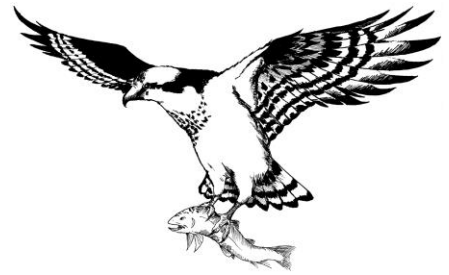


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October Program

Date: October 9, Tuesday

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Speaker: Francine Rudeen, Hummingbird
Bander



Rufous Hummingbird Young in Nest – Photo
by Peggy Albertson – Hoo Doo Valley 2012

Program: From the tiny Calliope to the feisty Rufous, few birds are as fascinating as hummingbirds. Join hummingbird bander, Francine Rudeen, for a discussion and slide show on the banding process and the latest research on Idaho hummingbirds. Some fine points of hummingbird identification, behavior, and migration will also be discussed. Photos and stories about some special birds will be featured.

October Big Day - October 6

Every year for the last four years Global Big Day has set new heights for a single day of birding. This massively international collaborative birding event has been so great we want to have another worldwide eBird Big Day in October. Why October? Because spring is rejuvenating the southern hemisphere and the northern reaches of the world are in the midst of migration. No matter where you are, we're confident you can find some great birds on 6 October. Let's see what we can find together on the first October Big Day!

How to participate

- **Get an eBird account:** eBird is a worldwide bird checklist program used by hundreds of thousands of birders. It's what allows us to compile everyone's sightings into a single massive October Big Day list—while at the same time collecting the data for scientists to use to better understand birds. [Sign up here](#). It's free.
- **Watch birds on 6 October:** It's that simple. You don't need to be a bird expert or go out all day long. Even 10 minutes in your backyard counts. October Big Day runs from midnight to midnight in your local time zone. You can report birds from anywhere in the world.

- **Enter what you see and hear in eBird:** You can enter your sightings [via our website](#) or—even easier—download the [free eBird Mobile app](#). You can enter and submit lists while you're out birding, and the app will even keep track of how far you've walked, so you can just focus on watching birds. While you're downloading free apps, try out the Cornell Lab's [Merlin Bird ID](#) app for help with identification. Please enter sightings before 9 October for our initial results announcement.
- **Watch the sightings roll in:** During the day, keep an eye on how the lists are growing in different parts of the world. Follow along with sightings from more than 100 countries. Stats will be updated in real-time on our [October Big Day page](#).

Opportunities to Donate while Grocery Shopping

At Fred Meyer

Janet Callen

This is not an advertisement urging our members to shop at Fred Meyer. However, if you do it is possible to donate to Coeur d' Alene Audubon. Fred Meyer donates over \$650,000 per quarter in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers direct their donations. Upon reading that Idaho Falls Audubon signed up to be a recipient of designated rewards I decided to register Coeur d' Alene Audubon. Donating using your rewards card

does not lessen your rewards points, fuel points and/or rebates.

Coeur d' Alene Audubon's registration number is MG846. To sign up and read more about this program go to: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

However, I must admit that some time ago I designated my earned rewards to Kootenai County Humane Society. Don't know if I'll change.

At Pilgrim's Market

Shirley Sturts

For those of you that shop at Pilgrim's and bring your own bags, we will be one of the three Non-profit organizations you can donate to from October 1st through December 31st. When you bring your own bags for shopping, you get one token per bag to put in the box of your choice to donate to. The three organizations change quarterly.

Bird Sightings September 2018

Great Egret - 1 - August 30 - Fernan Lake - George Saylor - photo by George



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Common Loon - 10 - September 12 - in front of their time-share on Pend Oreille Lake - Jan and Herb Severtson - Look for a story about one Loon in our November newsletter.

Northern Harrier - 1- September 6 - Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's south of Medimont area - Shirley Sturts

Black-bellied Plover - 1- September 23 - Sandpoint City Beach area - Rich Del Carlo

Laughing Gull - 1 - September 4 - rare bird report submitted - if accepted it will be a 2nd record for Idaho - Lake Walcott Spillway, Minidoka County - Ross Silcock

Clark's Nutcracker - 2 - September 7- Boise Peak Road, Cataldo area - Carrie Hugo

Western Bluebirds - 8 - September 11 - Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen and Carol Ogle

American Pipit - 40 - September 7 - Mirror Lake Road, Cataldo area - Carrie Hugo

Lapland Longspur - 1 - September 9 - Clark Fork Restoration - Rich Del Carlo, Eric Rasmussen

Sparrows (mixed Flock) - about 25 - one thought to be a Clay-colored and one a Brewer's migrating through - September 11 - Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen and Carol Ogle

White-winged Crossbill - 2 - September 7 Mirror Lake Road, Cataldo area - Carrie Hugo

Evening Grosbeak - 2- September 3 - St. Maries area - Donni Moen



Audubon Field Trip to Red Rocks and J Bar L Ranch

Midge Marcy-Brennan



Nine members of Audubon adventured to J Bar L Ranch and Red Rocks Wildlife Refuge June 14 - 17, 2018. And yes, it was a grand adventure!!! Janet Callen, Sally Jones, Mary Deasy, Marilyn Robertson, Linda Wolovich, Jenny Taylor, Vera Taggart, Jim Brennan and I converged onto the J Bar L Ranch, located an hour from the closest town of Monida, Montana (two hours from Dillon) and tucked alongside the Red Rocks National Wildlife Refuge. We had reservations in the Brundage Cabins, which are decades old and have been beautifully restored, overlooking the wandering waters of the Red Rocks River. It was a serene scene of quiet and remoteness. Unfortunately, it was a little TOO remote; it was 2 1/2 miles in from the Ranch house on a goat-trail of a road dug out of bentonite and clay.

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Ferruginous Hawk chicks
photo by Midge

With the forecast of rain coming in the next day it was determined that we probably would not be able to safely traverse the goat-trail in and out for the remainder of our stay, so arrangements were made with Lauren, our J Bar L go-to person, and we relocated to the Smith House on another area of their property. This is a hundred-year-old building that has been renovated into a three-story guest house from which you can view five different mountain ranges across the huge Centennial Valley. It was a little cozier than the three Brundage cabins, but utterly beautiful, with a greeting committee of hundreds of Cliff Swallows nesting on the barn, starlings in the rafters of the porch, Mountain Bluebirds and tree Swallows nesting on the fence line, and, the most amazing, a pair of Ferruginous Hawks who had their nest with two youngsters on the roof of the house (see photo), as well as a very odiferous skunk who was living under the porch.

Our second day was spent visiting the Refuge itself. Red Rocks Lakes National

Wildlife Refuge was established in 1935 to provide a safe nesting area for the then-rare Trumpeter Swan. In 1932 it is estimated that there were fewer than 70 Trumpeters worldwide, at an area near Yellowstone. Now, according to the US Fish and Wildlife Services, there are about 47,000 in North America, and almost 500 in the area surrounding Red Rocks. What a marvelous success story!!! It was during this day that we discovered a pond filled with hundreds of twirling dervishes, better known as Wilsons Phalaropes. Here we took our photo with some neighborhood cows (see photo). We visited the Refuge Center, and Linda and Vera climbed the Lookout Tower while the rest of us talked with the Ranger and enjoyed the Center's exhibits.



Long-billed Curlew – photo by Midge

Our third day did, indeed, see the rain, and so the day was spent walking the road by the house, looking at the Sandhill Cranes, Long-billed Curlews, and immature eagles and getting to know one another more, sharing stories of cowboys and horses.

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The next day the house residents awoke to no water or electricity; the house is solar-powered but the system didn't switch to batteries appropriately so Lauren was again called to rescue us, which she did in fine style. So once we had water to flush and electricity to cook, we were able to gather our things and head out.

By everyone's report, it was a good time. We saw 93 species of birds in the Centennial Valley itself and another 12 on other parts of the journey. Mary taught us about sparrows and Marilyn assured us that yes, the Willet is a beautiful black-and-white bird when it is flying. Jenny hunted and hunted and identified the Gray Flycatcher. And Everyone got at least one life bird. It was a marvelous adventure!!!!



Field Trips and Activities

Our field trips are also
posted on our Website

<http://cdaudubon.org/fieldtrips.html>

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

Audubon Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Save the date December 5th on your
calendars for the Christmas Ladies'
Luncheon. Invitation and details to follow at
a later time. Valerie Zagar, organizer

Audubon Fall litter pick-up

Date: October 6, Saturday

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Meet: Mica Grange building - Arrive earlier
and share a donut and a cup of coffee on us!

Leader: Mike Zagar

Activity: If you can attend it would be
great to have you. Dress for the weather,
pack a pair of gloves and join us for about
three hours of highway cleanup. All bags and
pickup tools will be provided.

**Advance sign-up for those participating is
required to comply with IDOT regulations**

To Register Contact Mike Zagar at
zagar659@gmail.com - 208 610-3894

Mica Bay Survey

Date: September 9, Tuesday

Time: 8:00 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.

Bonnors Ferry Area: Boundary Creek

Wildlife Management Area; Kootenai

National Wildlife Refuge; McArthur Lake

Wildlife Management Area

Date: October 13 & 14

Time: 8:00 am

Meet: Former K-Mart Parking Lot

Leader: Dick Cripe, 208-665-0010

Activity: This is an overnight trip exploring
this large and rich area around Bonnors
Ferry. We will stay overnight in Bonnors
Ferry in a place to be determined. Bring
lunch for two days. We'll return Sunday
afternoon.

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