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Calendar: October Meeting of the Coeur d'Alene Chapter will be at the Iron Horse in Coeur d'Alene, 7 P.M. October 19.

The Conservation Committee will meet at 5:30 P.M. on October 19 at the Iron Horse.

Guest speaker for October meeting will be Beth Paragamian. She will have slides and discuss the Watchable Wildlife program in North Idaho.

The following notes are from Birdathon Bulletin, the National Audubon Society's Birdathon Newsletter.

As of July 16, the 1993 Birdathon raised over \$1,300,000 by 429 events across the country. 183 chapters participated in the 1993 Birdathon and 110 chapters were eligible for prizes.

10 chapters had 30 or more participants; 25 chapters had 150 or more species sighted, and there were 5 chapters with 400 or more sponsors. The Grand Prize Winner was the Yellowstone Valley Audubon Society.

#### Audubon Activist Action Alert:

"The National Biological Survey (NBS) bill, HR 1845, an initiative of Secretary Bruce Babitt, would authorize the Department of Interior to research and survey the status of plant and animal species throughout the United States. This research would be used to identify important biological resources and develop appropriate management plans at the ecosystem level. Audubon was one of the early leaders in support of this basic research." Members are encouraged to write to Congressman LaRocco asking that he support HR 1845.

I would like to thank the Iron Horse restaurant for allowing CDA Audubon to hold our meetings at their facility. I encourage any member so inclined to come early and visit with other members before the start of monthly meetings. Mike Mihelich.

Bosque  
del Apache  
**FESTIVAL OF  
THE CRANES**  
*(National Wildlife Refuge)*

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Among the most awe-inspiring sights in nature is the annual fall migration of tens of thousands of sandhill cranes and snow geese to their wintering grounds on the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge near Socorro, New Mexico. Birders can enjoy the spectacle of these migrating flocks, along with an impressive line-up of experts and events at the sixth annual Bosque del Apache Festival of the Cranes November 18-21.

The action-packed four day program features authors Donald and Lillian Stokes, International Crane Foundation director George Archibald and other speakers, plus more than fifty exhibits, workshops, demonstrations and conducted tours, some in areas usually closed to the public.

Experts from 23 agencies and professional societies will offer demonstrations and exhibits, many with live raptors, reptiles and mammals, covering identification, rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife.

An illustrated lecture by veteran birder-photographer Gary Froehlich and three workshops by famed "National Wildlife Refuge Calendar" publisher-photographer Karen Hollingsworth will provide tips to amateur and serious bird photographers.

Festival information and tickets are available from: Festival of the Cranes, P.O. Box 743 NR, Socorro, NM 87801; phone: (505) 835-0424.

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**WATCHABLE WILDLIFE  
Volunteer Opportunities**

Watchable Wildlife is a program sponsored jointly by the Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service. The program consists of three parts: education - opportunities to learn about wildlife and habitat; recreation - opportunities to view and appreciate wildlife in its natural habitat; and conservation - opportunities to actively support wildlife and habitat.

The following list of activities are just a few of the many opportunities to help wildlife and other people. plus they are fun to do. These programs need at least one or possibly two volunteers to help me. You can remain a silent partner or be a main speaker depending on your preferences.

To receive more information or to volunteer for a program, call or write:

**Beth Paragamian  
Watchable Wildlife Specialist  
(208) 765-7409 or 765-7223  
1201 Ironwood Drive (Forest Service Bldg)  
Coeur d'Alene, Id 83814**

**October 1993 - NURSING HOME BIRDFEEDERS!**- taking feeders, seed, and ID book to nursing homes in the Idaho Panhandle and helping with short presentation.

**November 1993 - BIRD BOOKLET!** Watchable Wildlife will be working on some bird activity booklets to be handed out next spring. One will be for children and the other will contain building plans for making nest boxes and other homes for wildlife. If you are interested in writing, drawing, or just assembling these booklets, give me a call.

**December 1993 - EAGLE WATCH!** This is usually scheduled for two or three days between Christmas and New Years. Held at the BLM boat launch at Mineral Ridge (Wolf Lodge Bay), an open-house type program between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm for the public to ask questions, see Eagle display, and receive hand-outs about eagles from the hosts. Need people to volunteer to be hosts at this event. Also, Eagle programs may be scheduled at public libraries in early December to show video about Eagles.

**Jan.- Mar. 1994 - SCHOOL PROGRAMS!!!** If you would like to help at schools, you could work on programs about tracks, snags, birds of prey, bats, or many other topics. If you are interested, call in January and I will have a more complete schedule.

**April 1994 - WINDOW TO THE WETLANDS!** The wildlife viewing blind at Thompson Lake (near Harrison) will be the site for an open-house program on a day in April (To be announced). Volunteers are needed to help staff the site.

**May 1994 - MIGRATORY BIRD DAY!** Programs at schools and other community places will lead up to migratory bird day. Displays will be placed around the areas and volunteers are needed to staff the booth. Last year the booth was at Silver Lake Mall, may try for there again.

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