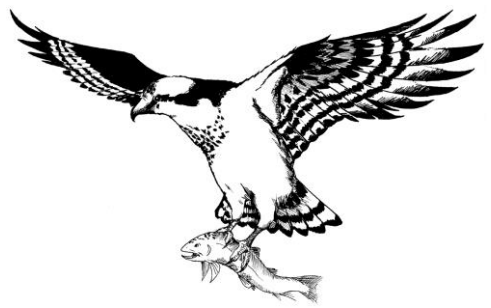


# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society  
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## DECEMBER PROGRAM

DATE: December 9, Tuesday

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Carrie Hugo, Wildlife  
Biologist, BLM

PROGRAM: "Winter Bird Identification"

A bird identification refresher in preparation for CdA Audubon's three Christmas Bird Counts coming up in December and January. Whether or not you participate in the Christmas Bird Count, everyone can benefit from some interactive fun with bird identification! Carrie will also discuss an upcoming Statewide effort to monitor Short-eared Owls and the National effort to monitor Nightjars. Think you might like to "adopt-a-route"? Carrie will show you how!

**COOKIE EXCHANGE!** Bring 2 dozen of your favorite home-made Christmas treats – one dozen to trade and one to share!

**CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SIGN-UP**

## Books For Tots

8th Annual Children's Book Drive



Please help our chapter in its effort to collect new books for less fortunate children. We

will have a donation box at our December meeting. Since these books are coming from Audubon, books that include birds or wild animals might be considered.

### What is Books For Tots?

It is a children's book drive designed to collect new books for underprivileged kids in Kootenai County. The books collected by Books For Tots are given to the local chapter of Toys For Tots and are distributed to needy children in the community (along with Toys For Tots).

### What is our vision?

To broaden the minds of children by ensuring that needy kids receive brand new books for the holidays. The trickle-down effect of reading is powerful and everlasting, and we want children to be exposed to as many new books as possible.

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## Books For Tots

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Goal: To collect 8,000 kids books (infant -12 years). There are approximately 3,000 underprivileged kids in the county, and we hope to give each child 2 or 3 age-appropriate books.

Our Contact: Linda Rohlinger (208) 819-9988 or [linda@rohlinger.net](mailto:linda@rohlinger.net)

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all.  
— Jacqueline Kenn

## President's Message



December is an important month for the CDA Audubon Society. At the meeting on December 9, Carrie Hugo will be presenting an interesting program on bird identification. Read the article elsewhere in this newsletter to get all the details.

Another important event at this meeting will be the famous "Cookie Exchange!" Bring some cookies to share (and a few extra to eat, we hope). Each person participating can take away the same number of cookies he/she brought

Signup sheets for the Christmas Bird Count (December 14) will be there so we can have lots of birders going out to see what's flying and perching. And we're having a raffle. It will be a great evening!

See you there! Eula Hickam

## eBird:

Global tool for birders, critical data for science



- Record the birds you see  
Keep track of your bird lists
- Explore dynamic maps and graphs
- Share your sightings and join the eBird community
- Contribute to science and conservation

### Overview

A real-time, online checklist program, eBird has revolutionized the way that the birding community reports and accesses information about birds. Launched in 2002 by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society, eBird provides rich data sources for basic information on bird abundance and distribution at a variety of spatial and temporal scales. eBird's goal is to maximize the utility and accessibility of the vast numbers of bird observations made each year by recreational and professional bird watchers. It is amassing one of the largest and fastest growing biodiversity data resources in existence. For example, in March 2012, participants reported more than 3.1 million bird observations across North America!

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## Fernan Lake, Wolf Lodge Bay, Beauty Bay & Mineral Ridge

Janet Callen

On November 8<sup>th</sup> the morning air was chilled, but the sun shone and Fernan Lake was calm as glass. Horned, Western and Pied-bill Grebes were some of the residents. On to Wolf Lodge Bay, where the highlight of the stop was a Bonaparte's Gull and we added a Red-necked Grebe. We ate lunch and enjoyed the breathtaking view at the top of Mineral Ridge. On the way up, a very busy Hairy Woodpecker was vigorously tapping on a downed log. He just glanced at us as we walked within ten feet of him. Our return trip included a stop at the junction of Wolf Lodge and Beauty Bay where we identified ten Common Loons.



Photo by Andrea

A great way to end a beautiful fall day. Our total species count was 29. Jan Severtson, Darlene Carlton, Roland Craft and Judy Waring were the participants.

## Rathdrum Prairie Raptor Run - 2014-15"

"Janet Callen, Shirley Sturts, and Doug Ward conducted the first raptor survey of the season out on the Rathdrum



**American Kestrel**  
Photo by Wayne Tree

Prairie on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This survey, also called a "Raptor Run", is our contribution to a broad, regional survey that collects observations from about 250 routes throughout Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and parts of Northern California to document hawk, eagle, and falcon densities and movements during the winter months. This month's totals are summarized below:

Species	11/15/14	11/16/13
Northern Harrier	-	4
Red-tailed Hawk	26	16
Rough-legged Hawk	7	6
Buteo (species)	2	2
American Kestrel	2	2
Total Individuals	37	30
Total Raptors/Mile	0.86	0.69

So as you can see, it was a fairly successful day compared to last year. In addition to the raptors, the group also recorded other

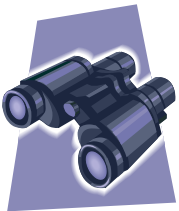
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## Raptor Run

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species including California Quail, Rock Pigeon, Eurasian Collared-Dove (+60!), Mourning Dove, Northern Flicker, Black-billed Magpie, Common Raven, American Robin, European Starling, Red-winged Blackbird (late), House Finch, and House Sparrow.

The December survey has filled up as we only have room for four (4) observers, but there is currently space for the January 17th, February 14th, and March 14th surveys. If you would like to participate, please get a hold of Doug Ward at (208) 699-9327 or [dougward@frontier.com](mailto:dougward@frontier.com)



## eBird

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The observations of each participant join those of others in an international network of eBird users. eBird then shares these observations with a global community of educators, land managers, ornithologists, and conservation biologists. In time these data will become the foundation for a better understanding of bird distribution across the western hemisphere and beyond.

**Read more:** There is a link to eBird on our Webpage under citizen science. <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/about/>

## Bat Crossword Puzzle Answers



Answers from  
the bat  
crossword

puzzle can be found on our Website:  
[www.cdaudubon.org](http://www.cdaudubon.org) or click for [answers](#)



## FIELD TRIPS 2014

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

Additional field trips will be added if we have someone to lead them

Please contact our field trip coordinators Janet Callen 664-1085 and Roland Craft 457-8894 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

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## Mica Bay Survey

**Date:** December 9, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. (Note time change)

**Meet:** Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

**Leader:** Shirley Sturts 664-5318 and Janet Callen 664-1085

**Activity:** We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome. We will help you with identification skills.

## Raptor Survey

**Date:** December 13, Saturday

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Meet:** Hayden Albertsons

**Leader:** Doug Ward 762-7107

We drive a set route across the Rathdrum Prairie and record hawk species and numbers. This a regional survey being coordinated by the East Cascades Audubon Society. Please join in the survey and help spot hawks. Beginners are welcome. This is an excellent way to learn hawk identification. The survey takes around 2-3 hours. Bring water and snacks if you wish.

## Coeur D'Alene CBC

**Date:** December 14, Sunday

**Compiler:** Shirley Sturts 664-5318

[shirley.sturts@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.sturts@gmail.com)

Meet at Michael D's Eatery for breakfast at 6:00 a.m. or 7:00 a.m. to join your team.

## Annual CBC Gathering

Traditionally the CDA Audubon Society has met at the end of the Christmas Bird Count day and had a potluck and reported the species observed that day. This year we're trying something different. We will meet at Mackenzie River Pizza, 405 W. Canfield Ave, CDA (corner of Canfield and Hwy 95). I've reserved the private room - holds 30 people. Everyone will order off the menu. We'll have a good time, I think. Call or email me to reserve your place! Eula 661-3228 or [ehickam@roadrunner.com](mailto:ehickam@roadrunner.com).

## Indian Mountain CBC

**Date:** January 3, Saturday

**Compiler:** Don Heikkila 659-3389 -

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Team organizers: Shirley Sturts 664-5318 -

[shirley.sturts@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.sturts@gmail.com) and Lisa Hardy

783-1262 [basalt@earthlink.net](mailto:basalt@earthlink.net)

Meeting location and time - made by each participating team

## Spirit Lake CBC

**Date:** January 5, Monday

**Compiler:** Shirley Sturts 664-5318

[shirley.sturts@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.sturts@gmail.com)

Meet for breakfast Country Boy Café in Athol at 7:00 a.m., 7:45 a.m. to join your team.

**Compiling and Pizza Party** about 4:30 p.m. **Where:** Janet Callen's home

**RSVPS:** Janet, 664-1085 or email,

[jgoldfinch@roadrunner.com](mailto:jgoldfinch@roadrunner.com). Please bring

money to share the cost of the pizza and something to add to a green salad (greens will be provided). Hot tea will be provided.

Bring whatever else you want to drink.

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