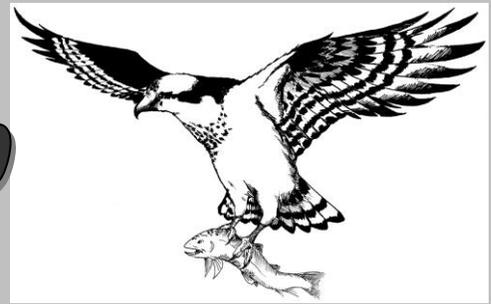


THE FISH HAWK HERALD



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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COMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETING

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

EARTH DAY

DATE: April 19, Saturday
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: North Idaho College Gymnasium
ACTIVITY: See details on page 2.

APRIL PROGRAM

DATE: April 21, Monday
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: First Presbyterian Church, 521 Lakeside
PROGRAM: "Tweet, Twitter and Chirp! Bird Identification by Sight and Sound"
SPEAKER: Kris Buchler will help you identify spring migrants by song and call. Slides and CDs will help you put the picture with the sound of migrating songbirds. Requests will be honored so call or email those birds that give you the most trouble.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT

DATE: April 26, Saturday
TIME: 8:00 A.m.
PLACE: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95
LEADER: Judy Waring, 765-5378
ACTIVITY: See details on page 2.

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www.cdaaudubon.org

RARE BIRD FOUND



Tufted Duck [*Aythya fuligula*]

Shirley Sturts

"After almost an hour of photographic work I finally succeeded in obtaining an excellent photo of this extremely rare waterfowl traveler. I came, I saw and I photographed!!!!"

-- Wayne Tree --

Lisa Hardy is being thanked by local birders as well as birders from southern Idaho, Washington and Montana for finding and reporting a lone Tufted Duck near Cataldo. Birders have been driving up to 300+ miles and enduring cold wind and rain to add this bird to their life lists. Wayne drove over from his home south of Missoula to take pictures. He has been kind enough to share his photographs with us. (See additional photographs on our website in the photo gallery.)

On March 20th Lisa was checking out large flocks of migrating ducks resting and feeding in the flooded fields along River Road southwest of the Cataldo Mission. She was enjoying the flocks of Ring-billed Duck, Lesser Scaup, Redhead and Canvasback when this one odd-looking duck popped into her view. It looked like a scaup but it had a black back contrasting with bright white sides and a tuft of feathers hanging down the back of the head. After studying the duck for some time she went home put out a message on Inland-NW-birders about a possible Tufted Duck sighting. She went back the next day and confirmed her sighting. The Tufted Duck is an accidental from Asia. It is considered a rare winter visitor west of the Cascades. In our area it is doubly rare. This is only the 3rd sighting in Idaho. The first one was found and

viewed by D. Morgan and many other observers from Dec. 21, 1996 to Feb. 1997 at Hagerman WMA in southern Idaho. This past August, Del Cameron reported a female in Mica Bay, Coeur d'Alene Lake. Unfortunately it did not stay around and there were no other observers. All three of these sightings have been documented and sent to the Rare Bird Committee of Idaho. This committee will be soon be voting on these plus several other rare bird reports that have been submitted over the past 5 years.

BIRD TRACKS



Audubon Members make a difference

To contact names mentioned in Bird Tracks see phone numbers on the back page and email addresses under officers on our webpage.

GARAGE SALE

-- 4th Annual

Please save your "collectibles" for this fund-raising event.

DATE: June 7th

PLACE: Home of Theresa Potts (same place as the last 3 years)

TIME: 9 a.m.

CONTACTS: Jan Severtson or Theresa Potts

Volunteers will be needed to collect, set-up, and take down. A FUN project!!!! Please join us!

Woodpecker Surveys

Our chapter is conducting surveys for Black-backed and Pileated Woodpeckers for the Forest Service and Idaho Fish and Game. The surveys are being run from March through June. If you would like to participate, contact Lisa Hardy.

Earth Day Fair

Earth Day 2003 will be celebrated at North Idaho College on April 19. The event will include information, events, presentations and workshops that promote environmental awareness and responsibility, ecology and conservation. The

Coeur d' Alene chapter of Audubon will be there with a display and information about our chapter, our purpose and activities, with an emphasis on birds and their habitats.

The Earth Day Fair will be held in the college gymnasium and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please stop by and say hello. If any member would like to represent our chapter at our display call Janet Callen or Dick Cripe, We could use your help, even for an hour or two.

Audubon's Adopt a Highway Project

We have adopted a two-mile stretch of Highway 95 under the state Adopt-a-Highway program. Our section is the south (downhill) side of Mica grade, mile 421 to mile 423, and we are to pick up litter two times each year, spring and fall. Saturday, April 26 will be our first go at it. We will meet at 8 a.m. at Fairmont Loop and Hwy 95 for muffins and juice, go over the instructions, and head out for two to three hours of pick-up. When the job is done, plan to bird at Mica Bay if you have time. Please contact Judy Waring to sign up or with any questions.

Education

The education trunk has found a permanent home at First Presbyterian Church. It will be available at all meetings beginning in April. Check it out then! Available for checkout are over a dozen natural history videos including a couple of short ones for children. There are a few videos dealing with conservation issues but we removed those that are outdated. We also have various

pamphlets, handouts and books for lending.

Brush up on your "Birding by Ear"! You may borrow our set of cassettes to learn what is singing in your yard this spring. There are numerous cassettes, CDs and CD ROMs out there to help you increase birding proficiency. Just ask a member or feel free to call for information and help at any time.

Save your eggshells!!!

We are collecting eggshells for use on International Migratory Bird Day. If weather permits, the eggs will be available for children to paint, mimicking the eggs of wild birds. The technique for blowing eggs is simple:

1. Using a hat or corsage pin, chisel a small hole in the large end of the egg.
2. Chisel a larger hole in the small end of the egg.
3. Scramble the contents with the pin.
4. Blow into the small hole (large end) forcing the contents out into a cup or bowl.
5. Rinse the egg inside and let dry.
6. Use the eggs in baking or for scrambled eggs.

Bring your eggshells to the April meeting or:

1. Call Kris Buchler
2. Leave the eggs for Beth Paragamian at the Forest Service Headquarters on Kathleen/Schreiber Ave.



"If I were to make a study of the tracks of animals and represent them by plates, I should conclude with the tracks of man"

Henry David Thoreau

APRIL 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: April 7, Monday and April 22, Tuesday

TIME: 8:00 a.m. **NOTICE CHANGE OF MEETING TIME**

MEET: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

LEADERS: Shirley Sturts, 664-5318 - Kris Buchler, 664-4739

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

BROWN BAG BIRDING TRIP

DATE: April 8, Tuesday

TIME: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

MEET: Tubbs Hill

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

ACTIVITY: We will walk around the hill as far as time permits. Come help me look for birds returning from their winter homes as well as our year around resident birds, while enjoying spring wild flowers.

SHOREBIRDS

DATE: 13 April, Sunday

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

MEET: carpool @ Fernan Ranger Station parking lot east of the Sherman Avenue exit of I-90

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

ACTIVITY: We will start at Wolf Lodge, and then go over the pass to work the wetlands in the Cataldo area with an emphasis on locating and identifying shorebirds. This is a half-day trip; bring water and snacks if you need them. Bring your scope if you have one.

SAGEBRUSH COUNTRY

DATE: 27 April, Sunday

TIME: 7:00 a.m.

MEET: carpool @ K-mart parking lot, behind Fast Burger

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

ACTIVITY: This is a full day trip to the dry country of eastern Washington to look for sagebrush specialties such as Sage Thrasher and Sage and Lark Sparrows. Wear walking shoes, dress for all weather possibilities, and bring a lunch and water.

Future trips/events:

May 3 – Hoodoo Valley, our target will be marsh birds such as rails and Marsh Wren.

May 10 – International Migratory Bird Day, display at Coeur d'Alene City Park

May 17 – Finch Arboretum, Spokane

May 31 – Century Count! Benewah County

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

Lisa Hardy



Many of us are making an effort to include more fish in our

diets, whether for health reasons or ethical concerns, but many types of fish do not meet our health, conservation or ethical expectations. Audubon's Living Oceans webpage at www.audubon.org has a section showing seafood choices ranked by conservation priority, and is a good resource for learning about the issues surrounding your favorite seafood. Their rating system ranges from green to yellow to red, with "red" species being of highest concern, whether from over fishing, bycatch, or, in the case of some farmed species, pollution and destruction of habitat.

I also found a rating of seafood by The Green Guide. Their system evaluates human health factors, such as mercury, in addition to conservation considerations. Check out our webpage www.cdaaudubon.org to view a table summarizing the Audubon and The Green Guide seafood ratings.

This table shows that there is both good news and bad news. First, the bad news. Some popular choices that receive the Audubon "red" rating are shrimp, both wild and farmed, canned tuna, Chilean sea bass and red snapper. Wild shrimp have the highest bycatch rate in the industry, with 4 to 10 pounds of marine life netted, killed and discarded for each pound of shrimp harvested. Shrimp farms have degraded estuarine habitats by nutrient overloading and heavy use of antibiotics. The tuna that we buy in cans is from several species; all have management concerns relating to sustainability, and while

"dolphin-safe" is a U.S. requirement, there is other bycatch. Red snapper is over fished and poorly managed. Chilean sea bass is over fished and has a high bycatch of seabirds, especially albatross and petrels.

If that is not enough, The Green Guide warns about mercury levels in the fish that are high up on the food chain. Young children and pregnant women (including women who plan to become pregnant in the near future) should avoid fish containing higher levels of mercury; these include tuna, swordfish, mahi-mahi, snapper, orange roughy, Chilean sea bass, halibut and lobster.

Only a few fish win across-the-board approval; these are wild Alaska salmon, farmed tilapia, and farmed scallops. Sardines and Pacific Pollock (the basis for imitation crab) are endorsed by The Green Guide, but are not rated by Audubon. Stone and Dungeness crab, farmed crawfish, mussels and clams are endorsed by Audubon, but not rated by The Green Guide

Salmon is a popular menu choice for many of us, and is worth examining in a bit more detail. Much of the salmon offered today is raised in floating pens along the coasts. In the supermarket, farmed salmon are labeled "Atlantic Salmon"; whether on the Atlantic or Pacific coast, the Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) is the species of choice for the commercial farming operations.

The farmed salmon have a higher fat content than wild fish, which is obvious when you compare the two side-by-side on ice in the fish case, but have lower omega-3 fatty acid levels (omega-3 is the fish oil that appears to have protective

health benefits). Farmed salmon are fed commercial fish feeds, some of which contain animal by-products such as bone meal, blood meal or other material from meat-processing plants. Use of mammalian animal by-products in salmon feed has been curtailed in this country, but may still be an issue for imported farmed salmon. The feeds can still contain poultry processing by-products. The feeds may also contain fish or crustacean meal from fishing or farming operations that have environmental problems, such as over fishing of certain wild species, or pollution from shrimp farming. Farmed fish are being fed antibiotics; this practice in livestock production has been implicated in the increased number of drug-resistant bacterial strains in this country. There are other environmental concerns with salmon aquaculture - for more information, see www.farmedanddangerous.org

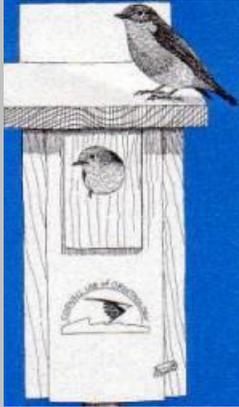
Overall, eating farmed salmon might not be as healthy as you first thought, and the environmental problems have led to an Audubon rating of "red", or the highest level of environmental concern. This is a shame, because farmed salmon is cheap and widely available. One way to ensure that you are buying wild salmon is, oddly enough, to buy canned salmon. Apparently the farmed salmon is too "mushy" to withstand the canning process.

The issues involved in our food supply seem to be getting more complex, and it is indeed a daunting task to make choices that balance price, convenience, individual health, and the health of the planet.

**THE BIRDHOUSE
NETWORK**

CORNELL LABORATORY OF ORNITHOLOGY

The Birdhouse Network is a citizen-science monitoring program in North America. It is intended for people of all ages and backgrounds who provide birdhouses (nest boxes) for cavity-nesting birds and then observe and record the lives of these fascinating birds up close throughout the breeding season.



By monitoring the breeding cycle of cavity-nesting birds, Birdhouse Network participants enjoy getting to know their bird neighbors, and learning about birds and science through "hands on" activities. Participants feel the satisfaction of contributing important observations to an Internet database that can then be used by the scientific community, conservation groups, and bird enthusiasts alike to benefit the birds.

The Birdhouse Network is for everyone across North America, from children and grandparents to 4-H clubs, schools, and scouts. Anyone looking for a fun outdoor activity, a science project, an educational web-based activity, or an interactive learning opportunity will enjoy participating in The Birdhouse Network.

For more information go to:

http://birds.cornell.edu/birdhouse/data_gateway/

OBJECTIVES

- Involve people of all ages and backgrounds in valuable ornithological research
- Gather long-term data about the breeding biology of cavity-nesting birds across a large geographic region
- Teach people about cavity-nesting birds, features of good birdhouses (also called nest boxes), placing nest boxes, and monitoring nest boxes
- Help people to understand and conduct scientific research
- Use the world wide web to allow people from all walks of life to get involved in conducting research with scientists, leading to benefits for the birds, the participants, science, and the environment.

Our Audubon Chapter and The Birdhouse Network

Shirley Sturts

Our Chapter has been monitoring two bluebird trails as part of the Birdhouse Network since 1998. We have 50 boxes along the Gertie Hanson Memorial Bluebird Trail in the Hoo Doo Valley north of Athol. We have about 18 boxes located on Mica Flats and in Mica Bay. We check the houses every 10 days during the nesting season and record the number of eggs and number of young that fledge.

We have Roger Young to thank for keeping us supplied with birdhouses. Last week Kris Buchler, Roland Craft, Lynn Sheridan and Shirley Sturts put together 24 boxes that Roger had cut out for us. Roland and Shirley then replaced 3 damaged boxes and added three new boxes to the Mica Flats Trail. In the next couple of

weeks we repaired and replacing boxes on the Gertie Hanson Trail. Lynn is using 10 boxes for Avondale Trail (see her article under Avondale Revisited)

AVONDALE REVISITED

Lynn Sheridan

On March 27 and April 4th Dick Cripe, Del Cameron, Roland Craft and I met at the golf course maintenance building, where we had arranged for 2 golf carts and ladders for us to use. Our goal was to clean out the nest boxes we installed last spring and to map them to make it easier to locate in future visits. We only found 15 boxes of the 20 we put up, and 3 old, poorly built ones. One box had lost its roof. We found the roof in nearby bushes and nailed it back on. We put dry pine needles in the Wood Duck box (that was the composition of the old nest) Besides that one, we had 7 swallow and 3 chickadee nests. On March 27 Del Cameron, Bill Gundlach and I put up 10 more boxes in neglected areas. A report and a map will be mailed the Avondale Golf Course, Thank you friends, Lynn.

WILD BIRDS UNLIMITED

Wild Birds Unlimited is donating 10% of their sales from Audubon members to our Audubon Chapter.

Their store is at 296 W. Sunset Ave. #22, Coeur d'Alene. When you go there be sure to identify yourself as an Audubon member so that our chapter gets credit.

WOLF LODGE IBA FIELD TRIP

Lisa Hardy

The Wolf Lodge Bay area has been named an Important Bird Area (IBA) in Idaho. The IBA program is an Audubon-sponsored effort to identify and monitor areas of bird habitat that significantly contribute to bird conservation. The areas may consist of breeding, overwintering, or migratory stopover habitat. The Wolf Lodge IBA was nominated by Scott Robinson, a biologist with the BLM, for the winter concentration of Bald Eagles.

On Saturday, (8 March) Scott and his wife, Tami, were able to join us for our hike over ground recently purchased by the BLM at Blue Creek Bay, and which is included in the Wolf Lodge IBA. As we drove around the head of the bay, we encountered a Bewick's Wren singing lustily from a shrubby perch near the road. Parking near the dumpsters, we spent most of the morning on foot, first walking up the road to the boat launch, and then cutting up the hill on an overgrown logging road.

Mixed flocks of chickadees, nuthatches, and kinglets foraged through the trees. Winter Wren scattered on the hillside sang their bubbly song at intervals. We watched a pair of Red-tailed Hawks mating. Obviously, spring is gearing up.

Kris and I discussed the placement of a forest-monitoring plot. We will be surveying six plots within the IBA on a monthly basis.

Partway up the hill, we stopped to listen to the slow, forceful tapping of a foraging woodpecker. We decided that it must be a Pileated, and strengthened our position by

observing abundant rectangular holes characteristic of Pileated Woodpeckers. At the top of the ridge, we found a pair of Hairy Woodpecker where the Douglas and grand fir gave way to open Ponderosa pine. A flock of a half-dozen Red Crossbill flew overhead. Their calls sounded louder and lower-pitched than the crossbills I hear at home in mixed hemlock-fir-cedar, and I wondered if they were of a bigger race. "Type 2" are one of the larger races of Red Crossbill, and favor Ponderosa pine, but it takes a real expert to identify the Red Crossbill races by ear, and none of us yet qualify.

On our way back down the hill to the cars, we heard and then spotted a Pileated Woodpecker perched in the top of a tree. Finally we had good looks. But nearby, we could still hear our first bird foraging away, hidden by the dense under story.

To finish off the trip, we stopped at the head of Wolf Lodge Bay and scoped the water. After a brief glimpse of a Common Loon, our interest was drawn to a subtly different gull, foraging on the mudflat with a half-dozen Ring-billed Gull. This proved to be an adult Mew Gull in basic plumage, with a dainty bill and "mild" expression compared to the Ring-bill. The last reported Mew Gull in our area was at City Beach in Coeur d'Alene in August 2001. The first recorded Mew Gull in our area was at Wolf Lodge in 1989, but most of the north Idaho sightings (9 out of 13) have been at City Beach.

Trip participants: Kris Buchler, Janet Callen, Roland Craft, Dick Cripe, Lisa Hardy, Scott & Tami Robinson, Ellen Scriven, Shirley Sturts.

BIRDING WITH A BROWN BAG

March 11

Lynn Sheridan

Shirley Sturts and Roland Craft joined me on



Photo by Wayne Tree

a drizzly day at City Beach, where we watched the local gulls play with sticks! Then we drove around to the sawmill and walked back along the dike road. With Shirley's expertise and the scope we were able to pick out 2 Herring Gull and 2 California Gull from the usual horde of Ring-billed. Easier to spot were a few Common Merganser. More elusive was the source of the tree top twittering - Pygmy Nuthatch or Red Crossbill? Neither one was seen clearly. The highlight of the walk was 9 Double-crested Cormorant. They were grouped together on some pilings where they have been seen all winter. There were fewer than usual numbers of Mallard, Canada Goose, Gull and Rock Dove present. Birding is fun, rain or shine.

CHECK IT OUT

Two Bird and Nature Workshops being offered at Audubon Wyoming Camp this summer

SESSION I

June 29 – July 5, 2003

TITLE: FIELD ORNITHOLOGY
THEME: ECOLOGY BEGINS WITH BIRDS

SESSION II

July 6 – July 12, 2003

TITLE: EARTH LITERACY
THEME: RESTORING CONNECTIONS: HUMANS WITHIN NATURE

Early Bird registration - a payment of \$875 must be received by April 30.

Late registration - a payment of \$975 must be received by June 15.

For more information or registration fo contact Audubon Wyoming at 30 235-3485.

NAMES FOR BIRDS:

old name New name

American Darter = Anhinga

Big Blue Darter = Cooper's Hawk

Little Blue Darter = Sharp-shinned Hawk

American Eagle = Bald Eagle

Washington Eagle = Bald Eagle

White-headed Eagle = Bald Eagle

Summer Duck = Wood Duck

Sleepy Duck = Ruddy Duck

Long-tailed Duck was changed to Old Squaw and then back to Long-tailed Duck

LIMERICK BY LYNN

**A new birder a Booby did see
To my life list I'll add it with
glee**

**Red or Blue are the feet?
Blue or Yellow the Beak?
If not noted you cannot I.D.**

OBSERVATION POST

Kootenai County Big Year Additions since the February Newsletter (see February Newsletter or go to our Website to see bird species seen so far this year in Kootenai Count)

Red-breasted Merganser 1 Twin Lakes Feb. 18 (LBAY, PBAY)

Wood Duck 1 pr. Fernan Lake March 3 (CCAM)

Green-winged Teal 1+ Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake March 20 (LHAR,KBUC)

Cinnamon Teal 1 Cataldo area (Hardy Loop Road) March 24 (GSHE)

Northern Pintail 1+ Mica Bay Survey, CDA Lake Jan. 21 (RCRA,SSTU)

Northern Shoveler 1+ Cataldo area March 13 (LHAR)

Gadwall 1+ Cataldo area March 20 (LHAR)

Eurasian Wigeon 1 west of Cataldo in flooded fields March 11 (LHAR)

Canvasback 30 west of Cataldo in flooded fields March 8 (LHAR)

Redhead 100+ west of Cataldo in flooded fields March 8 (LHAR)

****Tufted Duck** 1 Flooded Fields below Tamarack Ridge - Cataldo area March 20 (LHAR) March 22(JWES) March 23 (P&JWAR, E&KBUC,SSTU,SLIN) and many others in and out of state as this is a 3rd Idaho sighting.

Greater Scaup 1+ Flooded Fields below Tamarack Ridge - Cataldo area March 20 (SLIN)

Lesser Scaup 10 west of Cataldo in flooded fields March 8 (LHAR)

Sharp-shinned Hawk 1 Ocean Ave. CDA Jan. 8 (JCAL)

Killdeer 1+ Rathdrum Prairie March 7 (CCAM)

Common Snipe 1+ Cataldo area along Canyon Road March 22 (JWES)

Herring Gull 2+ NIC Beach during Brown Bag Lunch Trip March 11 (SSTU,LSHE,RCRA)

Mew Gull 1 Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake March 8 (LHAR,ESCR)

Horned Lark 1+ Post Falls at Outlet Mall March 10 (TDAV)

Violet-green Swallow Spokane River at the Highway 95 Bridge, Hayden Lake and East Fernan Lake March 16 (TGRA,CGRA, RLEP,LSHE)

Tree Swallow - 1-2 Canyon Road near Rose Lake Jct. March 22 (JWES)

Winter Wren 3 Blue Creek Bay Audubon Field Trip (LHAR-leader)

Ruby-Crowned Kinglet 1 Post Falls March 10 (SLIN)

Western Bluebird 1 pr Mica Bay, CDA Lake March 13 (PWAR,JWAR)

Mountain Bluebird 1+ Rathdrum Prairie March 17 (CCAM)

Western Meadowlark 1 Post Falls Outlet Mall March 10 (TDAV)

Brewer's Blackbird 1+ Cataldo area March 24 (CSWI)

OTHER SIGHTINGS

Tundra Swan 28 Fernan lake March 17 (KBUC); 36 Mica Bay Survey March 23 (BGUN,RCRA,KBUC,SSTU)

Great Blue Heron 23 Fernan Lake rookery west end of Fernan lake March 21 (KBUC)

Bufflehead 28 Fernan Lake March 21 (KBUC)

Hooded Merganser 1 pr. Fernan Lake March 21 (KBUC)

Bald Eagle 1 pr at nest Fernan Lake (nest looks improved from last year March 21 (KBUC)

Prairie Falcon 1 Rathdrum Prairie (Lancaster Rd) March 17 (CCAM)

Wild Turkey 23 Armstrong Hill March 17 (KBUC)

Ruffed Grouse 1 Fernan Lake March 23 (SSTU)

Mountain Chickadee 2 Stanley Hill CDA March 15 (DCRI)

Pygmy Nuthatch 6 Higgins Point March 17 (KBUC)

Western Bluebird 1 Mica Bay Survey March 24 (KBUC,RCRA,BGUN,SSTU)

Varied Thrush 1+ heard Schweitzer Ski Resort March 16 (SSTU,NMER); 1 Armstrong Hill CDA March 17 (KBUC)

Spotted Towhee 2 Wolf Lodge Bay, CDA Lake March 17 (HJAL); 1 Higgins Point March 17 (KBUC)

Cassin's Finch 12 at feeder Coeur d'Alene (BGUN)

OBSERVERS Pete and Laura Bayless (PBAY,LBAY) Ed and Kris Buchler (EBUC, KBUC), Janet Callen (JCAL), Corinne Cameron (CCAM) Roland Craft (RCRA), Dick Cripe (DCRI), Tom Davenport (TDAV), Terry and Christine Gary (TGRA,CGRA), Bill Gundlach (BGUN), Lisa Hardy (LHAR), Holly Jaleski (HJAL), Renee Lepagnos (RLEP), Steve Lindsay (SLIN), Nancy Mertz (NMER), Ellen Scriven (ESCR) Gina Sheridan (GSHE), Lynn Sheridan (LSHE), Shirley Sturts (SSTU), Charles Swift (CSWI), Phil and Judy Waring (PWAR,JWAR) Jane Westervelt (JWES)