

Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

Squirrel Wars:

If you're like me and love your birds in your backyard, you probably don't like those pesty little furry guys, the squirrel. Yeah, I know, they're cute and you just want to have one as a pet, right? If you don't want them as your pet and want to get them out of your feeders, I have some ideas for you. If you think of them as the Enemy, then continue to read the articles of war.

Distract Them:

One strategy to lure squirrels from your feeder is to provide more tantalizing food for them nearby. There are feeders with metal spikes that hold corncobs, and other special feeders just for squirrels. There's the simple "dump and draw" method: Drop seed on the ground away from the feeder they are raiding. This will not keep squirrels from visiting your feeder, but if you provide a constant food supply on the ground, it will keep many distracted. Keep in mind that squirrels have favorite foods, including corn, peanuts, and sunflower seeds. Using one of these will help.

Baffle Them:

What seems to be a winner in this race to beat these little critters is a cylinder on your post for the feeder. This should be

from the foot of the feeder to beneath the feeder. You need to keep your feeder high enough so they can't jump up. You need to keep your feeder far enough so they can't jump from a tree branch. I do have a problem with this one. We live in and around trees. That is why we live here, we like trees. You notice there are no squirrels in the desert.

Tip the Scales:

There are feeders online and in the stores that are weight sensitive. These metal feeders have levers as perches. You can select the weight settings that exclude the heavier birds. Hefty invaders like the squirrel are shut off from the feeding. Great idea if you want to spend the bucks. I'm still looking for that cheap fix.

Put Them on a Diet:

Like me and other people I know, we all have our favorite foods. Squirrels have a favorite list also, like peanuts, sunflowers seed. Avoid offering these if you want to discourage your agile neighbors. Now, I have a problem here, because I feed birds who like sunflower seed. I have a problem with band tailed pigeons eating my cracked corn seed. I've had to reduce the corn I feed, and it seems to work in keeping the pigeons away. If there's no feed in your backyard for them, they will move on.

Cage Them Out:

You can find feeders with coated metal mesh on them. But beware: squirrels unable to reach food often resort to Plan B: pulling off the top of the feeder. You should check the top of your feeder and make sure it stays secure. You can also cage your old feeders by using coated wire fencing or chicken wire.

Chemicals:

Much has been written about slathering feeder poles with petroleum jelly, grease, or peppery concoctions to discourage squirrels. Some people even spray Teflon on poles. These measures are temporary at best and well wash off or cake up.

Seek Professional Help:

I may have to start do this, they are driving me crazy. The last idea for you is one that was given to me by someone who loved the little buggers, move to the desert.

If you wish to contact me you can do so by emailing me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

Here's another thing for you to think about. I meet bird lovers every Saturday morning at My Place Cafe in Cave Junction around 8:30. It would be a real treat to meet you and hear your bird or your squirrel stories.

Harry Johnson
O'Brien

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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

It's true that the Bible says, "we walk by faith and not by sight," but that doesn't mean it's easy to do. Part of the difficulty comes because we usually lean on our humanness first and foremost. That reliance often suffices, and yet quite often it does not. Life is full of mystery after all. People benefit from the clues appearing in two familiar parables. One of them relates a farmer who is planting a field and notes that even through experience he still doesn't fully understand how seed can sprout, grow, and produce something for harvest. Another parable relates how a

small mustard seed can grow into a large enough shrub that birds can find shelter and nesting places within. There again mystery is seen as we understand some of God's ways and not others. Still we believe that God exists and discover that we can trust him for all kinds of guidance in life, for God the Creator is faithful to sustain his creation. It just takes a bigger leap of faith to trust that He provides forgiveness of sin through his Son Jesus. But He did!

Church Calender

Thursday, June 21:

GOOD SHEPHERD SINGERS rehearse; 4 p.m.

Sunday, June 24:

All-Comers Bible Class - 9:15 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Bridgeview Community Church

"When Jesus heard this, he marveled"

Matthew 8

When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my

servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,

while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

The centurion did not think the power by which Jesus healed was some parlor trick or magic act that needed the magician present. But in his choice of words in addressing

Jesus, "Lord" he acknowledged that Jesus was more than that. The centurion shows great faith in Jesus' word. He understands that Jesus can heal with His word just as easily as with a touch. The centurion also knew about the military chain of command, and how the orders of one in authority were unquestioningly obeyed - he sees that Jesus has that much authority. Finally we see the man's understanding of Jesus' spiritual authority made Jesus marvel. His simple con-

fidence in the ability of Jesus' mere word to heal shows a faith that is free of any superstitious reliance on merely external things. This was truly great faith, worthy of praise.

May we too have this faith as we come to Jesus, He loves you. In Romans it tells us while yet we were enemies of God, He came and died for you and me.

Warmest Regards,
Pastor Sonny Moore

Community Bible Church

The Glory of God

"Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus "that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5, 6

I want to state right at the start here, that I love the church and I love God's people. That being said, there are times I don't like the way Christians act. I have seen people, who at least

claimed to be Christians, do some very hostile things, and it has grieved my heart, even though I also can be pretty hard-hearted at times. More importantly, I believe that the wrong actions of Christians (not to mention everyone else's) grieve the Lord Jesus. When a person becomes a Christian, their life's goals should change. Instead of living to get all you can while you can, the Christian should live to please God and to see that He receives glory by the way the Christian thinks and acts. Now I realize that Christians are not perfect, I certainly am not, but as

we study and obey the Bible and continually commit our lives to following the Lord Jesus, there should be a real difference. The Bible makes it clear that in this life we will have a struggle to do right, but someday we will sin no more – for the Bible declares that when we see Him, we will be like Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Sunday

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer 6:00 p.m.

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Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ 541-592-3923 "Come Join the Worship!" Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Sonny Moore www.kbcc.us	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.
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7th DAY ADVENTIST 265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Christian Martin Church (541) 592-3218 Madrone Adventist School 541-592-3330	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
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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
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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	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.

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	ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ 541-592-2006 Rev. James Boston Worship Service - 5 p.m. 1st Sunday of each month ***
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. Evening Service 6 p.m. evfree@frontiernet.net 541-592-6160	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
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