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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

DATE: September 10, Tuesday

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PROGRAM: "Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge"

SPEAKER: Dianna Ellis, manager, will talk about the refuge and about birding opportunities for those going on the September 21st field trip.

Greetings, Fellow Birders



George Saylor

As I write this, fall is not in the air, migration getting underway, and it is quite hot today. However, seasons come and go in ways other than that determined by

the weather, and the new Audubon season is approaching. When you read this, the temperature should have dropped below the 90 degree mark, and kids will have started their annual migration back to classrooms. The bottom line is, another season of interesting programs, great field trips, visits with friends, and good bird sightings is at hand. I am eagerly looking forward to it. I hope you are too.

Our first meeting will be September 10th, in our regular spot at the Lutheran Church of the Master. Our featured speaker will be Dianna Ellis, the manager of Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge, who will talk about the refuge and describe the birding opportunities you will have if you go on the planned field trip to the refuge on September 21st. It so happens that on that same day an "Art in the Wild" event is happening at the refuge. There will be various types of art to enjoy, music, cultural history, food and drink, and of course birds to see. It will be a great way to start our new season of field trips and I urge you to plan to join the trip.

In the next few months you will hear reports from those of us who attended the National Audubon Convention in July, see a power-point about our International Migratory Bird Day event, and one about the Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society that is used for community presentations. We will, of course, have a variety of interesting programs on natural history topics, and perhaps a visit from one of the National Audubon staff.

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Our newsletter, "The Fish Hawk Herald", is published on our Website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter in the regular mail, choose a hard copy option. All members receive the September newsletter as a complimentary hardcopy.

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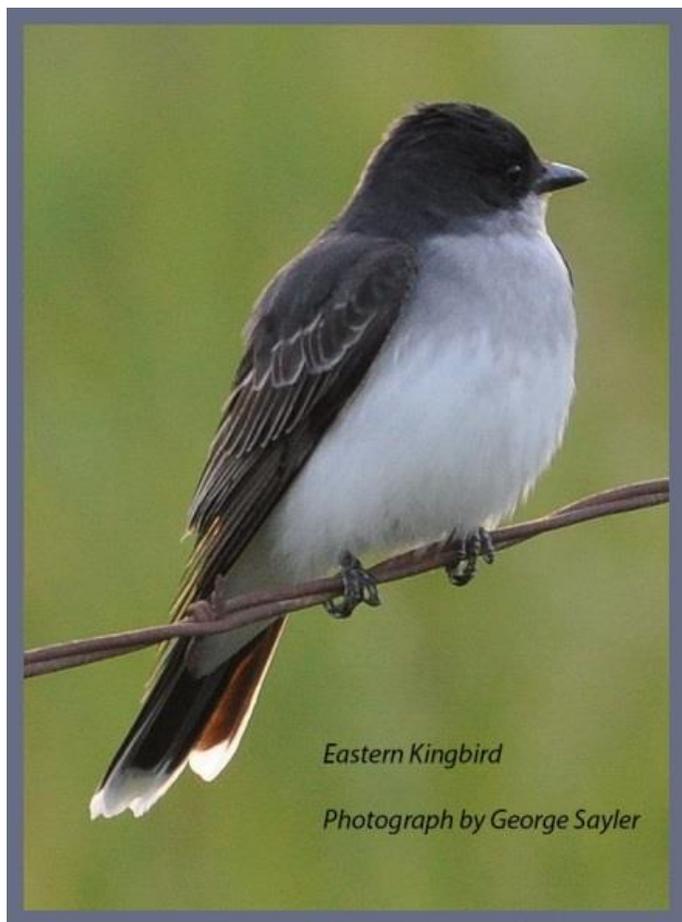
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ALSO: Articles for the newsletters are welcome. Please submit to the editor, Shirley Sturts, at: shirley.sturts@gmail.com by the 15th of each month. All submissions are subject to editing.

Greetings, Fellow Birders

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Last year, I wrote that the strength of an organization is only as strong as its member's involvement. I still believe that and am thankful for the many of you who have been involved in one way or another. Your participation makes our club a success. I want to thank Rob Kroese and Peggy Albertson for agreeing to serve on our board. They are replacing two members who have either resigned or moved. Our wonderful treasurer, Ronn Rich and his wife Roberta are building a second home in Arizona and will only be here part of the year. Ronn has served very faithfully as treasurer for many years and we are grateful for his service. He feels that it is in our best interest to find another person who will be here year around to fill that position, and I agree. So, we need someone to step up and agree to serve in that capacity. If you have an appropriate

background and are willing please let me know. I am sure Ronn would be happy to talk to you about the job and what it entails.

For the past decade or so Bill and Joan Gundlach have been mailing out our monthly newsletter, but with Joan's loss Bill has decided he no longer wishes to do it. We certainly appreciate and understand and we are all grateful that they had done it so well for so long. A special thank you to Bill, and if you would still like to contribute to the memorial for Joan, the Tubbs Hill Foundation has been designated as the recipient. We will all miss Joan's presence and offer our continuing support to Bill

I look forward to being together with our Audubon family again, and hope to see you in September.



ADOPT - A HIGHWAY FALL CLEANUP

The fall litter pick-up will take place on Saturday, October 5.

Please join us at the Mica Grange building for a worthwhile cause and some light exercise. We will gather at 8 am for coffee and donuts and begin the clean-up about 8:20. Depending on the turn-out, we are usually finished by 11 AM or thereabout. Dress for the weather and bring a pair of work gloves. Collection bags are provided by IDOT and pick-up sticks are furnished by Audubon.

Please sign the roster at the September monthly meeting as IDOT requires signatures prior to the event. For questions or more information call, Mike Zagar, 208 -819- 5115. "

To Steptoe and Mary Minerva McCroskey State Parks

Janet Callen



On May 11, 2013, our field trip began with a Sharp-shinned Hawk and ended with Black-necked Stilts. On the journey south to Steptoe Butte, we stopped at two sewage ponds. A highlight of the journey south was a Lewis's Woodpecker in the top of a willow tree by one of the ponds. There we also picked up Wilson's Phalarope, always fun to watch. Although Steptoe wasn't exceptionally birdy, we did get a good look at a Townsend's Warbler and watched a House Wren tending a nest in a hole in a tree. Then we traveled east to Idaho and north to McCroskey State Park. On the way, we heard and saw a Northern Waterthrush at the rest stop and during the journey through the park we saw a Townsend's Solitaire and a Pileated Woodpecker.

The last part of this journey, at the Tensed settling ponds, was possibly the most fun. Sitting on the dike were five Avocets, one Mallard, and a Red-wing Blackbird with a Spotted Sandpiper standing nearby. In all, 52 species were identified. Mary Deacy, Matt Thurley, Bob and Teri Farr and Roland Craft were the participants. We decided the guiding rule for the trip was: "Never pass up a good sewage pond."

Hike to St. Regis Lakes

Dick Cripe

It was a glorious day for our mid-summer high altitude hike to St. Regis Lakes. We had a bright, blue sky, moderate temperatures, numerous wild flowers, and plenty of birds, at least individuals. Ellen Arguimbau, Mike Blackbird, Janet Callen, Roland Craft, Dick Cripe, Lisa Hardy, and Theresa Potts made up the expedition. The hike was two miles in and two miles back with an altitude gain of about 800 feet, enough for a pleasant sense of fatigue without too many aches and pains.

We identified 15 species by sight and sound and saw White Pelicans on Mission Flats on the way over. Of special interest were: Olive-sided Flycatcher Clark's Nutcracker, Hermit Thrush, Townsend's Warbler and American White-crowned Sparrow. These are all species found at higher elevations during the summer.

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American Bird Conservancy, ABC, has joined with Birds & Beans to encourage all coffee drinkers who care about bird conservation, sustainable farming and the environment we all share to always buy and drink certified 'Bird Friendly®' coffee.

A link to their Website is now on home page under "of interest"

<https://birdsandbeans.com/index.html>

Meetings/Events 2013-2014

Our chapter holds a general meeting each month, September through June; we have a guest speaker at our regular meetings. The meetings are open to the public, and provide a good introduction to our group for prospective members. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Lutheran Church of the Master on the NE corner of Kathleen and Ramsey. Please check our website for any last-minute changes. Our June meeting is a picnic. www.cdaudubon.org

Board Meeting

Date: September 3, Tuesday (Board meetings will be the first Tuesday of every month)

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

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Adopt-a-Highway Fall Cleanup

Date: October 6, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Meet at Mica Grange Hall for donuts, coffee and road assignments. It may take 1-2 hours depending on number of volunteers. Long pants, sleeves and gloves are advisable. If you are planning to help with the clean-up, please sign the roster at the September monthly meeting as IDOT requires signatures prior to the event. For questions or more information call, Mike Zagar, 208 -819-5115.

Project Feeder Watch

The Cornell Lab is now taking sign-ups for the 2013-2014 Feeder Watch season, which begins on Nov.9. 2013. <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/>

Yard Lists

January, 2014 - Time to turn in your personal Yard List totals for 2013 to: Doug Ward, dougward@fronteir.com

Great Backyard Bird Count February 14-17, Friday-Monday, 2014

<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>



Earth Day

April 22, 2014, Tuesday

<http://www.earthday.org/earth-day-history-movement>

John James Audubon Birthday

Born April 26, 1785

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_James_Audubon

National Arbor Day

April 25, 2014, Friday

<http://www.arborday.org>

International Migratory Bird Day

May 10, 2014, Saturday

<http://www.birdday.org/birdday>

Kootenai Environmental Alliance

Noon meetings at the Iron horse Restaurant the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, running September through June. Check their home page for information on upcoming meetings, or call the office at 667-9093, or email KEA at kealliance.org.

<http://www.kealliance.org>



Field Trips 2013-2014

PLEASE REGISTER. Watch the website or newsletter for updates to our field trip schedule. Participants should contact the trip leader at least 24 hours in advance of the field trip to find out if the meeting place/time or destination has been changed. Participants will share in a mileage reimbursement for the driver.

Visiting with Raptors: September 14, 2013 *This event is not an official Coeur d Alene Audubon field trip*

Join the Methow Valley Ranger District, North Central Washington Audubon Society, and HawkWatch International this fall for the fourth annual Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival! This free family event combines activities in Pateros with trips to the Chelan Ridge HawkWatch site to learn about and celebrate raptors as they journey to winter territories.

If interested

Contact: Richard Scranton, North Central Washington Audubon Society
RScran@aol.com, 509-421-3166

Mica Bay Survey

Date: September 10, Tuesday (held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on month)
Time: 8:00 a.m. **Note time change**

Meet: Fairmont Loop and Highway 95

Leader: Shirley Sturts 664-5318

Activity: We spend about 3 hours once a month counting birds at Mica Bay. Beginner birders are welcome. We will help you with identification skills.

Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge:

Date: September 21, Saturday

Time: 7:30 a.m

Meet: K-Mart parking Lot, south side

Leader: Janet Callen, 664-1085

This will be a full-day trip. We will drive the loop through the refuge looking for waterfowl and other interesting residents. Friends of Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge is sponsoring "Art in the Wild" at the refuge headquarters with various booths displaying artwork by northwest artists. Bring a lunch, however "refreshments available all day" is mentioned in their flyer. For more information: www.fws.gov/refuge/kootenai we will also visit Ball Creek Ranch if time permits.

Mill Canyon:

Date: October 12, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side

Leader: Judy Waring 765-5378

This will be a full day trip. Bring a lunch and water, dress for the weather. Target birds: Woodpeckers, including Lewis's and White-headed.

Heyburn State Park-Indian Cliffs Hike:

Date: October 19, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side

Leader: Dick Cripe, 665-0010

This will be a half day trip with a one hour drive to Chatcolet. We'll walk the easy 3 mile loop through a ponderosa forest and visit Plummer Creek wetland and lakeshore, then check out the Indian Cliffs and whatever birds are around- woodpeckers, shore birds, waterfowl.

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Mineral Ridge Hike: Fernan Lake, Wolf Lodge, Beauty Bay and Blue Creek Bay

Date: November 2, Saturday

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Meet: Fernan Ranger Station

Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085

This will be a three-quarter day trip. Bring a lunch, or snacks and water, dress for the weather. We'll hike Mineral Ridge, search for waterfowl, Target birds will be Loons.

Sandpoint area:

Date: November 16 or 17, Saturday or Sunday

Time/Meet: To be determined

Leader: Lisa Hardy 783-1262

Christmas Counts: December 14, 2013 through January 5, 2014-Dates to be determined Coeur d' Alene, Spirit Lake, Indian Mountain.

Pend Oreille River, Lake and Priest River:

Date: February 1, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side.

Leader: Bill Gundlach 667-3339

This will be a full-day trip. Bring a lunch and water. Target birds are primarily waterfowl and eagles.

Lincoln County Winter Bird Trip:

Date: February 22, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side.

Leader: Roland Craft 457-8894

This will be a full-day trip. Bring a lunch and water. We will travel the roads in the Davenport area in search of winter birds including Great Horned and Snowy Owls, Horned Larks and Snow Buntings.

Chain Lakes

Date: March 8, Saturday

Time/Meet: To be determined

Leader: Lisa Hardy 783-1262

Rock Lake, Ewan, St John:

Date: March 22, Saturday

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Meet: K-Mart parking lot, south side

Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085

This is a full day trip from Sprague Lake south to Rock Lake and other locations.

Lewiston, Riggins, Pollock:

This will be an overnight trip in the latter part of April 2014. The target bird is the Mountain Quail. Judy Waring will be the leader. Details later

Montana and the Flathead Valley:

Date: May 2,3,4 Friday-Sunday

Leader: Kris Buchler 664-4739

This will be an overnight trip to the beautiful Flathead Valley and Mission Range. We'll visit the Owl Research Institute of Denver Holt and some prime birding spots with him as leader. We'll also bird Nine-Pipes NRW and the National Bison Range, if time allows.

Trout Creek Wildlife Management Area with the Native Plant Society:

Date: May 17, Saturday

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Meet: Walmart in Hayden, NE corner

Leader: Derek Antonelli 762-2575

This area is in the Pack River delta near Bonners Ferry. The trip will be close to a full day so bring lunch. We will look for a variety of birds in wetlands, shrub and forest.

Westmond Lake and Farragut State Park:

Date/Time: To be determined

Leader: Janet Callen 664-1085

This will be a half-day trip to view the Black Terns at Westmond Lake and Bluebirds at Farragut. Date will depend on other events.

Century Count in Boundary County -

An overnight trip first week of June. Details will be available in the May newsletter

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