

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Just Plain Old Bird Talk:

Well, whether you like it or not, it’s summer and it’s hot. During these hot days you drink more water or other beverages to keep you cool. Remember, birds like cool water too. I put a birdbath/water fountain in my front yard, right outside our office window. It’s a joy to sit here and watch the juncos swim and splash in the fountain. They love it. During the heat of the day, there’s a conga line of birds waiting to get a drink or get the other birds wet with their splashing. Truly folks, if you don’t have a bath/fountain you’re missing one of the joys of bird watching. And you don’t have to go out and spend money to give your birds a bath. Turn a garbage can lid upside down, or a big planter drain dish with a few rocks works well. Anything you have that is shallow and wide – add some water and watch the birds enjoy their new hot tub. You might have to give them a couple of days to warm up to the idea. They likely will not jump right in, but don’t give up – they will find it and appreciate it on these warm summer days. Please remember to keep your new fountain/bath clean. This heat will form mold/algae in the bottom really fast. I change the water daily and clean with a stiff brush weekly.

Are you feeding your birds? When you go to the store to buy seed for your birds, watch out for the bags that have junk food that the birds don’t want and it only makes weeds for you to pull later. Buy good healthy food for them. I’m not saying buy birdie prime rib for them. A lot of what you buy will come from what kind of birds you have or want to have. I, for an example, have Blue Jays, Juncos, Scrub Jays, Mourning Doves, Grosbeaks, Spotted Towhee and finches. We even get an occasional Quail to the yard. They love the cracked corn I spread out for

them. My only problem is my dogs (Bob & Sara). They scare the quail away. So the quail wait for the dogs to fall asleep or head out on a run before they come in to eat. My birds get Sunflower seed and cracked corn only. I don’t go out and buy the fancy seed mixes that are out there. Will they like the fancy stuff? Sure, who wouldn’t like prime rib everyday? What I’m saying is, you don’t have to buy the fancy stuff to keep your birds happy. I do give them treats once in a while. I give them unsalted peanuts in the shell or I buy a bag of mixed nut pieces. I love watching the Blue Jays trying to pick up the shelled nuts. Most take one at a time, but you’ll see an enterprising Jay try to pick up two or even three at a time. You will laugh at that sight.

While I’m talking about the birds that use the ground feeders, I can’t forget the beautiful Hummingbirds. We have 4 feeders hanging around the house. During the heat we have to clean and fill all 4 every other day. We have two kinds here in O’Brien at the Johnson household. We see Anna’s and Rufous hummers here. Again it’s important to keep those feeders clean. You really need to clean each feeder before you refill it. With this heat and all that sugar water you use in the feeders, it sets you up with all kinds of problems that can be taken care of with a good cleaning before each filling.

I hope you’re enjoying the birds that come to visit you and your feeders. If you make it safe for them with good food, they will come. I’m sitting here typing and looking out at least a dozen birds in the feeders or splashing or just sitting in the trees singing. Did I say singing? The summer is the time for the Grosbeaks and in the morning they love to sing. It’s a beautiful sound and one I hope you get a chance to enjoy.

I know I’ve told you about this in the past, but I have breakfast at “My Place” every Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. I

hope you come by and say, “Hi” and have a great breakfast and talk to me about your birds.

Harry Johnson, O’Brien



Rufous Hummingbird



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Community Bible Church

Do You Struggle with Friggatriskaidekaphobia?

“Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and your staff comfort me.” *Psalm 23:4*

Friggatriskaidekaphobia, according to the skeptics’ dictionary, is “a morbid, irrational fear of Friday the 13th.” Is it possible you have acrophobia – the fear of heights, or possibly ophiidiophobia – that’s the fear of snakes? Maybe the phobia that strikes closest to home is coulrophobia – that would be the fear of clowns. I have found over the years that most people

have a dread fear of something. I remember from some years back a lady that went berserk if she saw a spider. One of the most in-control, stable, didn’t-fear-anything person I ever knew suffered from clostrophobia – the fear of small spaces. Fear is something we all must deal with at one time or another. Who hasn’t been awakened in the middle of the night by some nightmare with their heart racing? Many people fear death – that great unknown. What’s on the other side when we close our eyes for that last time? King David, who wrote Psalm 23, had many things come his way that could have made him fearful, and I believe he experienced fear many times. David let us know how he

overcame his fears; he knew God walked beside him and that was where his hope was. In what do you hope, in what do you trust? In the most frightening, disturbing moments of life, God will care for us if we trust Him.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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Don’t Be Afraid (*Matthew 10:24-32, Proverbs 28:13*)

Jesus assures us that we don’t have to be afraid, but we’re fearful anyway. If we feel compelled to fear something in spite of his promises, then God directs us to at least put our fears in the right place: “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Now that’s something worthy of fear. But Jesus comforts us and tells us we don’t have to be afraid of anything. Indeed, he tells us clearly not to be afraid because nothing happens apart

from God knowing about it.

Of course that might be even scarier. “What do you mean, don’t be afraid? If God knows everything, then that only adds to my concern. He knows what I’m going through but doesn’t seem to be doing anything about it. Worse yet, he knows all the things I’ve covered up in my life, and maybe that explains why this is happening now.”

After all *Proverbs 28:13* says, “What sins you cover, God will uncover.” Jesus even seems to imply that in the text. “There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed.” It feels like maybe there’s a lot to be afraid of.

So our concern is natural, except that God

addresses those concerns. Even though the Proverb says, “What sins you cover, God will uncover,” it also goes on to say that “what sins you are willing to uncover God will cover.”

He asks us to admit our fears, to acknowledge how they’ve controlled our actions, sometimes for the worse, and how they’ve eroded our trust in Him. He asks us to confess our sins, not to as a way to expose us, but in order to make us whole; not to imprison us, but to make us free; not to sicken us in grief and further worry, but to set us free from worry.

He wants to set us free from the sin and the guilt and the worry that plague us because He is our Father and we are His children, members of

His household, His most important possession in the whole world.

So, “don’t be afraid.” He even cares about every single sparrow that falls, and you’re worth immeasurably more to Him because he’s already paid the ultimate price for your salvation: the sacrifice of his only Son. He paid the price in order to rescue me and you.

For life in this world will be lost, one way or another; but nothing can take the life that will be ours through faith in Christ Jesus in the world to come.

And that’s why we can have confidence when Jesus tells us: “Don’t be afraid.”

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