

Backyard Bird Watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Red Tailed Hawks:

Few birds are as adaptable as the red-tailed hawk. From farm country, ranches, prairie grass-lands and light woods to roadsides, parks and even urban yards, these amazing raptors thrive across North America. It's especially common to see red-tails perched on roadside light poles and signposts as the hawks watch for prey in the fields near by.

As you're driving down I-5, look for a large raptor, brown with a creamy, streaked belly. Its namesake tail is cinnamon or brick-red above and pale orange underneath. Its impressive wingspan can be as much as four feet. You know I love to watch for them as I drive I-5. They are beautiful to watch.

As a gardener you will appreciate the red-tail's service to gardeners and others. These hawks hunt mice, voles, gophers and rats, and will also take rabbits, squirrels and once in a while a song bird or two.

I marvel at red-tailed hawks hunting techniques: Perch and peer for prey and then launch and pounce, or soar and watch for rustlings below and then dive and hit.

Stop and watch them and listen for its

haunting call as it flies away. You'll hear a descending keeee-arrrr scream that could be described as hoarse, raspy or shrill.

Did you know that a red-tailed hawk's vision is up to 10 times better than that of humans? We can see a mouse that's 30 feet off: a red-tail can see it from a football field away.

Unlike most birds, red-tails like to nest on the ground. Yes, they will use poles, tress, shrubs and even cliffs, but when neither of those options are available they nest on the ground. The nest is made of sticks, twigs with bark as the liner.

So, the next time you're driving up or down I-5 watch for these beauties. You won't be disappointed.

Remember I'm always at My Place for breakfast each Saturday morning. Come on by and say hi. For questions, you can email me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

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Blind Spots (John 9:35-9:41)

We all know what a blind spot is. If you're driving in a car you're relying on your rear view mirrors to check the lanes, there are some spots that you still won't be able to see. But blind spots are more than just physical, they can be spiritual as well.

The Pharisees in the text of John 9 were said by Jesus to be blind. The irony is that Jesus had just healed a blind man. And in the aftermath of the story, when the Pharisees tried to find a legal technicality to undo the miracle that Jesus had performed, they reveal themselves to have a blind spot where Jesus is concerned.

Jesus said that he came so that those who do not see may see, and that those who think they see will realize that they are blind. And revealing their arrogance and pride, the Pharisees responded to Jesus by saying, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" The man had just cured blind eyes, and the Pharisees were trying to say that he wasn't of God. Blind spots.

When we have spiritual blind spots like these Pharisees in the story, we can't see what God is doing. God had just performed a miracle through his only Son, Jesus, and still these religious leaders couldn't see it. When you've got a spiritual blind spot, God can be doing something fantastic right in your midst and you still won't see it.

You can see how you want things to be. You can see how you think things should be. You can see what you want to see. But when you've got spiritual blind spots, you might just miss out on what God is doing right next to you, right in your midst.

How many times have you and I seen people who are unhappy with their lives because not everything is going the way they want. Especially here in America, where even the poorest of us lives so much better than so many people around the world, WE complain because our cable bill is getting higher. We balk because our cell phones have roaming charges. We cry because they only had butter top wheat bread instead of white bread at the restaurant. And too often we allow things to pile up on us and we miss out on the joy God has provided for us right here in front of us.

If we did, we'd jump for joy at just how good God has been to us; food to eat, water to drink, people to love, a place to worship, air to breathe, strength to live. The Pharisees should have been jumping for joy that a blind man could now see. But they had a spiritual blind spot when it came to Jesus.

We need to learn a lesson from the Pharisees and avoid their mistakes. We need to admit that we might have some blind spots so we can act more thoughtfully and check to see what we might be missing.

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"14. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." Hebrews 4:14-15

The world is full of theories; people have all kinds of ideas about all kinds of things. As we contemplate an event, our minds are prone to seek answers – even if we have to make them up. Now, not all theories are without basis and the more facts the better and more accurate the theory can be.

Years ago I had a conversation with a man that was sure the Russians had destroyed the Challenger by some sort of super

beam. I have had conversations with people who believed that we faked the moon landings. There are theories about the collapse of the World Trade Center building and just about every other event that has ever occurred. The Bible tells us that God doesn't have to theorize about what our lives on the earth are like, because He became flesh (John 1:1 & 14). According to our verse above from Hebrews, He experienced the temptations that life brings our way, yet He was without sin. The blessing is that He understands our struggles and forgives those that ask. Acts 16:30-31.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

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