

THE FISH HAWK HERALD



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the Audubon Society
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CALENDAR CHECK

(Registering for a field trip is not required but if you register the leader will call you if the time or meeting place is changed)

MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 23 TUESDAY

**REGULAR MEETING: BEACH,
BIRDS AND STARS**

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: NIC Beach

Program The evening will begin with a picnic, followed by bird watching until dark. NIC Astronomy Professor Curt Nelson will then give a guiding tour of the night sky. Bring something to cook over the fire if you wish, your own eating utensils and a picnic go-with to share. This is a departure from our regular meeting night of the third Monday of the month because (A) Professor Nelson is not available on Monday and (B) the moon will monopolize the night sky on the third Tuesday. For information call 664-1085.

**OCTOBER 17-19 FRIDAY THRU
SUNDAY - IDAHO AUDUBON
COUNCIL MEETING**

Arrival Time: Friday Evening

Place: N-SID-SEN Camp

Coeur d'Alene Lake near Harrison

Program: Includes a morning canoe field trip, an intensive chapter leadership training workshop, a slide show on the birds of Alaska and other activities to be announced. See page 2 for details.

FIELD TRIPS

SEPTEMBER 18 THURSDAY

OCTOBER 2 THURSDAY

MICA BAY SURVEY

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop Road Turn Off, just south of the Spokane River Bridge on Highway 95

Leader: Shirley Sturts 664-5318

Activity: We will bird the area until 11:00 a.m. so you can plan on being back to Fairmont Loop by 11:30.

SEPTEMBER 21 SUNDAY

ESTELLE LAKE

Time: 8 a.m.

Meet: Rosauers Parking on the east side of the store

Leaders: Cynthia Langliz 687-2475

Activity: Estelle Lake is located in the Cabinets north of Pend Oreille Lake. It is a 3 mile hike into the lake. In mid August White-winged Crossbills and a possible Northern Goshawk were seen there. We will also check for migrating shorebirds along the shores of Pend Oreille Lake. Bring a lunch. This is an all day field trip.

SEPTEMBER 23 TUESDAY

BIRDING WITH A BROWN BAG

Time: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Meet: Independence Point

Leader: Cynthia Langlitz 687-2475

Activity: We will walk along the beach to NIC and back. It is fall migration for the birds - there could be some surprises in store for us. Take a break from your daily routine for some fun birdwatching with fellow birders.

IDAHO AUDUBON COUNCIL (IAC)

WHAT IS THE IAC??

The IAC is a non-profit conservation organization serving the 2500 members belonging to one of 7 local Audubon chapters in the state.

SERVING:

North Idaho Audubon Society
Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society
Palouse Audubon Society
Snake River Audubon Society
Golden Eagle Audubon Society
Prairie Falcon Audubon Society
Portneuf Valley Audubon Society

OFFICERS:

President: Susan Weller (Cataldo)
Secretary: Chuck Trost (Pocatello)
Treasurer: Carol Mabe (Boise)

WHAT IAC DOES

- * Promotes and encourages the conservation, preservation and protection of our natural resources, wildlife and their habitats
- * alerts the public through education
- * communicates with public officials on environmental issues
- * sponsors programs to help children and adults to become aware of their relationship with the environment.

FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 17-19

This years fall meeting will be held at N-SID-SEN Camp and Conference Center on Lake Coeur d'Alene near Harrison, Idaho. We will be staying in Spirit Lodge right on the lake and have conference and meeting rooms in the lodge. The rooms sleep two to four and every room has a view of the lake. The lodge offerers full access to those confined to a wheelchair.

People may arrive Friday evening but the program does not begin until Saturday morning.. We'll start out the day with a birding canoe trip on the lake led by Shirley Sturts. The camp has over 20 canoes but participants are welcome to bring their own.

After breakfast and the field trip we will gather back in the lodge to participate in an intensive chapter leadership training workshop taught by consultant John Borneman. Some of the subjects covered will be: Elements of a Successful Chapter; Designing Your Chapter's image; Improving Monthly Meetings; The Orderly Board Meeting; Listening and Communication Skills; Personality Types; Recruiting the Troops; The Care and Feeding of Volunteers; Burnout Prevention and Cure; and Statesmanship.

Saturday Evening after dinner there will be a slide presentation "Birding in Alaska" presented by Dr. Chuck Trost from Idaho State University.

On Sunday John will wrap up the workshop and council members will put their new skills to work during the IAC meeting.

For those who wish to arrive and stay at the lodge Friday night the weekend will cost \$65.00 per person. For those arriving Saturday morning the weekend will cost \$50.00 per person. This price includes meals for Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday we'll try to get finished with the council meeting so participants may be on the road after lunch. For those wishing to attend the workshop and IAC meeting but who do not wish to stay at the lodge, there will be \$10 participation fee that will include lunch. To add dinner, add another \$6.50.

To register call 682-3413, or drop a line and a check to Susan Weller, 27955 Canyon Road, Cataldo, ID 83810. Registrants will receive a map to the facility, a brochure of the camp, and a workshop and council meeting program.

The camp needs to know the number of participants by October 10. Also, anyone with special needs regarding food should also contact Susan by October 10. The camp allows no outside meals to be brought. If cooks know ahead of time they will accommodate vegetarians and those with food allergies or other special requirements.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Janet Callen

There are an estimated 80 million bird watchers in the United States and a recent article in *Newsweek* states bird-watching is the fastest-growing major outdoor pastime, expected to increase by 58 percent in the next 50 years. However, the downside to the *Newsweek* prediction is that our national population is expected to rise 54 percent. As our population expands wildlife are at great risk. I read a statement that pets and domestic animals are totally dependent on humans for care, while wildlife are totally dependent on their habitat. Which makes wildlife totally dependent on humans also.

Wendal Berry, in his book Unsettling of America, explains that people could be divided into two groups, exploiters and nurturers. However, he continues to explain the division is not that simple, because to some extent we are all the product of an exploitative society. "For while conservationists are exploring, enjoying, and protecting the nation's resources, they are also using them...and the world can be preserved in health only by the forbearance and care of a multitude of persons." The problem isn't whether to use or not use, the problem is how to use and not destroy.

As a group, and individually, 80 million people can make a difference. If we can spark the smallest interest in birds, that interest will naturally progress to concern for their survival. I was completely unaware of the significance of habitat, until I became actively involved in the local chapter and began to learn how crucial it is. Education is the key and many members of our local chapter are reaching out sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm. Audubon Adventures are being distributed to area schools, members are teaching bird identification classes at the college, writing area bird guides, taking members of other organizations on bird watching expeditions, giving seminars and slide presentations, leading nature walks, writing articles for local papers, manning

the booth at the fair and inviting our congressperson to visit the wetland at Mica Bay.

I hope everyone who receives this newsletter will attend at least one of the meetings or field trips this coming year. If you need transportation please call one of the board members. The upcoming picnic is an ideal occasion to meet members and learn more about activities. Coeur d'Alene Audubon is comprised of novices, experts, and varying stages of in-between. The common bond is a love of birds and nature. The experts are most willing to share their knowledge with a novice. I speak from novice experience.

How I envy John Flicker his name.
I think I will be Janet Goldfinch.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

AUDUBON BOOTH AT KOOTENAI COUNTY FAIR



On Saturday, August 23, the Coeur d'Alene Chapter of Audubon had a display booth at the Kootenai County Fair. Functional and decorative birdhouses, sun catchers, hand-made note paper and posters were displayed and sold.

Orders were taken for bird seed. Informational material was displayed and small packets of sunflower seeds were given away. About 15 Audubon members contributed time and talent building bird houses, creating note paper, tying little bags of bird seed, setting up the display and manning the booth. The effort was a successful one--the club made some money and a lot of people met Audubon.

Janet Callen

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

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HELEN CHENOWETH VISITS MICA BAY

Friday morning, Aug. 15, Rep. Helen Chenoweth and her field representative Linda Mullin toured Mica Bay wetlands as guests of the Coeur d'Alene Chapter. The month of May was designated American Wetlands month by the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Audubon Society. Local chapters were encouraged to invite their Representatives to tour a local wetland, I invited Rep. Chenoweth late in May to tour Mica Bay when her schedule permitted. In July a date was set for July 19th. That date had to be rescheduled to Aug. 15th.

Representing the chapter at Mica Bay were: Janet Callen, Susan Weller, Kris Buchler, Corinne Cameron, Pam Comrie and Mike Mihelich. Brian Helmick from Idaho Fish & Game also attended to answer questions concerning the adopt-a-wetlands program in Idaho and the program as it is related to Mica Bay.

During the approximately 20 minute visit to Mica Bay, Rep. Chenoweth observed a number of birds through binoculars and a spotting scope and also asked a number of questions about the wetlands. She was impressed with the wetlands area and the number of birds that were present.

During the tour Rep. Chenoweth expressed an interest in eagles and we invited her to a tour of Wolf Lodge Bay in late December to observe the Bald Eagles, if her schedule permits. The CDA Chapter appreciated her taking time to visit Mica Bay and meet with members of the chapter.

Mike Mihelich

EDUCATION REPORT

Our chapter has been busy this year as more people are discovering Audubon as a resource. On June 5th, several members hosted about 66 third graders at Mica Bay. Karen Wensel from Lakeside Elementary School in Worley arranged the trip following a unit of bird study and feeder watching. I was able to present a program

to the students in the fall. Audubon members showed the students how to spotting scopes and binoculars while helping them use guides to identify bird species.

The Coeur d'Alene Library requested a bird program for August. Approximately eighteen people attended a slide and video presentation. Library personnel made a selection of volumes on ornithology and related bird topics available.

Home Schoolers will be learning about birds September 15th. A group of 7th and 8th graders will kick off a unit of bird study with a visit from our chapter. They will learn basic bird biology, behavior, observation and data gathering techniques as well as identification of common species.

"Audubon Adventures" will again be made available to all 3rd and 5th grade classrooms in the following school districts: Coeur d'Alene, Lakeland, Post Falls, Plummer-Worley, Kellogg, Mullan, Wallace and Harrison. Last year this totaled 125 classrooms, putting our chapter in the top 20 in the country. The educational units of study are funded by the Margaret W. Reed Foundation.

The Coeur d'Alene Chapter supports educational endeavors of area teachers and strives to be a valuable resource. We welcome inquiries about programs and educational materials.

Kris Buchler, Education Chairman
664-4739

BIRD SEED FOR SALE

Orders are being taken for 50 pound bags of black-oil sunflower seed. The price is \$16.00, including tax. Please call 664-1085 to place your order for an early fall delivery.

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"Birds are the truest heralds of the seasons since they appreciate a thousand delicate changes in the atmosphere which their element, of which man cannot be aware." - Henry David Thoreau

FALL BIRDING CLASS

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Community education at NIC is offering a four week "Beginning Birdwatching" class. This introductory course will be Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m., beginning October 8 and ending October 29. A Saturday morning field trip is included. Cost is \$39 and class meets in Seiter Hall, room 107 on the Coeur d'Alene campus. The instructor will be Kris Buchler.

To register for "Beginning Birdwatching", Class 3803, call NIC at 769-3444 or visit the Registrar's Office in the Administration Building on the Coeur d'Alene campus. For more information call Kris at 664-4739.

OBSERVATION POST



Observers: Jim Acton (JACT) Kris Buchler (KBUC), Janet Callen (JCAL), Coeur d'Alene Audubon Trip (CAS) Gordon and Pam Comrie (GCOM,PCOM), Kas Dumroese (KDUM), Sharon Gould (SGOU), Bob and Marcella Hanson (BHAN,MHAN), Gertie Hanson (GHAN), Rick and Cynthia Langlitz (RLAN,CLAN), Wyatt Luce (WLUC), Zoltan Porga (ZPOR), Ellen Scriven (ESCI) Shirley Sturts (SSTU), Susan Weller (SWEL).

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or Internet-Web Site:

<http://pinacc.pima.edu/~cwilliamson/index.html>

1. Common Loon 1 Upper Priest Lake July 30 (SSTU); 1 St. Joe River near Shadowy St. Joe Campground Aug. 2 (WLUC)
2. Red-necked Grebe 3 nesting pair Mica Bay Survey (CAS)
3. Western Grebe 1 Chatcolet Lake July 20 (SSTU, JCAL, KBUC)
4. Great Blue Heron about 15 nests (a new nesting site) west end of Fernan Lake (KBUC, SSTU)
5. Northern Pintail 1 female w/7 young Mica Bay July 3 (CAS)
6. Turkey Vulture 1 Mica Bay Survey July 17 (CAS)
7. Northern Harrier nest w/3 young Medimont area July/Aug (BHAN, MHAB)
8. Golden Eagle 1 Rochet Divide July 5 (SWEL)
9. Sora 1 around all summer Blackwell Hill (GHAN); 1 heard Mica Bay Survey July 3 (CAS)
10. Killdeer 1 nest w/4 eggs Mica Bay Survey (CAS)
11. Band-Tailed Pigeon 1 Killarney Lake July 10 (ESCI)
12. Caspian Tern 1-4 Mica Bay Survey 2 July 3, 1 July 17, 4 July 29 (CAS)
13. Common Poorwill at least 3 calling all summer on hills between Twin Lakes and Spirit Lake (CLAN, RLAN, SSTU, KBUC, GCOM, PCOM)
14. Vaux's and Black Swift several North Fork of Coeur d'Alene River June 1 and Aug. 30 (GCOM, PCOM, SSTU, JACT, KDUM)
15. Three-toed Woodpecker 1 CDA National Forest near Miner's Creek June 27 (SWEL)
16. Cordilleran Flycatcher 2 nested one at home on Hayden Lake (SGOU) and 1 at a home in Cataldo (SWEL)
17. Bank Swallow 2 sightings of nests in banks along the North Fork of the CDA River (SWEL) and nesting again in the gravel pit at Ramsy and Appleway (SSTU and others)
18. Chestnut-backed Chickadee 1 nest w/3 fully feathered fledglings possibly more, home in at Cataldo (SWEL)
19. Hermit and Varied Thrush 8+ Hermit and 2+ Varied Upper and Lower Glidden Lakes (above 6000 ft. elev.) ID/MT boarder north east of Mullan (SSTU); 1 Hermit and 1-3 Varied Upper Priest Lake July 30-31 (SSTU)
20. Lazuli Bunting 1 Mica Bay July 29 (CAS)
21. Chipping Sparrow 1 nest adult brooding 4 eggs in knee high bush near Potlatch June 14 (ZPOR)
22. Dark-eyed Junco Adult feeding Cowbird young at her feeder Potlatch Hill (KBUC)

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Please enroll me as a member in the National Audubon Society and my local chapter, Coeur d'Alene Audubon Chapter (Chapter Code GO67XCH8).

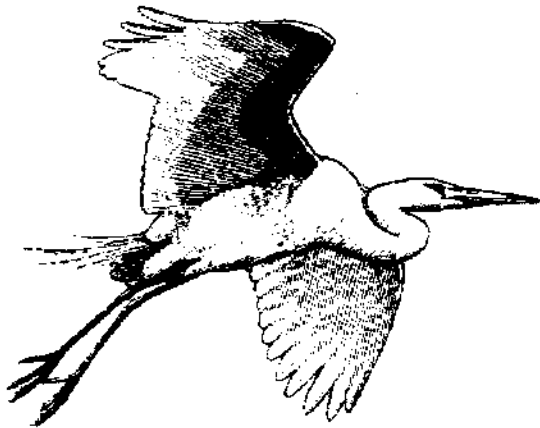
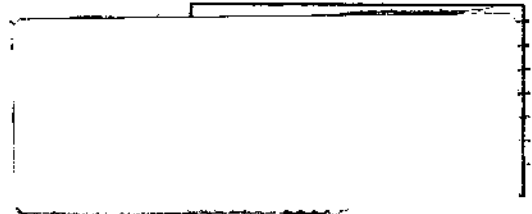
Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Introductory membership is \$20.00 for individual or family. Members receive 6 issues of Audubon magazine and the chapter's local newsletter. Please make check payable to the National Audubon Society and mail to Jan Severtson, Membership Chairman, Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society Chapter, P.O. Box 361, Coeur d'Aene, ID 83814

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