

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

10 Helpful Hints for Newer Birders

Hint #1: You need a field guide for your area. A field guide is a book with pictures of birds and tips for identifying them. The best book for new birders is the Peterson Field Guide of Western Birds. When you become familiar with the birds in your area, you'll want the National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America. For young birders, I recommend Peterson First Guide: Birds. It describes 188 common and conspicuous birds and it won't overwhelm kids with too many choices.

Hint #2: You need binoculars to see the birds. You will soon discover an ironic fact. The best birders have the best binoculars -- even though they can identify a bird 100 yards away by its silhouette. Newcomers with a cheap pair of binoculars see a fuzzy ball of feathers and don't have a clue which bird it is. There is an unbelievable difference between a pair of \$19 binoculars and a \$900 pair of binoculars. Don't go out and buy the \$900 pair, but you want a good pair. Just don't buy the \$19 pair.

Hint #3: You need to know what to expect in your area. The giant woodpecker you saw in the woods was likely a Pileated Woodpecker, not an Ivory-billed Woodpecker. Checklists of birds in your area will tell you this. Many State and National parks near you have checklists of the birds seen in the park. Thayer Bird-

try. You might even want to buy a book that can tell you about good spots in your area to look for the birds. The "ABA/Lane Series" of books is especially recommended for US and Canadian birders.

Hint #5: Join a group of other birders. Birders are very friendly and helpful. They are always will-

advertised in the newspapers. These are often led by naturalists, park rangers or a local Audubon member. At the end of these tapes there are often announcements about bird trips in your area. The trips may last a morning or most of the day. These trips are usually free of charge. You might also want to join a professional bird guide on a tour. Tour

Hint #8: Bring the birds to you. You can attract birds to your yard with just a little work. Planting the right flowers will attract hummingbirds. Black Oil Sunflower seeds will bring lots of new birds to your house. You might even want to build a bluebird house. Learn about the National Wildlife Federation's "Backyard Habitat" Program.

Watch for my new article about plants for your bird garden.

Hint #9: Record your bird sightings. You might want to keep a "diary" or list of the birds you see in your yard. You can also keep a list of birds you see in your town or on your vacation. Birders often keep lists for their county, state or country. They may also keep track of birds seen in one day or one month or one year. This is all terribly easy to do with a computer listing program such as Birder's Diary by Thayer Birding Software.

Hint #10: HAVE FUN. ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS. BE KIND TO BIRDS.

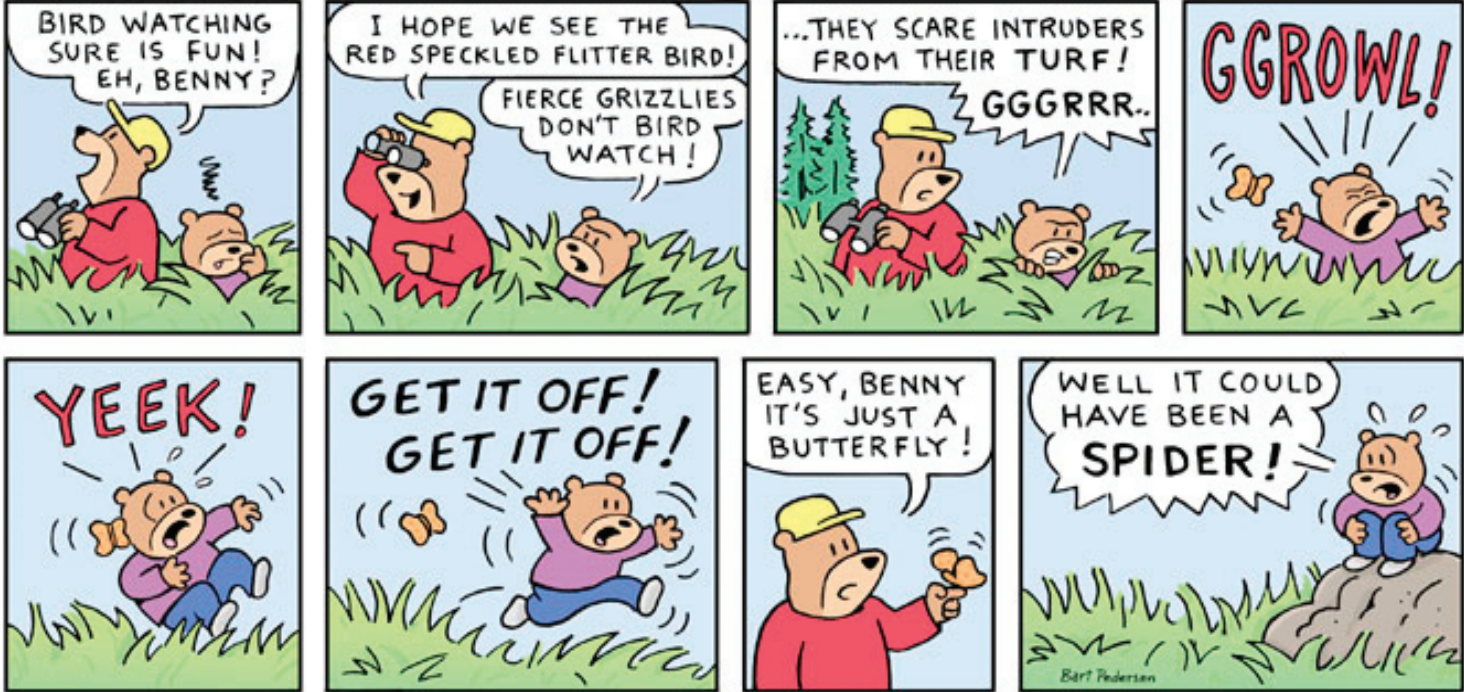
As we are tempted daily by the devil, it is worth remembering that temptations have existed since God created Adam and Eve. They succumbed to the devil's temptation and ate the fruit of the forbidden tree.

In Jesus' time on earth, he was tempted by the devil, during his fast in the desert of 40 days and nights. The devil tempted Him to make loaves out of stone. Jesus refused even though he was, as the bible tells us, famished. The devil tried to persuade Jesus to throw himself down from the top of the temple so the angels could save him, but again Jesus refused, saying, "... Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

And, finally, the devil offered to give Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would fall down and worship him. He refused, saying, "Away with you Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.'"

So, we might sometimes wonder if Jesus can relate to us and our temptations. He can! We might not be able to spend 40 days and nights in the desert without food or water and still be able to refuse the devil's temptations, but we can certainly call upon Him to help us in our times of temptation.

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ing Software's Birder's Diary has a bird checklist for every State and Province in the United States and Canada.

Hint #4: You need to be able to find the birds. To do this, you should learn about the habitat each species of bird prefers. Do they like to spend their time at the top of a tree or on the ground or on the water? You should learn the bird songs of the birds in your yard. Later, learn the songs of other birds in your area of the coun-

ing to share their knowledge. We were all beginners once. Start by calling the Siskiyou Field Institute, our local Forest Service Office, local Audubon Society, the local Nature Center or Parks Commission, or the local Bird Club. If all else fails, go to the park with your binoculars. Someone is sure to strike up a conversation and they might lead you to a whole new group of birding buddies.

Hint #6: Try a birding trip or tour. Local bird trips are sometimes

guides charge for their services but they are worth every penny. Birding tours can take you all over the world. Look for future articles on trips and tours in southern Oregon.

Hint #7: Read about birds. There are many good magazines about birds and birding. There are also thousands of books about birds. Birder's World, Bird Watcher's Digest and Wild-Bird are all good magazines for newer birders. Most have links for online reading.

ANIMAL EVACUATION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Josephine County Disaster Preparedness Community Meetings

Is your whole family, including your four-legged friends prepared for wildfires, floods, or earthquakes? Josephine County will be holding a series of community information meetings designed to help prepare you to evacuate and shelter your pets and livestock during a disaster. During an emergency be prepared to help those who cannot help themselves. Save the whole family.

Meeting Dates/Times

Cave Junction – Saturday March 26, from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon, County Administration Building, 102 South Redwood Hwy.

Grants Pass – Thursday evening March 31, from 7:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the Josephine County Fairgrounds Floral Building, 1451 Fairgrounds Rd.

Food provided by Smokehouse BBQ courtesy of the Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative.



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GOOD GRIEF

April 14th - May 19th

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Q. What is the Good Grief Program?

A. Good Grief is a six-week family-based support group for children who have experienced the death of someone important in their lives. Parents learn new ways to support their grieving children and themselves.

Staff and volunteers guide the children in groups from preschool through high school in creative and engaging activities related to grieving.

Space is limited and pre-registration is very helpful. There is no charge for Good Grief. If interested, please register by phone and speak with our Bereavement Coordinator.

541-474-1193

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Beyond Loss Support Group ~ Mondays 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

*Oak Lane Retirement-March 16-"End of Life Issues" by Lovejoy Hospice (time to be announced)

Places of Worship

- BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
541-592-3923
"We celebrate God's Presence in our lives!"
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. ***

7th DAY ADVENTIST
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Prayer/Praise 7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor Marvin Clark
Church (541) 955-4943
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330 ***

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
541-597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m. ***

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 541-592-3896
Email: cbccca@cavenet.com
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade
- Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.**
IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Web Page:
<http://UMCImmanuel.org> ***

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
541-592-3658
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days TBA ***

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street
& Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 541-592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net ***
- ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS**
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 541-218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m. ***

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m. ***

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
541-592-6160 ***

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
541-592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study**
CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION
meeting at
Evergreen Elementary School
520 W. River St., CJ
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 p.m.
Pastor Pat Henderson
541-592-3092 ***

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.
Bishop G. Frank Sybrant
541-245-3394 ***

ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. James Boston
Worship Service - 5 p.m.
1st Sunday of each month