

Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

It’s the start of summer and the sun is out and bright. I’m already having birds hitting my windows. This in one of the most common question asked of me. What do I do about birds hitting my windows?

I hope the following helps you with the decisions of what to do about window strikes.

Window “Pain”

The problem is simple and well known: Birds see the outside world reflected in windows, seeing branches, leaves, clouds, sky and fly toward it, resulting in often fatal collisions with the unforgiving surface of the glass. The problem is also very common. In fact, there was a study done and they estimate as many as 900 million birds are killed in window collisions in the U.S.A. each year. Research showed that half the birds who fly away after hitting the window die soon afterward from brain injuries.

This has been a problem for Cheryl and me here in O’Brien, because we have several very large windows. Since I like to keep many bird feeders near, I enjoy watching birds. I also

love my windows and the views they give of the valley below, but they were causing the death of many birds.

What to do?

I learned that the number of suggestions to the problem was large. I also learned that there is no quick and easy fix. Virtually all of the suggestions were either ineffective (placing falcon-silhouettes decals on the window glass, for example), unsightly (dangling CD’s on string), labor intensive (hanging exterior screens), or prohibitively expensive (installing new windows angled to reflect the ground). Many suggestions were also impractical for the windows I needed to guard, like sliding glass doors and tall casement windows.

I did learn that it’s best to place feeders either very close to the windows-closer than two feet, or more than 30 feet away. The idea of putting the feeders within two feet wasn’t practical for my house. We have four hummingbird feeders near the windows and placing the seed feeders that close would cause

problems for the hummers. Placing the feeders 30 feet away has its own problem. I put the feeders out more for my own enjoyment and less for the birds. They would do just fine without the feeders, so they’re there for my own enjoyment. If I were to place them 30 feet away I wouldn’t be able to see them. That just won’t work at my house.

Here’s a list of some of the suggestions I found:

1. Put a soapy film on the window to cut down the reflection.
2. Placing decals of predator silhouettes on the windows.
3. Move the feeders 30 or more feet away from the windows.
4. Put your feeders on the side of the house with fewer windows.
5. Hang old CD’s in front of your windows.
6. Hang lengths of white string every 12-18 inches in front of the windows.
7. Don’t wash your windows. (Cheryl’s favorite!)
8. Put screens on all of your windows.

9. Hang loosely tied strands of fishing line across the outside of the window from top to bottom about three inches apart.
10. Drawing lines on the glass with a latex paint marker.
11. Hang netting across the window.

So, what is the solution for your house? It may be different from household to household. Here at our house, we wash our windows a lot less often, and sometimes the birds lose. I won’t defuse my view of the birds or the valley below. The screen and netting idea sounded like the easiest to do, but it’s also unsightly in my opinion. The bottom line is you need to do what is best for you.

You can contact me with your ideas for bird strikes or share your bird problems with me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net. If you wish to meet me and other bird lovers from the valley, come to “My Place” Restaurant in Cave Junction on Saturday mornings around 8:30 am. I would love to meet you and talk birds with you.

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Home Country: by Slim Randles

The annual Fourth of July picnic was a celebration of time and freedom. We’d all watched the parade, earlier, because that’s what you do on the Fourth, and we believed in it.

Our parade featured Scout troops in uniform, the high school band, floats with pretty girls ... well, okay, it’s actually Delbert’s convertible with signs on the doors ... and little kids proudly leading their dogs down our main street. In other words, pretty much everyone.

Those of us who weren’t marching were known to say things like, “Hon, isn’t that the O’Brien kid with that German shepherd? My, he’s grown.”

You know.

And then we’d go to the picnic and gorge ourselves and play softball and horseshoes and soak up the sun and laugh a lot.

Fourth of July is a time for asking mere acquaintances from grocery store sightings just how they’re doing, in hopes of becoming real friends. It’s a time to catch up on friends who have been solid bricks in our wall of life forever. It’s also a time to rejoice and see new bundles of babies that have joined us since last year, and feel a bit sad about those who have left us, too.

It’s a time when two guys on opposite sides politically, can just smile and talk sports and enjoy each other. There’s time enough to disagree on politics later on. No rush.

And we know, deep inside, that this is the real reason we celebrate our Independence Day. Because we can set aside our differences and have fun together. We can be free to have fun together because a long time ago some men in powdered wigs were smart enough to look ahead toward ... well, toward this very picnic of ours, actually.

They wanted it to be fun, too.

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Gravity

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

There are absolute laws written into this physical universe of ours. Though there are many absolutes in our physical universe, I always think of gravity first. Gravity is defined as “the force of attraction by which terrestrial bodies tend to fall toward the center of the earth.” I would put it more simply as what

goes up, must come down. Some years ago I was climbing a tree out in the forest, and I fell. The trip down was fine, but when I landed, I ruptured my spleen and had to have it removed so that I would not bleed to death. If you jump from an airplane that is high in the sky without a parachute, you will land with a splat and very likely die.

So what does all this gravity stuff have to do with anything? There are also absolute laws in the spiritual universe, and one of those

is found in our verse above – sin brings eternal death, eternal separation from God in a very bad place. God has made a way for us to escape the wages of sin, and it is found in the gift of God, Jesus Christ. Jesus has made a way for us to escape the penalty of sin. Read John 3:16. The last part says, “Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” Jesus is worthy of your trust – do you trust Him?

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“He took our illnesses and bore our diseases”
Matthew 8

And when Jesus entered Peter’s house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by

demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

Notice Peter was married. This is interesting because some would suggest that to be a good spiritual leader; one should take a vow of poverty and celibacy. But they

also teach Peter was the first pope, and look at him! He had a wife, a mother-in-law, and a house. Again Jesus shows His compassion and love to reach out to those in need and Peter’s mother-in-law shows a fitting response of those who have been touched by Jesus’ power - she immediately begins to serve.

Jesus’ care for the individual is shown by the implication that Jesus

dealt with each person individually, not in some cold, “assembly line” procedure like we see all too often on TV. Matthew rightly sees this as a partial fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy in Isaiah 53, which primarily refers to spiritual healing, but also definitely includes physical healing. In this, Matthew shows Jesus as the true Messiah in delivering people from the bondage of sin and the effects

of a fallen world. The provision for our healing (both physically and spiritually) is made by the sufferings (stripes) of Jesus; and ultimately by His death, burial, resurrection and ascension to heaven! May we call upon Jesus and receive His touch of healing today.

**Warmest Regards,
Pastor Sonny Moore**

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