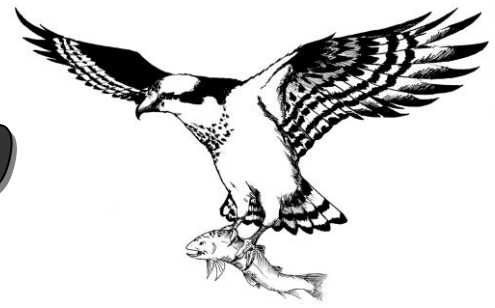


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BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 15, Monday
TIME: 4:30 p.m.
PLACE: Mt. West Bank
125 Ironwood Dr.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

DATE: September 15, Monday
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 521 E. Lakeside, Coeur d'Alene
SPEAKER: Tom Davenport, Prairie Photography
PROGRAM: "Bird Photos: Stories From the Field"

ADOPT - A - HIGHWAY

DATE: Saturday, September 27
MEETING TIME AND PLACE: 8 am at the Mica Flats Grange Hall for the traditional donuts and juice.
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL - Judy Waring - 765-5378 (see page 2)

FISH HAWK HERALD SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Our September issue is complimentary to all local Audubon members. To receive the October - May issue you need to subscribe: \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years. (See the subscription form on the back of this newsletter.) Some of you have paid for two years, and some have a different expiration date. Please call Jan at 667-6209 if you are unsure of your subscription status.

The newsletter is free of charge on our website: www.cdaudubonl.org

Thank you and happy reading!

BIRD PHOTOS: STORIES FROM THE FIELD



Long-billed Curlew Photographed by Tom Davenport at Farragut State Park on June 6, 2008

Tom Davenport is an award winning photographer from Hayden, Idaho. He operates under the business name of Prairie Photography, specializing in nature, sports, product and wedding photography. A second career, photojournalism sparked his photography career as he contracted with the Coeur d'Alene Press and Spokesman-Review and news services such as the Associated Press. Tom's images have appeared in newspapers, magazines and books across the country. He collaborated with Steve Lindsay on the birding column for the Spokesman Review for 6 years.

Tom's nature images have taken a turn toward showcasing the natural world with an emphasis on conservation management, and understanding of our natural resources. His goal is to light a spark in the hearts of children and adults so they can understand and appreciate the natural world around us.



MESSAGE FROM LYNN SHERIDAN

Farewell to the job of chapter President, but not to a position on the board --you guys can't get rid of me that easily! I'll keep on scribbling.

Seriously, I want to thank all of you for helping and supporting me. It has been a good learning experience. For those of you not at our annual picnic in June, I want to tell you of the awards given to three hardworking Coeur d'Alene Chapter members: Shirley Sturts received the Great Egret Award, Jan Severtson and Roland Craft received Meritorious Service Awards. But what a surprise for me, to be given 3 beautiful gifts: a squirrel-proof tube feeder, a nectar feeder, and a large potted plant! My love of birds and gardens is clear to all. Thank you very much.

I want to welcome Ed Buchler to the position of president. He's retiring from a life-time of work to toil for us, and we are very lucky to have him!

Sincerely, Lynn Sheridan

NOON TIME BIRDING

MAY 20, 2008

Lynn Sheridan

At noon, at the 10th street entrance to Tubbs Hill, it was raining lightly, but I came prepared with a slicker and umbrella! No one turned up, so I walked up the trail anyway. It was a very pretty walk as always. I recognized 15 flowering species including: arrowleaf balsam, shooting star, chocolate lily, calypso orchid, and forget-me-not. The birds were harder! My best find was a

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Pileated Woodpecker. I heard several American Robin and chickadees but a few other calls were hard to identify, or to see in the steady rain. I listened in vain for the familiar California Quail and the newly introduced Mountain Quail. On the way home, an Osprey flew overhead, one of a pair nesting again on Mceuen field.

CALIFORNIA CONDOR RECOVERY EFFORT IS AT A CROSSROADS

From: AUDUBON NEWSWIRE
Volume 6, Number 15 Friday,
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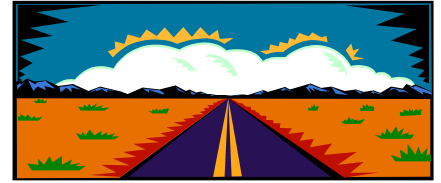
A concerted effort from government and non-profit agencies begun in the early 1980s to bring the California Condor back from the brink of extinction has been more successful than many in the field ever thought it would be, according to a report released today from a blue ribbon panel of the American Ornithologists' Union. However, unless the primary threat to the condor - lead in its food chain - is removed, the endangered bird will continue to rely upon substantial support from humans if it is to survive.

"The California Condor is in many ways the state's signature bird for conservation," said Graham Chisholm, Audubon California's director of bird conservation. "Now that we've moved beyond our original goal, which was simply to keep the bird from disappearing, we want to make sure that we're doing what's necessary to get the bird thriving in the wild without human assistance."

The report, requested by Audubon California and supported by funds from the National Fish and Wildlife

Foundation, the Morgan Family Foundation and others, can be read in full at www.ca.audubon.org

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



This September marks the fifth year that our Audubon chapter has participated in the state Adopt-a-Highway program. Over that period of time we have picked up 131 bags of litter! I wonder what that stretch of highway would look like if we hadn't been there?

On Saturday, September 27, we will tackle it again, meeting at 8:00 a.m. at the Mica Flats Grange Hall for the traditional donuts and juice. If you have never spent a couple of hours doing this, please join us. It is a satisfying experience, not to mention the hair-raising hope of finding some treasure hidden in the weeds. For more information, call Judy Waring at 765-5378.

COUNTY BIG YEAR LISTS

Can you add any new birds to the lists? Check Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah County Big Year Lists on our Website: www.cdaudubon.org or www.idahobirds.net.

Totals to date:
Kootenai 179
Benewah 140
Shoshone 107
State total 288

Seen in 100% of counties reporting : Red-winged Blackbird and Western Meadowlark

INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATORY BIRD DAY
FIELD TRIP
MAY 10, 2008

Janet Callen



Lewis's Woodpecker
Photo by Wayne Tree

As a change of pace from our usual Migratory Bird Day events, Coeur d' Alene Audubon went birding. We traveled south along the White Pine Scenic Highway, through Emida, Harvard, Troy and to Moscow. We stopped at White Pine Campground and marveled at the tall straight trees, and Kris identified Townsend's and Yellow-rumped Warbler and we heard a Varied Thrush. As we traveled toward Harvard, we spotted a Lewis's Woodpecker. It was sitting on the top of a fence post at the edge of the highway and stayed there for us to view as we drove slowly by three times. A life bird for me.

We traveled on to Spring Valley Reservoir for lunch. It was busy with fishermen and women, but we spotted a lone Western Grebe and many Ruddy Ducks close by the shore.

After a brief visit with Charles Swift, his wife and daughter, Iris, we headed to the University of Idaho Arboretum. Unfortunately for us May 10 was college graduation and the campus was

busy. The arboretum is wonderful, well worth a visit on its own. The highlight was hummingbirds busy everywhere in the flowering cherry trees. We spotted Black-chinned and Calliope.

The day was beginning to wane as we headed north and stopped at Phillips Farm. Despite an end-of-the-school-year party taking place in the gazebo, we saw a House Wren and an Orange-crowned Warbler. In total we identified 54 species and decided a return visit would be fun next spring.

BIRDS OF PREY
NORTHWEST NEWS

Pat Smith



Birds of Prey Northwest (BOPNW) is a non-profit organization located in the Coeur d'Alene area. We have a three-fold mission to promote stewardship and conservation of raptors. Our efforts are achieved through educational programs with live birds of prey that serve to educate the public about the inherent value of raptors in our landscape. Secondly, we provide rescue, medical treatment and rehabilitation to injured birds of prey with the ultimate goal of returning them to the wild. BOPNW works under special permits through U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with specially trained raptor biologist, Jane Fink-Cantwell, who established the organization in 2003. Lastly, our organization participates

with others in collaborative raptor research projects. We are currently cooperating with South Dakota Department of Game, Fish & Parks and the University of Idaho in an ongoing research project seeking to establish a population of Ospreys in southeast South Dakota.

Plans are underway to develop an educational raptor center above Lake Coeur d'Alene in the Wolf Lodge Bay area. "We moved here in the spring of 2003 with the dream for a future raptor center....it would be my gift to the Coeur d'Alene community." says founder, Jane Fink-Cantwell, who has spent over twenty years working with raptors and carrying the vision of a world class raptor center. Ongoing efforts on behalf of the organization are volunteer and membership-based. For more information about BOPNW and how to become a member, please contact us at 208-245-1367 or visit our website at www.birdsofpreynorthwest.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIKE TRIP
(for members and supporters)
September 13, Saturday

Join BOPNW and participate in a bicycle trip on the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. A guide will lead the trip which will focus on identifying local raptors and their nesting sites.

"OWL HOOT"
September 27, Saturday

This family program on local owls will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Blackwell Island BLM Park. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

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Upcoming Events
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WINGS OVER WOLF LODGE.

December 7, Sunday
Time: 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
January 4, Sunday
Time: 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

These popular Lake Coeur d'Alene cruises leave from the 3rd St. boat dock and travel to Wolf Lodge Bay to view Bald Eagles in the wild. Live birds of prey will be onboard for this scenic and educational event.

If you are interested in becoming a member or volunteer, making a donation, or are interested in upcoming events, visit us at www.birdsofpreynorthwest.org.

**WHAT'S YOUR ECO-
PERSONALITY ?**

(Reprint from "Together Green")

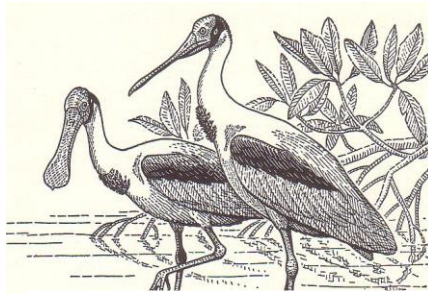
Is your image of an environmentalist someone with shaggy hair selling tofu burgers to raise money to save the whales? Think again.

Today people of every description are taking action to green their neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities. What kind of environmentalist are you? Take the quiz to find out which personal action profile fits you best. Remember, these are just preferences and there aren't any right or wrong answers. Just give your gut response and move on to the next question.

This is a fun quiz you can take by going to the "Together Green" Website. At the same time you can find out more about how to "Be Green"

<http://www.togethergreen.org/ActionCenter/>

BIRD PHOTO QUIZ



Roseate Spoonbill

If you want to challenge yourself in bird identification, you can participate in the American Birding Association photo quiz. They have one photo a month. You can also get some good identification practice by looking at past photos with the answers. Go to: www.americanbirding.org/photoquiz/

**e-Bulletin of the
American Birding
Association**

August 22, 2008

JABIRU COMES TO TEXAS! If you want to find out more, then you need to visit PEEPS ONLINE!

www.birding.typepad.com/peeps
PEEPS Online brings you more up-to-date rare bird sightings than what has been showing up in your inbox! Make sure you bookmark the page and check back regularly for updated information and new postings...or just subscribe to the RSS feed!

Celebrate ABA's 40th Anniversary in Corpus Christi, TX! The 2009 ABA Convention promises not to disappoint as we head to "America's Birdiest City"

the week of 27 April – 3 May 2009, at the height of migration on the Texas Coast.

Happy Birthday, Roger Tory Peterson (RTP)! As part of the centennial celebration, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute www.rtpi.org has assembled a variety of scheduled events. Join them as they celebrate the legacy of this amazing artist, naturalist, writer, photographer, and inventor of the modern day field guide.

Let them know what you think. An independent firm is currently seeking the advice of birders like you. If you take the time to fill out the survey linked to the ad at the bottom of the ABA website homepage www.aba.org, you will automatically be entered for your chance to win one of ten \$50 AMEX gift cards!

The American Birding Association brings North America's birders together, with information, events, and fellowship. If you're not already a member, join us www.aba.org—and help the ABA Build the Birding Community!

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"In a world that seems so very puzzling is it any wonder birds have such an appeal? Birds are, perhaps, the most eloquent expression of reality."

Roger Tory Peterson
American Ornithologist

2008-2009 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Our chapter holds a general meeting each month, September through June, We have a guest speaker at every meeting. The meetings are open to the public, and provide a good introduction to our group for prospective members, as well as being popular with home-schoolers. We generally meet the third Monday of each month, at 7:00 P.M. . The one exception to this is the December meeting. It is the 2nd Monday of the month. Our meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church, 521 Lakeside. Please check our website for any last-minute changes. Our June meeting is a picnic, the location announced in the May Newsletter.

Board Meetings are held once a month at 4:30 P.M. at Mountain West Bank, 125 Ironwood, prior to the general meetings.

PROGRAMS SCHEDULED 2008-2009

To be announced with each month's newsletter or check our webpage.

EVENTS 2008-2009

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY - Our Audubon chapter has adopted a two mile stretch of Highway 95 before the turn-off to Mica Bay. We pick up trash twice a year. Our fall pick up day is Saturday, September 27 ; see page 1 and 2 for details. The spring pick up day will be announced in the April newsletter and on our webpage



**Mountain Chickadee
Photographed by
Wayne Tree**

PROJECT FEEDER WATCH - Sign up now for next season. They are now taking sign-ups for the 2008-2009 FeederWatch season, which begins on November 8. (go to <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/>)

THANKSGIVING DAY BIRD COUNT - November 27 - look for information in the November newsletter.

YARD LISTS - January 2009 - Time to turn in your personal Yard List totals for 2008 to Lisa Hardy

basalt@earthlink.net . She would like to have them as soon as possible after January 1. She will publish the results in the February or March newsletter.

Also, on January 1, 2009 you can start a new list.

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT February 13-16 (go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>)

EARTH DAY April 22, Wednesday - check the April newsletter or our website for any planned activities.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY - April 24, Friday - check the April newsletter or our website for any planned activities.

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY - May 9

Join us in a celebration of the return of warblers and other songbirds from their southern wintering grounds. Check our website for details on events held the second weekend in May.

FIELD TRIPS 2008-2009

PLEASE REGISTER: Watch the website or newsletter for updates to our field trip schedule. 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

DATES: September 9 (held 2nd Tuesday of each month)
TIME: 8:00 a.m. September - November and April, 9:00 a.m. December - March, 7:00 a.m. May - August
MEET: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95
LEADER: Shirley Sturts 664-5318 (Janet Callen will lead the September 9th survey)
ACTIVITY: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Everybody is welcome. Beginner birders are welcome. We will help you with identification skills.

TURNBULL STATE PARK

DATE: September 13, Saturday
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
MEET: K-mart parking lot behind the Mexican restaurant
LEADER: Judy Waring 765-5378
ACTIVITY: This will be a full day trip so bring lunch and water. We will look for waterfowl, shorebirds and upland birds.

NOON TIME BIRDING TRIP

(3rd Tuesday of each month - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.)

DATE: September 16, Tuesday
TIME: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
MEET: Fernan Lake, west end boat launch
LEADER: Lynn Sheridan, 765-2603
ACTIVITY: Take an hour out of your busy day to enjoy the out-of-doors. See how many different species of birds one can find in an hour and get to know people who share your interest in nature. Beginner bird watchers are welcome.

MINERAL POINT TRAIL HIKE

DATE: October 4, Saturday
TIME: 8:00 a.m.
MEET: South side of K-Mart parking lot.
LEADERS: Judy Waring 765-5378
 Janet Callen 664-1085

ACTIVITY: Mineral Point Trail, # 82 overlooks Lake Pend Oreille and is 2.1 miles one way. It is labeled easy, with an elevation gain of 400 feet. In the same area is Lost Lake Trail # 81 and the two trails connect. Lost Lake is 2.3 miles long in a loop. It also is labeled easy. Hikers can have a choice of hiking 2.1, 4.4 or 6.5 miles if they so choose. Bring water and a lunch and binoculars. It might be wise to wear some bright-colored clothing. For more information, and to let us know if you will join us, please call either Judy or Janet.

Note: This is a hike that was scheduled a year ago, but a road closure prevented access to the trailhead. We'll make certain the road is open this year before we go.

CRANBERRY BOG TRIP

DATE: October 18, Saturday

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

MEET: Fernan Ranger Station.

LEADER: Bill Gundlach 667-3339. Call by October 11 to arrange canoe transport

ACTIVITY: Paddle to floating cranberry bog at Hidden Lake to pick cranberries. Wear appropriate bog footwear, bring lunch, water and berry container. Full day trip.

CHAIN LAKES

DATE: November 8, Saturday

TIME: 8:00 a.m.

MEET: Fernan Ranger Station.

LEADER: Lisa Hardy 480-522-6056

ACTIVITY: We will look for waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and upland birds.

RATHDRUM PRAIRIE

DATE: November 22, Saturday

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

MEET: K-mart parking lot behind Mexican restaurant

LEADER: Roland Craft 457-8894

ACTIVITY: This is a half-day trip but sometimes is longer so bring lunch and water. We hope to find raptors, owls and upland birds before the prairie disappears.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Coeur d'Alene - December 14 - Compiler: Shirley Sturts

Indian Mountain area - date to be announced - Compiler: Don Heikkila

Spirit Lake area - January 3, 2009 (tentative) Compiler: Shirley Sturts

FIRST HALF 2009 FIELD TRIPS

January 24, Saturday, half day for beginning and experienced birders alike. NIC beach, Fernan Lake and possibly Hayden Lake. Leader: Lynn Sheridan 765-2603

February 14, Saturday, Lincoln County WA winter bird drive. Leader: Roland Craft 457-8894

March 7, Saturday, Sandpoint area. Leader: Lisa Hardy 480-522-6056

March 21, Saturday, Newman and/or Liberty Lake, Leader: Roland Craft 457-8894

April 18, Saturday, Peone wetlands WA, Leader: Roland Craft 457-8894

Late April, 4-5 day trip to Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge. Leader: Eula Hickam 661-3228

May 16, Saturday, Phillips Farm and Steptoe Butte, Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085

May 30, Saturday, 1/2 to 3/4 day, Worley and Conkling Park area, Leader: Kris Buchler 664-4739

Early June: Century Count, Boundary County, Leader: Kris Buchler 664-4739