's Guide to Washington* and coauthor of *Birds of Southwestern British Columbia*, *Birds of the Puget Sound Region*, and *Birds of the Willamette Valley Region*. He lives in Seattle, Washington.
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It can be purchased from:

The Seattle Audubon Nature Shop

<http://www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/Shop.aspx>

Phillips Farm, Genesee Sewage Ponds,
Moscow, U of I Arboretum and Tensed.
May 7, 2016

Janet Callen

Mary Deasy, Matt Thurley, Roland Craft, Valerie Zagar and Darlene Carlton joined me for a birding journey south. We hiked the trails at Phillips Farm, where we met Terry Gray, whom many area birdwatchers know. Among the many birds we saw at that location were Lesser Goldfinches, pointed out to us by Terry. He also told us of a pair of Swainson's Hawks in the U of I Dairy Barns location. From Phillips we journeyed south to Genesee where we stopped

and asked a man in the parking lot of the grocery store if he knew where the sewage ponds were. Without a questioning look or appearing to wonder why we'd drive into Genesee to view sewage ponds the man seriously gave us very good directions.

Our return to Moscow in search of the Swainson's Hawks was successful. We spotted two, one on a telephone post and the other in a tree near the U of I barns, which are just south of the Moscow-Pullman highway and the shopping mall in that area. We traveled downhill and parked in the mall parking area and watched the pair soar above us. Everyone had a very good view. For the day, we had 48 species, including Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red-naped Sapsucker, Hooded Merganser, Yellow Warbler, Eastern and Western Kingbirds, American Kestrel, Western Bluebird and Pileated Woodpecker. And the weather was good.

Malheur Trip A Birding Success

George Saylor

In late April, seventeen CDA Auduboners and their guests made the long drive to Malheur Wildlife Refuge in south-east Oregon. Some of us camped at campgrounds in the area, others stayed at the historic French Glen Hotel where we enjoyed a wonderful communal dinner featuring stuffed Cornish game hens. And no, we did not include them as one of our species seen!

Malheur consists of over 185,000 acres of prime habitat, two-thirds of which is wetlands. Consequently it is a prime stopover for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds, as well as many passerines. It is also the breeding area for many species. With a record of over 320 bird species seen there, it is no surprise the trip was a big success.

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The final tally of species seen was 105. Many were shorebirds, many were various kinds of waterfowl, but many passerines, hawks and owls were also seen. Large numbers of shorebirds and ducks were seen in the flooded field outside of Burns, Oregon, which is a few miles from where Malheur begins. The fields were full of Long-billed Curlews, Black-necked Stilt, Avocet, Willet, Wilson's Phalarope and eighteen species of swans, geese and ducks and egrets.

There were many highlights of other species and examples of bird behavior - too many to list. However, species seen Burrowing Owl, Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, Sora, American White Pelican, Caspian Tern, Marsh Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Townsend's and Wilson Warblers, Savannah Sparrow, Red-naped Sapsucker, Loggerhead Shrike, Cliff Swallow, Bushtit, Lazuli Bunting, and Evening Grosbeak. You can see from the many kinds of species seen that there is suitable habitat for a wide variety of species, which makes Malheur a special and highly recommended place to bird.

Field Trips 2016-2017



Please Register: Watch the website or newsletter for updates to our field trip schedule. Additional field trips will be added if we have volunteers to lead them

Please contact our field trip coordinators Janet Callen 664-1085 or George Sayler 667-2787 to suggest or volunteer to lead a trip. Participants should contact the trip leader at least 24 hours in advance of the field trip to find out if the meeting place/time or destination has been changed. Participants will share in a mileage reimbursement for the driver

Mica Bay Survey

Date: October 11, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome to come and learn bird identification skills.

Hidden Lake-Cranberry Bog

Date: October 15, Saturday

Meet: to be announced

Time: to be announced

Leader: Jim Lynn 623-5661

Pick Idaho cranberries at Hidden Lake. Kayak or canoe necessary.

Mineral Ridge Hike: Fernan Lake, Wolf Lodge, Beauty Bay and Blue Creek Bay:

Date: November 12, Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Fernan Ranger Station

Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085

This will be a three-quarter day trip. Bring a lunch, or snacks and water, dress for the weather. We'll hike Mineral Ridge search for waterfowl. Target birds will be loons.

Rathdrum Prairie Hawk Survey

Will take place once a month from November through March. Doug Ward is the leader. This two- hour fast-paced, one- vehicle journey across the prairie is a learning experience that is a lot of fun. We travel in one car for safety. To reserve a spot call Doug 762-7107 or 699-9327

Christmas Counts

Between December 14, Wednesday through January 5, Thursday. Three separate counts will take place: Coeur d Alene (Shirley Sturts), Spirit Lake (needs leader), and Indian Mountain (Lisa Hardy, Organizer).

New Member Application

Join Online

Become a member of the National Audubon Society, Join online at:
https://secure.audubon.org/site/Donation2?df_id=8080&8080.donation=form1

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- Individual \$25.00 - with hard copy of the newsletter*
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