

# THE FISH HAWK HERALD



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## September Program

**Date:** September 10, Tuesday

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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

**Speaker:** Sneed B. Collard III

**Program:** "A Father-Son Big Year of Birding  
and Beyond"

Acclaimed author Sneed B. Collard III shares the stories behind his award-winning memoir *Warblers and Woodpeckers: A Father-Son Big Year of Birding* (Mountaineers, 2018) and other bird titles such as *Fire Birds: Valuing Natural Wildfires and Burned Forests* and his new picture book, *Birds of Every Color*.

Sneed B. Collard III is the author of more than eighty books for children and adults including the beloved titles *Shep: Our Most Loyal Dog*, *The Governor's Dog is Missing*, and *Fire Birds: Valuing Natural Wildfires and Burned Forests*. His memoir *Warblers and Woodpeckers: A Father-Son Big Year of Birding* was recently named an Honor book for the Montana Book Award. Keep up with Sneed and his son Braden on their blog, [www.fathersonbirding.com](http://www.fathersonbirding.com).

## Audubon Garage Sale



1392 W Ocean Ave. CdA

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

Sale Day-September 28, 2019

Janet Callen-(208) 664-1085

Set-up Sept. 25, 26, 27-any time.

Our sale will be included in the Park Place and Park Terrace semi-annual garage sale. Need: Tables, and individuals to set-up, sort, and price items on the days before the sale. And on sale day, individuals to take money and help, especially in the early hours of the sale.

Please let me know if you have a table, long tables preferred but card tables will work. Do put your name on them. If necessary I may need to rent some. Please have tables here by the 25th.

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Pre-sale, any hour(s) you can help will be greatly appreciated. Sale day, 4 to 5 helpers (especially in the a.m.) will be needed.

Directions: North on Ramsey Road, turn East on Dalton Ave. Or North on Highway 95. Turn West on Dalton. South on

Isabella, a short street facing my house.



## President's Message

As the Audubon Board begins to stir and meetings are resumed it's tempting to think "Where did the summer go?" But, summer isn't over unless you are the parents of children who have to return to school or you're a school teacher. The nice weather remains through September and into October. The nights get cooler and the days milder, but the weather is generally great. There are lots of days remaining for outdoor activities and birding.

The board will start working on some projects for the new year. First off is the **GARAGE SALE ON SEPTEMBER 28**. Start setting aside items that you're ready to pass on - and we'll need **VOLUNTEERS**. We need to replenish our finances, so this will be important. Also, we have some projects that carry over from last year. We're still trying to get going on the Fernan Hill Nature Trail, but have to wait for the City Parks and Rec

people to get going on their work. In the meantime, we will explore alternatives. Also, the maintenance of the observation deck at Mica Bay remains undone, so, hopefully, it will get done this fall. A field trip is announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

Regarding Antje and me personally, our summer featured a steady stream of family visitors. We were able to introduce them to the various delights of North Idaho from the splash pad at McEuen Park to Silverwood to Revett Lake. It was all wonderful, but tiring. They are all gone now so it's time for us to recoup and resume our normal activities. We haven't had any remarkable birding experiences this summer, although Antje did observe our resident song sparrow on our lawn feeding a strange larger bird. We determined that the larger bird probably was a juvenile cowbird that our sparrow was raising as its own. That is something we read about, but it was startling to see it enacted in our front yard.

My birdhouses on Best Hill didn't do very well this summer. My usual bluebird family laid two clutches of eggs, but all failed to hatch. I had one successful nest of tree swallows fledge and a clutch of red-breasted nuthatches, but that was all. Wait 'til next year. The Hoodoo Valley Bluebird trail that volunteers monitored this summer was much more successful.

Keep Birding,

Dick

## Lee Metcalf and Bitterroot Valley Field Trip

Katie Saylor

Photos by Ernest Ewing



Yellow Warbler

This birding adventure did not disappoint in diversity of weather, great company, and worthy bird sightings. On May 17 the gang gathered in Lolo and then headed out to Lolo Creek for some birding. It was raining heavily, so it was not the most promising for birding, and the results were not good. After time to dry out, we had a pizza, soup, and salad and beer dinner at the Hamilton pizza haunt. Saturday provided showers, but better birding as the group explored the Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge with varied habitats and birds, including Common Yellowthroat, Lewis' Woodpecker, Forsters Tern, Cordilleran Flycatcher, and Long-billed Dowitcher. A stop at Traveler's Rest (Lewis & Clark heritage site) provided a bit of history and a close view of a Pileated Woodpecker. Another important stop was at the Stevensville Valley Drug for ice cream from an authentic soda fountain.



Long-billed Dowitcher

Some also stopped at the historic St Mary's church, and then everyone hit the trail to several other sites including Bass Creek where the wildflowers were prolific and beautiful. The flock of Western Tanagers was a thrill for the whole group: more in this one spot than any of us had ever seen. Dinner at the Coffee Cup Cafe in Hamilton was a throwback to restaurants of our youth.



Bullock's Oriole

Sunday the 19th we headed to Missoula to Kelly Island Fishing Access where the sun was shining, the Yellow Warblers put on a show and a Catbird gave us a very good look. There was a great sighting of Golden Eagle in the clear blue sky.

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## Lee Metcalf and Bitterroot Valley

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We thought we would have one more area along the Clark Fork on the Kim Williams Trail, but the wind shut us down. We identified 71 species, watched floodwaters rise and enjoyed each other's company. (Thanks Ernie for the terrific pictures!)

Those attending from CDA Audubon were Janet Callen, Valarie Zagar, Vera and Ernie Ewing, Bill Gundlach and Sally Jones, Patty and Jim Beyer, Jim and Sheelaugh Lynn, Katie and George Saylor.

### Bird Sightings Summer 2019



Northern Goshawk - July 8 - yard of Kazue and Larry Krumpelman

American Bittern - May 1 - Mic Bay - Jerry Hanson

Sora - May 15 - May 14 - Mica Bay Survey - Janet Callen and Carol Ogle

Sandhill Crane - May 29 - Harrison WMA - Mark Stomberg

Great Egret - August 23 - Schlepp Ranch - Mike Schlepp

Spotted Sandpiper - May 5 - Spokane River - Terri and Bob Farr

Least Sandpiper - May 5 - Prairie Ave. east of Highway 41 - Jacob Elonen

Wilson's Phalarope - May 15 - Prairie Ave. east of Highway 41 - Jacob Elonen

Bonaparte's Gull - May 2 - Hauser Lake - Steve Joyce

Caspian Tern - June 13 - Schlepp Ranch along the CDA River - Mile Schlepp and Chris Bonsignore

American Three-toed Woodpecker - June 25 - Farragut State Park - Gary and Kathy Harris

Olive-sided Flycatcher - May 22 - near Mount CDA - Bill Gundlach



Yellow-breasted Chat - May 25 - Albertson's parking lot on Ironwood Drive - Doug Fagerness

Clark's Nutcracker - June 27 - Bayview Harbor - Jim Dewitt

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Purple Martin - July 30 - 1<sup>st</sup> confirmed breeding in Idaho - Lake Cleveland in the Albion Mountains - southern Idaho - seen by several - Rare Bird Report submitted by Austin Young

Clay-colored Sparrow - May 27 1<sup>st</sup> reported but seen all summer - Prairie Trail between Atlas and Huetter - Carl Lundblad

Brewer's Sparrow - May 27 1<sup>st</sup> reported but seen all summer - Prairie Trail between Atlas and Huetter - Carl Lundblad

Lazuli Bunting - May 12 - Tubbs Hill - Jean Kolts

Bullocks Oriole - May 12 1<sup>st</sup> by - Bill Gundlach -later on Mica Bay Survey



## Field Trips and Activities

### Mica Bay Survey

**Date:** September 10, Tuesday (Held 2nd Tuesday of each month - times vary depending on the month)

**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.

### Audubon Fall litter pick-up

**Date:** September 14, Saturday

**Time:** 8:15 a.m. coffee & donut - 8:30 a.m. pick-up

**Meet:** Mica Grange office located along US Highway 95 mile post No.423

**Leader:** Mike Zagar

**Activity:** Depending on turnout and weather, we should finish by 11:30 AM.

Dress for the weather, pack a pair of gloves. Pick-up tools and bags will be provided.

**Sign-up required** for the activity. Sign up at the September monthly meeting or contact Mike Zagar at [zagar659@gmail.com](mailto:zagar659@gmail.com) - 208 610-3894

### Bike Ride from Harrison

**Date:** Saturday, September 21

**Time:** 8:00 am.

**Meet:** Fernan Forest Service Office.

**Leader:** Dick Cripe - 208-665-0010; 208-659-0357

**Activity:** We will drive to Harrison and have a leisurely bike ride with frequent stops from Harrison upstream towards Medimont. Apart from the frequent birds we'll look for Western Pelican, Western Tanager, Black Tern, Vaux Swift, Bank Swallows, Eastern Kingbird, and whatever else is passing through. We will have lunch in Harrison and hit the ice cream shop. Bikes can be rented in Harrison at The Pedal Pusher. If you have a bike, but need help transporting it, talk to the leader. Consider this a  $\frac{3}{4}$  day trip.

### Turnbull NWF/ Sprague Lake

**Date:** October 26, Saturday

**Time:** 8:00 am.

**Meet:** Lowe's parking lot, SW corner.

**Leader:** Dick Cripe, 208-665-0010/ 208-659-0357

**Activity:** Drive to Cheney, WA and tour Turnbull. Option to go on the Sprague Lake and continue birding. Look for returning waterfowl and shorebirds, and migrating songbirds. Option of lunch in Cheney or bring lunches.  $\frac{3}{4}$  day.

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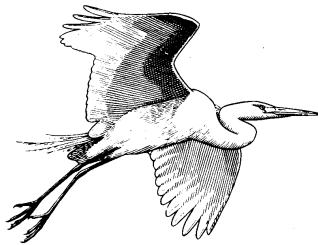
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