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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I write this, we are ending the third week of this "isolate at home" regimen. I'd say Antje and I are 80% compliant. We wear masks to the grocery store and anyplace else. Antje made our masks and they work well, however, my biggest problem is they interfere with my hearing aids and I'm very afraid I am going to lose one somewhere when I take off my mask. We're trying to complete some home projects that were initiated more than a month ago, and now there is yard work calling. The biggest issue for me is we would be visiting our grandchildren in Bend and Portland at this time and can't go. At their urging we have purchased a webcam which hasn't arrived yet. The only problem will be that none of those grandchildren will be around to help us set it up.

I've been able to get out and do some birding. I drove to the CdA River/Chain of Lakes by myself and had a very enjoyable day. I have also been out to Fernan Lake. I joined Janet and three others on Tuesday on the monthly Mica Bay survey (We each drove in separate cars). Yesterday I checked on my 10 bird houses on Best Hill above our house. There were bluebirds and tree

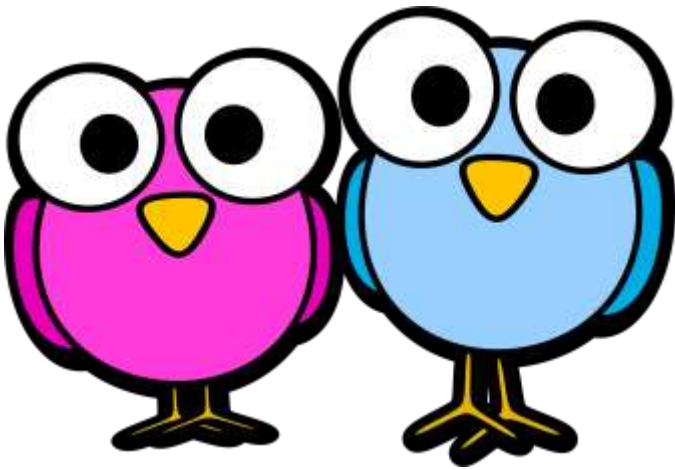
swallows in the area, but no nests started yet. As usual, I will report nesting activity into NestWatch run by Cornell Ornithology Labs.

However, chapter activities are shut down. There was no chapter meeting earlier this week and no board meeting. As noted earlier, Earth Day and Migratory Bird Day events are cancelled. The May chapter meeting is also cancelled. For now, our annual June picnic is not cancelled, but likely will be. An alternative would be to have the picnic in September when we resume chapter activities. We will keep you posted. Chapter meetings will not be held in July or August.

Meanwhile, the monitoring of the HooDoo Valley Bluebird Nestboxes can go on as planned. Couples who don't live together could go in separate cars and/or wear masks. Anyone who is uncomfortable with this arrangement should call Nancy/Rob Kroese at (208) 677 -5369. Also, the Mica Bay surveys on the second Tuesday will continue through the summer.

Otherwise, stay safe and follow the guidelines, but pick up your binoculars, get outside and be there to witness this amazing, spectacular phenomenon called "Spring Migration".

Regards,
Richard



Nominations/Election

The nomination/election of board members and officers has been derailed somewhat by the coronavirus. But, as nominations stand right now:

Board Members/Officers

Janet Callen, Treasurer
 Darlene Carlson
 Richard Cripe, President (temporarily)
 Ralph Kerr, Vice President
 Midge Marcy-Brennan
 Ken Smith
 Valerie Zagar, Secretary

We would very much like to add a couple of additional people to the board, so we will continue looking and arm-twisting.

The election of the board takes place at the June meeting. If that event is cancelled the election of the board will be held at the September meeting. Presumably, everything will be clear by then.

Richard

Cards of Appreciation

Several board members have sent over 30 cards to fire stations, urgent care facilities and hospitals thanking them for their dedicated work to keeping us all safe and healthy. They were sent to Athol, Rathdrum, St. Maries, Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene.

Thanks to Midge for putting the address list together and Kathleen Goodwin for donation of the bird theme cards. *Valerie Zagar*

Spring Birds

Greater White-fronted Goose - March 22 - Killarney Lake - George Sayler
Blue-winged Teal - April 14 - Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen, Dick Cripe, Darlene Carlton, Peggy Schnell
Cinnamon Teal - April 2 - Dredge and Canyon Road - Judy and Phil Waring
Ruddy Duck - April 3 - Cave Lake - Bill and Sally Gundlach
Common Loon - 2 - April 12 (and 1 April 18) - Fernan Lake - Shirley Sturts and George Sayler - and 1 April 14 - Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen, Dick Cripe, Darlene Carlton , Peggy Schnell
American White Pelican - 2 - April 7 - one half mile east of Rose Lake - Bill Gundlach
Turkey Vulture - March 22 - flying over Indian Meadows - Heather Smith
Osprey - March 28 - Medimont - Dick Cripe
Wilson's Snipe - April 12 - Hardy Loop - Judy and Phil Waring
Barn Owl - April 7 - Worley area -Jon Isacoff

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Spring Birds

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American White Pelican - 3 on

April 7 and 75

on April 21 - Rose Lake area River road and pond - Bill Gundlach

Great Horned Owl (adult and chick on ground) April 17-25 it must have fallen out of the nest as it could not fly - adult heard scolding me - it was still in the area and looking healthy on the 25th - hill behind my house on Fernan Lake - Shirley Sturts

Rufous Hummingbird - April 18 - Fairmont Loop home feeder - Jan Severtson

Calliope Hummingbird - April 19 - home across the Spokane River from Riverstone - Terri and Bob Farr

Black-backed Woodpecker - March 16 - Farragut State Park - Jim Tietz - and April 13 - Jacob Elonen - seen there a week ago by his father

Red-naped Sapsucker - 3 - April 23 - Worley area - Jon Isacoff

Gray Jay - April 5 - Farragut State Park - Cassie and Eric Peck

House Wren - April 9 - in their yard - Terri and Bob Farr

Pacific Wren - 1 singing on territory - Fernan Hill - Shirley Sturts

Western Bluebird - a pair - entrance to the Nature Trail in Cougar Bay - George and Katie Saylor

Ruby-crowned kinglet - 3 - April 23 - Worley area - Jon Isacoff

Mountain Bluebird - April 3 - Killarney Lake - Bill and Sally Gundlach

Townsend's Solitaire - 3 - April 14 - Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen, Dick Cripe, Darlene Carlton, Peggy Schnell

White-breasted Nuthatch - April 15 - present - at Fernan Lake feeder - Shirley Sturts

Spotted Towhee - a pair - April daily - Fernan Lake feeder - Shirley Sturts

Orange-crowned 9, Yellow-rumped 4, and Townsend's Warblers 1 - April 23 - Worley area - Jon Isacoff

Western Meadowlark - 4 - April 23 - Worley area - Jon Isacoff



Field Trips



Mica Bay Survey

Date: May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11 Tuesdays (Held 2nd

Tuesday of each month - times vary

Time: 8 a.m.

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Janet Callen (208) 664-1085

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay.

Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival

When: June 4-7

Where: Sisters OR

Activity: Cancelled

Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary

Where: near Vancouver, BC.

Time: Mid-September, 2020.

Leader: Janet Callen. (208) 664-1085

Activity: More information will be provided as plans are developed.

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