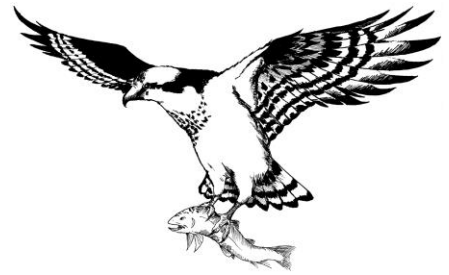


# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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## May Program

Field

Animal Behavior



**Date:** May 14, Tuesday

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

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

**Speaker:** Glenn DeVoe, an Idaho Master Naturalist and Snake River Audubon Society member, is a retired BLM Range Conservationist and has enjoyed a lifelong fascination with nature.

**Program:** Using his photos and videos, he will share his knowledge and experiences with Idaho wildlife. Glenn will focus on wildlife behavior (often humorous) seldom seen by the casual observer.



## President's letter

I am writing this on Monday, April 22, Earth Day. Coeur d'Alene is celebrating Earth Day next week on

Sunday, April 28 at the CdA Library. I hope you all attended. I remember attending the first Earth Day event in downtown Denver in April of 1970. I recall that I was curious but uninformed. The focus was on pollution of air and water; I don't recall if there was any mention of global warming. In the succeeding years there have been a lot of victories - the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, Endangered Species Act, and other achievements.

I recall growing up in north Idaho that I never saw an eagle or an osprey at any time. They weren't here. After Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* and the banning of DDT, eagles and other large birds began to recover. Battles continue to be fought over the environment, but we have had many victories.

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However, in the intervening years the US population has doubled and our economy has tripled as has the world's population and economy. Our growth has fueled global warming and climate change that scientists are predicting will disrupt our way of life, our economy, and affect everyone living on the planet. As I think about our lives - Antje and I - I realize that the two of us live in a house twice as big as our parents had, we have two cars (our parents lived in a small town and had one car), we travel more, engage in more social activities, and generally use twice as much in resources than what our parents did. We are not exceptional in this; we are the norm.



Calliope Hummingbird

Photo by Wayne Tree of Montana

The birds are arriving. We have Calliope Hummingbirds at the feeder as well as all the regular guys. The Spotted Towhee that hung out in our yard last year has returned. We've taken some good field trips such as to CdA Chain of Lakes to see swans, pelican, and a wide array of ducks. It is the time to get out and look around.

Dick

## Audubon spring litter pick-up



Fifteen volunteers persevered in rain, sleet and a bit of sunshine to clean up a portion of Highway 95. A total of 24 bags of litter were collected. Thanks to all who participated!

*Mike Zagar*



## Spring Bird Sightings

Some of the first of birds for the Kootenai County Big Year

Cinnamon Teal - April 7 -

Mission Flats - Bill Gundlach

Green-winged Teal - April 7 - Mission Flats - Bill Gundlach

Ruddy Duck - April 11 - Hauser Lake - Terry Little

American White Pelican - March 31 - along Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes - Mary Ayers, John and Sue Lee, Suzanne Marshall

Black-necked Stilt - April 14 - Post Falls rock pit on Prairie Ave - Jacob Elonen

Turkey Vulture - April 5 - Mill Pond near Spirit Lake - Brad Sondahl

Osprey - March 25 - Cave Lake - Bill and Sally Gundlach

Northern Goshawk - April 21 - Killarney Farms - Ellen Scriven

Dunlin - April 7 - Harrison Slough - Bob Kemp

Lesser Yellowlegs - April 22 - Post Falls rock pit on Prairie Ave, - Jacob Elenon

Barred Owl - March - been around all spring - Killarney Farms - not sure of 1<sup>st</sup> date - Ellen Scriven

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## Spring Bird Sightings *Continued from page 2*

Calliope Hummingbird - April 18 - Fairmont Loop feeder - Jan Severtson

Black-chinned Hummingbird - April 26 - Fairmont Loop feeder - Jan Severtson

Rufous Hummingbird - April 23 - Hayden - Doug Fragness

Red-naped Sapsucker - April 11 - Hauser Lake - Terry Little

Say's Phoebe - April 6 - Hauser Lake - Steve Joyce

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - April 7 - Harrison Slough - Bob Kemp

Cliff Swallow - April 11 - Hauser Lake - Terry Little

Western Bluebird - March 23 - Mica Bay - Deb Opsal

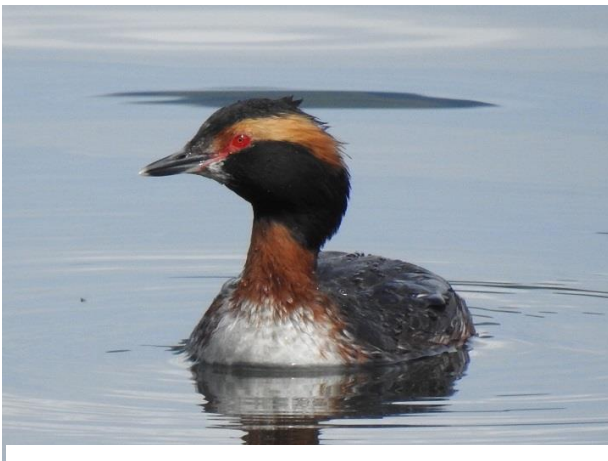
Mountain Bluebird - March 20 - Lane Marsh - Mark Stomberg

Savannah Sparrow - April 6 - Cougar Gulch - Bill Gundlach

Western Meadowlark - April 24 - Post Falls rock pit on Prairie Ave - Jacob Elonen

Yellow-Headed Blackbird - April 11 - Hauser Lake - Terry Little

## April 21 Photos by Ernie Ewing



Horned Grebe – Hayden Lake



Canvas Back – Hayden Lake



## Field Trips

Please contact Dick Cripe 208-665-0010 to volunteer to lead a trip or make suggestions

### Mica Bay Survey

**Date:** May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13 - Tuesday

**Time:** 8:00 a.m.

**Meet:** Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

**Leader:** Janet Callen, 208 664-1085 **Call** if you are coming

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

### Bitterroot Valley/Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge - Hamilton, Montana

**Date:** May 17-19

**Time and Meeting:** TBA

**Leader:** George Sayler 208 755-3815

**Activity:** This will be a three day/two night trip to the area around Hamilton MT. This area provides a variety of habitats - forested area, riparian, shallow ponds, and dry uplands. We will stay in lodging in Hamilton. Several of us made this trip in 2010.

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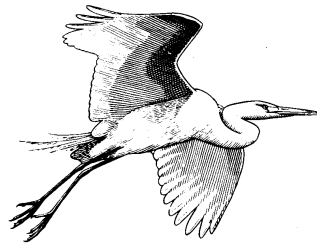
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