

# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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## Birding Florida



Crested Caracara



Limpkin

The state of Florida has always attracted birders, starting with John James Audubon, for its diverse populations of species found nowhere else.

The second edition (1947) of Peterson's Field Guide to the Birds featured a separate page of "Florida Specialties". The state is also on the eastern flyway for migrants from the Caribbean and Central America. Release

and escape of exotic species has added to the unique number of birds that can be added to your life list .  
- Ron Force -

## November Program

Date: November 12 Tuesday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Ron Force

Program: "Birding Florida: Miami to the Dry Tortugas"

In the Spring of 2018, Ron Force joined a birding tour to look for the "Florida Specialties", resident birds, migrants, and exotics in south Florida and the Florida Keys. He'll show pictures of the many species he saw, and discuss conservation practices and challenges in Florida in an era of climate change and population growth.

## CdA Audubon Garage Sale

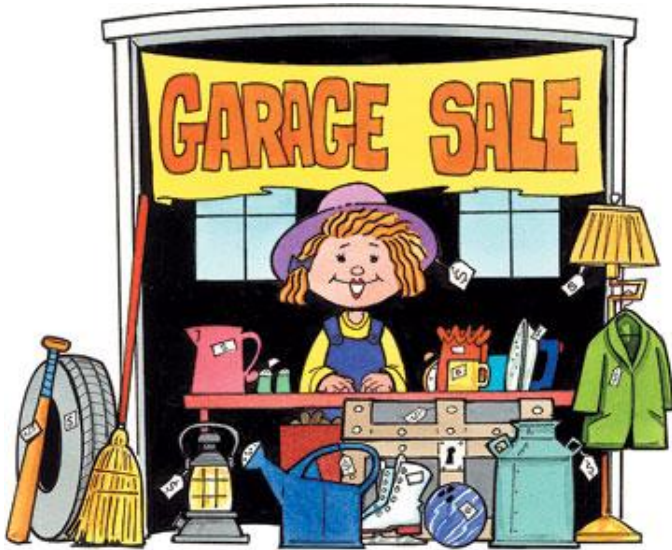
Janet Callen -- Sept. 28, 2019



Neither rain, nor snow will keep determined garage-sale helpers from accomplishing their task. It rained, the wind blew and then it snowed. With a little help from three space heaters we sorted and re-priced and re-arranged as items went out. **Continued on page 2**

## CdA Audubon Garage Sale

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Valerie Zagar sat at the front taking the money with a small space heater at her shoulder and snow blowing in her face and her fingers freezing. Jan Severtson, Jackie Beery, Dick and Antje arranged and re-arranged and talked with customers as items went out. Dick brought sandwiches for lunch and the day got colder. Surprisingly we had a fairly good turnout from the die-hard yard-sales shoppers. All in all it was a pretty good yard-sale day, and we cleared a few dollars over \$500.

Ellie Emm was fantastic help on Friday as she sorted and priced and so were Judy Waring, Carolyn Lewis and Vera Taggart. We quit about 2:00 in the afternoon, with the garage cleaned out. Leftovers from Saturday's sale went to newby-ginnings and Habitat for Humanity. I am going to personally award Valerie the North Idaho Yard-Sale Tough-person Award. We had a good variety of contributions and many thanks to everyone who contributed. Books again were very popular. And before I

forget, many thanks to our organizer extraordinaire, Antje Cripe. We would have fallen apart without her.

## October Bird Sightings

Surf Scoter- 1 female flying - October 19 - Harrison Slough at the CDA River Delta - Carl Lundblad

Pacific Loon - 1 - October 19 - Harlow Pt. Rd. (Harrison area) - Carl Lundblad

Common Loon - 1 - October 5<sup>th</sup> - CDA City Beach- Michael Woodruff: 79 - October 19 - Harlow Pt. Rd. (Harrison area) and 21 - October 19 - Rocky Pt. Heyburn State Park - Carl Lundblad

Double-crested Cormorant - 40 - October 5<sup>th</sup> - CDA City Beach - Michael Woodruff

Osprey - October 13<sup>th</sup> - on an electrical pole eating a fish near his home on Young Street - Bill Gundlach

Great Gray Owl - 1 - October 20 - Rimrock Road - Diane and Bob Dalenburg

Blue Jay - October 5<sup>th</sup> - Fernan Hill home - David Yake: and 1 - October 19 - Harrison - Carl Lundblad ]

Steller's Jay - 1 at suet feeder - October 21 - Fernan Lake -

Western Bluebird - flock of 8 - Bella Vista road - Kootenai County - Carl Lundblad

Orange-crowned Warbler - October 5<sup>th</sup> - CDA City Park - Michael Woodruff

Yellow-rumped Warbler - 25 - October 5<sup>th</sup> - CDA City - Michael Woodruff



## 7 Simple Ways to Help Birds

From Cornell Lab of Ornithology

1. **Make Windows Safer, Day and Night** - Simple adjustments to your windows can save birds' lives.
2. **Keep Cats Indoors** -Indoor cats live longer, healthier lives. Outdoor cats kill more birds than any other non-native threat.
3. **Reduce Lawn by Planting Native Species**-The U.S. has 63 million acres of lawn. That's a huge potential for supporting wildlife.
4. **Avoid Pesticides**-Look for organic food choices and cut out some of the 1 billion pounds of pesticides used in the U.S. each year.
5. **Drink Coffee that's good for Birds**-Shade-grown coffees are delicious, economically beneficial to farmers, and help more than 42 species of North American songbirds.
6. **Protect Our Planet From Plastics**-91% of plastics are not recycled, and they take 400 years to degrade.
7. **Watch Birds, Share What You See**-Bird watchers are one of science's most vital sources of data on how the ecological world is faring. Take part in Citizen Science projects and report sightings on eBird.

## Field Trips and Activities

### Mica Bay Survey

**Date:** November 12, Tuesday (Held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on the month)

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

**Meet:** Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

**Leader:** Janet Callen

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

### Coeur d'Alene Christmas Bird Count

**Date:** December 14, Saturday.

**How to participate:** We need to cover a circle with a 15 mile diameter, the center being CDA Memorial Gardens, 7315 N. Government Way. You can join a team of 2-4 to cover an area within the circle, count birds at your feeder (choose the amount of time you want to spend), carve out a neighborhood or area to do on your own or with a friend for any amount of time you want to spend. Team choices:

1. Spokane River from the Highway 95 Bridge to Post Falls including part of the town of Post Falls
2. Spokane River east of the Highway 95 bridge both sides (dike road and Cougar Bay to Kidd Island.
3. City Park and Beach to Silver Beach and Fernan Lake, covers McEwen Park and Sanders Beach plus neighborhoods
4. Hayden Lake - covering Dalton Gardens -
5. and 6 Rathdrum Prairie.

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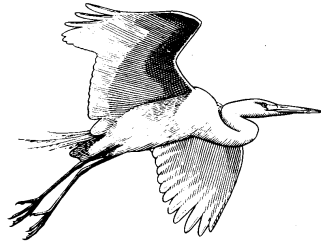
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