

# **THE FISH HAWK HERALD**



Coeur d'Alene Chapter of the National Audubon Society

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## **March Program**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84391997180?pwd=cFNFRkdhRmcyWFkNDBqZnJsUnZsdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 843 9199 7180

**Passcode:** 691353

**Program:** will be presented by Jamie Esler from Lake City High School, together with some of his students involved in the Outdoor Studies Program.

### **Board Meeting**

**Date:** March 8th 8 Tuesday

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. Zoom

Anyone interested in joining our team on the board call Ralph at 208-660-3220.

## **NOTICE**

I am retiring from position of Newsletter editor. May will be last newsletter as editor. Contact Ralph Kerr if you are interested in taking this position.

## **President's Message**

March, 2022



Is "Spring Fever" getting a hold on you? If you are like me, you are anxiously awaiting the spring bird migration. Someone will remind me, if I don't mention it, are telling me they are seeing various birds such as Brewer's and , Red-winged Blackbirds and Townsend's Solitaire. Personally, I have seen more Robins in the last couple of weeks as well as an increase in the number of House Finches, all of which makes me binoculars ready as you welcome the spring arrivals.

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There are other reports that tell us Spring is teasing us and bringing on Spring Fever. A report from Yellowstone National Park tells of a pair of yearling Black Bear Cubs have been seen occasionally coming out of their winter den to play around a bit before going back into the den. Momma bear has not been seen yet. I assume she is enjoying her winter sleep before she has to get out and continue raising those two cubs.

I continually urge each of you to report your sightings to me or Shirley so we can share them with our members through this newsletter and our monthly meetings. Perhaps you participated in the Back-yard Bird Count. Maybe you saw a feathered friend you did not expect to see in February. We would like to know.

Your Audubon Board has addressed the question of whether we should continue

meeting via Zoom or if the current concern of the COVID has declined to the point we can resume meeting in person. We asked members who were present at our February zoom meeting to give us some feedback. Based on that feedback we will continue to meet remotely for the March and April meetings, and continue to monitor the COVID statistics. We'll keep you posted.

Our March program will be presented by Jamie Esler from Lake City High School, together with some of his students involved in the Outdoor Studies Program. I hope you are as eager as I am to hear about the project the students are working on. The program will address environmental subjects and perhaps more. Please join us.

One of the environmental subjects Audubon maintains an interest in is the health of Lake Coeur d'Alene. As a point of information, one of Governor Little's funding requests to the

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Idaho Legislature this year is a Two Million Dollar allocation to fund further study of the future of the lake. This request is subject to the legislature agreeing to fund the allocation. The health of the lake is important to all of us so let's stay vigilant regarding the action of the legislature on this subject.

One of the programs the board is moving forward with is the birding backpacks at the Coeur d'Alene Library. Our April Audubon program will be presented by George Sayler telling us about the program. There will be a program at the library April 20 to inform the public about the purpose of the backpacks being directed primarily to children and young people. Further information will be announced on the web site. This will be followed on April 23 by a bird walk starting at the library. More specifics about this event will be communicated via the website.

As spring approaches, I am excited for the spring migration to provide numerous birding

opportunities. I hope all of you likewise enjoy the new opportunities to enjoy our feathered friends and, as I always ask, share those adventures with all of us.

**Good Birding!** *Ralph Kerr*



## **Kootenai County Big Year Additions 2022**

<http://cdaudubon.org/Projects/kootenaico2021.html>

**Glaucous Gull – 1 – January 29 –  
Blackwell Island - Ryan Bart**

**Western Screech Owl – 1 -  
February 8 – Mineral Ridge –  
Ryan Bart**

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## **Big Year Additions continued**

**Cackling Goose - 1 – February 13  
– Cougar Bay – Ryan Bart**

**Canvasback – 1 – February 13 -  
Cougar Bay – Ryan Bart**

**White-breasted Nuthatch – 2 –  
February 21 – Hauser Lake –  
Angela Marie Lotten**

**Western Meadowlark – 1 –  
February 18 – Cave Lake –  
Shelley Hicks**

**Spotted Towhee – 1 – January 29  
- in their year – Antje and Dick  
Cripe**

### **Other Sightings**

**Long-tailed Duck – 1 – January  
29 – Ellsport Bay, Lake Pend  
Oreille - Rich Del Carlo**

**Ruddy Duck – 2 – February 5 -  
Sunnyside Road, Bonner County  
– Jon Isacoff**

**Eared Grebe – 1 – February 5 -  
Sunnyside Road, Bonner County  
– Jon Isacoff**

**Lesser Black-backed Gull – 1 –  
February 6 - Spokane River/NIC**

**– Ryan Bart continuing from  
December and January**

**Yellow-billed Loon – 1 – February  
12 - Lake Pend Oreille, Hawkins  
Point – River Corcoran**

**Red-throated Loon – 1 – February  
5 – Sunnyside Road, Bonner  
County – Jon Isacoff**

**Northern Shrike – January 6 -  
Kaniksu Shores, Sandpoint –  
flew off with one of the small  
birds at her feeder -Marilyn  
Robertson**

**Harris's Sparrow – 2 – (rare in  
our area) at her feeder daily  
during December and January –  
Kaniksu Shores, Sandpoint –  
Marilyn Robertson**

**Horned Lark - 1 – February 24 –  
West Wyoming Ave. – Ryan Bart**

**Cassin's Finch – 1 – February 2`1  
– at her feeder Janet Callen**

**Dark-eyed Junco -1 – February  
26 - possible Albino, leucitic or  
hybrid feeding on the ground  
with Junco flock – In her yard -  
Jan Severtson**

**Rusty Blackbird – 1 – February  
24 - Clark Fork River, Bonner  
County - Marcea Maine**

# Mica Bay Survey

February 8<sup>th</sup>

**Participants: Ted Smith and Darlene Carlton**

**Temperature: 30 -34 degrees**

**Start 8:14 am end 10:25 am**

**Winds 0 – 7 mph, Skies overcast becoming partly cloudy**

**Fields were flooded and frozen with some open water in places**

## Results:

<b>Pied-billed Grebe</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Horned Grebe</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Swan sp</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Canada Goose</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>Mallard</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Ring-necked Duck</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Bufflehead</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Goldeneye sp</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Bald Eagle</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>American Coot</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>Ring-billed Gull</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Gull sp</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Double-crested Cormorant</b>	<b>1</b>

<b>Northern Flicker</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Northern Shrike</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Common Raven</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Black-capped Chickadee</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Chestnut-backed Chickadee</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Red-breasted Nuthatch</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Townsend's solitaire</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Song Sparrow</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Dark-eyed Junco</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Red-winged Blackbird</b>	<b>17</b>



## Field Trips

# Mica Bay Survey

**Date: March 8, Tuesday**

**Time: 9:00 am**

**Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95**

**Leader: George Sayler 208 664-2787. Call or text so he knows if you are coming.**

**Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome.**

**CDA Audubon Chapter  
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