

Back yard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

The August Bird of the Month: Tree Swallows

Do you hear that chittering song flying around your house? Do you wonder what’s it coming from? Look high and see if you have tree swallows soaring overhead, or sitting up high, singing to a mate. Every spring and early summer tree swallows return to our place and we love listening to their chits and clicks and songs. The tree swallow song is one of happiness and always brings a smile to my face. They love the nesting boxes we have around our place and spend many days entertaining us with their comings and going with sticks and feathers as they build their nest for the year. They’re great mosquito catchers and we are always happy to have them around, knowing they’re getting their fill of bugs at our place!

Description:

Male: Upper-parts are iridescent blue, under-parts are a bright white. The upper iridescent blue may appear green in some cases. They have a small bill and its wings, when folded, do not project beyond a short forked tail.

Female: Similar to the male

only duller.

Immature: Gray brown with a white belly and grayish breast band.

Nesting:

Tree Swallows nest in a natural cavities, old woodpecker holes or nest boxes. Their nest is made of weeds, grass, rootlets and other plant material lined with fine grass, feathers and sometimes pine needles. Fed by the male, the female incubates 4-7 white eggs for 14-15 days. The young fledge for 18-22 days. They have only one brood per year.

Recommended nest boxes:

Any bluebird style nest box with a 1.5” or 1-9/16” entrance hole, placed 5-10 feet above the ground on a pole.

Feeding:

They look like small hawks flying around for insects, especially mosquitoes. They will fly low over land or water looking for insects. They require insects in the spring during brooding season, but unlike other swallows, they can subsist for extended periods of time on seeds and berries before the fall migration south.

Habitat:

They love to spend most of their time in open areas. Usually near woods and water, including urban lawns.

Other interesting facts:

The Tree Swallow is the first swallow species to return each spring. It is attracted to your yard with nesting boxes and/or long ponds, lakes and agricultural fields. It will compete with the Western Bluebird for cavities and nest boxes. It travels great distances to find dropped feathers to line the nest. They can be little thieves: you can see them chasing other swallows for the feathers that are in their mouths. They gather in large flocks to migrate in the fall to Mexico and Central America.

If you enjoy birds and would like to talk about your birds, come to “My Place Cafe” each Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. and join me for some coffee and/or breakfast. I have breakfast there every week with other bird lovers and we would love to meet you. Come on by and join me.

Harry Johnson



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Church News

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Persistent Prayer (Luke 11:10)

Do you ever feel impatient with God? Does it seem like he’s dragging his feet in answering your prayers? Certainly all of us have had questions concerning prayer at some time or other.

Questions like: Is prayer really effective? Or, since God already knows what we need, do we really need to ask for it at all? And if we do need to ask, shouldn’t once be enough? And should we continue to pray for something even if we’ve already asked for it, and are trusting in God for the answer? Because if we keep asking, isn’t that unbelief?

What about those times when we pray and we’re certain of an answer, and yet no answer comes? We’re confident that it’s

God’s will, but nothing happens. What should we do?

Jesus gives us the answer in Luke 11:10. “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

By a continued practice of asking, seeking and knocking we break the habit of prayer being only an “option” or “for emergency use only.” Prayer isn’t something to be kept behind glass in a red box on the wall and then break the glass to use it only when everything else has failed.

Don’t just come to God with your midnight emergencies. Keep an open line of communication with your father. He’s there to listen.

But God can’t put what we need into our hands until we release our grip on what we think we want. Because God is a good God, a loving heavenly father, He can be expected not only to answer our prayers, but to answer them in such a way that it’s for our highest good. But because of that, sometimes we may not always be willing to recognize the answers.

Someone once said it this way: “The greatest blessing of prayer is not just getting an answer, but being the kind of person that God can trust with the answer.” Opening ourselves to God’s will through prayer is the way we earn that trust.

Community Bible Church

Poison Oak

“Pursue peace with all people and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.” Hebrews 12:14-15

The last place where I lived, I spotted a corner of the property that I thought would be a good place to have as a garden space. The only problem was that it was covered with some kind of plant that had these shiny leaves in groups

of three. Not being familiar with the type of plant it was, I thought I would pull it up and dispose of it to make way for my garden. So I did. The length of the roots on those plants was amazing, and every so often a new plant would appear along that root. So my youngest son and I chopped and pulled and dug to clean up that garden spot. At the end of the day, we would drop our dirty clothes by the washer before we cleaned up. A few days later, my wife, who did the washing, began to break out in a rash and get bumps on her wrists and arms. Poison oak – it didn’t have much effect on my youngest son

and me, but it sure made my wife break out! That’s what bitterness is like. When it takes over a person’s life, it has a poisoning effect on you and those around you. It could be your children, your co-workers, or anyone. Some people spread it like, well, like poison oak! Jesus said, “Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Yep, even rest from a bitter heart.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

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

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – 12th grade
Limited openings –
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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@gmail.com Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m. Christian Academy Pre-K to 12th grade Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ Annemarie Richardson Lay Pastor. Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship - 10 a.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 ***
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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	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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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	FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD 451 S. Junction Ave., CJ 541-592-3956 Pastor Mark McLean Morning Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m. Wednesday - 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study	
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.		



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