

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

The Bird Watcher:

So you or someone in your family wants to be a bird watcher. I can't think of a better and fun hobby for the young kids of I.V. to do. We have a very large selection of birds to watch. Remember, location, location, where you're at will give you one kind of bird the other locations may not have. What do you do to get started? What do you need to get started? I hope the information below will give you some pointers and tips to get started. The winter migration is coming soon and it's a great time to get out and watch birds.

Helpful hints for the new bird watchers:

Hint #1: You need a field guide for your area. A field guide is a book with pictures of the birds and tips for identifying them and their habitat information. For the new bird watchers here in

Southern Oregon you will want to check out a field guide book for the "Western Birds". I use Peterson's Field Guide. It's an easy read and easy for research.

Hint #2: You need binoculars to see the birds. You will soon discover an ironic fact. The best birders have the best binoculars. For starters get a good pair of binoculars, but don't break the bank doing so. In time you will want the "best". For the beginning bird watcher, "good" is just fine. Every year they have a tool sale out at the Grange on Holland Loop and I've bought some binoculars there that were very good. The price was right and they will be perfect for the young bird watcher.

Hint #3: This goes back to No. #1: you need to know what to expect in your area. A checklist of birds in your area will tell you this. Check your new field guide, that's a good place to start. They have a check list in the back of the book. The problem with the field guide checklist is there's

no place for dates and where you saw that bird. There are Checklist books out there, where you can enter the date and location of your sightings, but again for the new bird watchers out there, you will want to start with the Peterson's Western Field Guide.

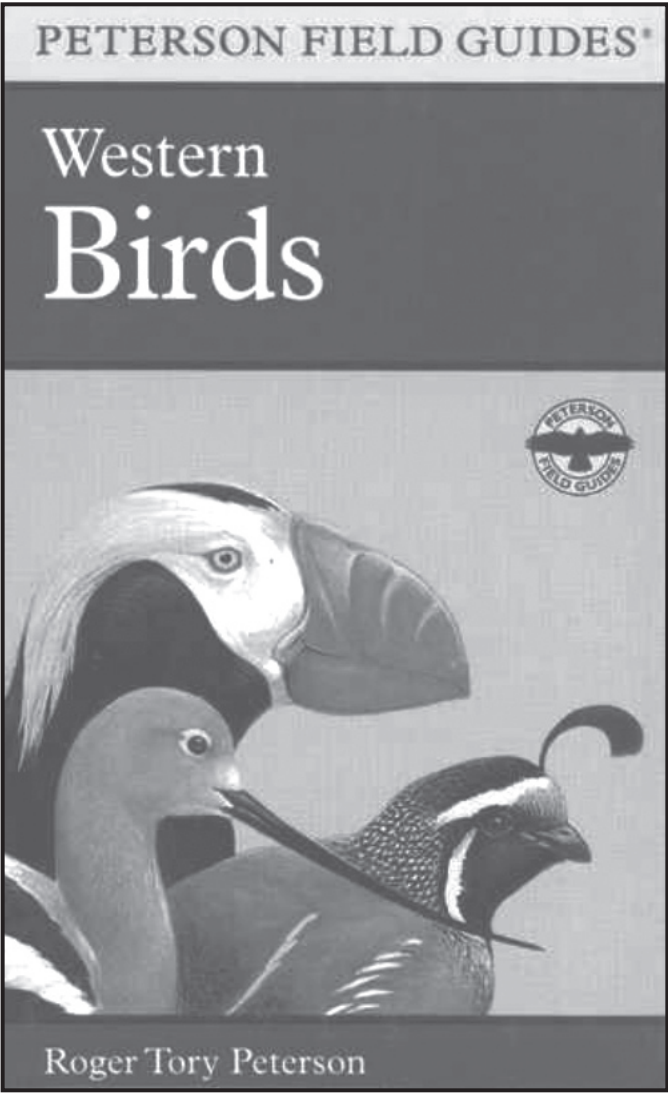
Hint #4: To see the birds, you need to be able to find the birds. To do this, you should learn about the habitat each species of bird prefers. You should learn the bird songs of the birds in your back yard. Again, I can't stress your new field guide enough. It will help you learn what to look for and where to look for it. For the bird songs, there are CD's you can buy with the bird songs on them. I use "Birds of Oregon". The songs are an excellent way to identify similar looking birds. Hearing and identifying the birds you hear is a big part of bird watching. I now can sit on my front deck and listen to the birds and identify the birds who feed at my feeders. That's where you start. You

start with the birds in your own backyard and learn their song. Once you've done that you're on your way.

Hint #5: Bring the birds to you. You can attract birds to your backyard with just a little work. Planting the right flowers will attract the hummingbirds to your yard. Put out sunflower seed and/or cracked corn to bring lots of new birds to your yard, just beware of the dreaded squirrel. You may want to build a birdhouse or two. During summer, put out a bird bath to attract the birds to your yard. You will love watching them while they're taking their baths. I have one and it's a daily event watching the bathers.

Hint #6: Remember bird watching is supposed to be fun. Have fun and remember to be kind to the birds. Don't shoot them. Watch them and learn about them.

I hope you have a great summer of bird watching. All hints come from Birder.com and Harry Johnson



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Celebrating the Fourth, who will keep America going?

By Glenn Mollette

We live in an interconnected world. Energy, cars, televisions, clothes and much more are traded among the countries. There are positives with global trade. If we can't get a good price at home then we can shop elsewhere. Shopping is as easy today as clicking on a computer webpage.

Competition keeps everyone on his toes. I've noticed in the last few years that a lot of my shirts are coming from Mexico, Vietnam and any place except the United States it seems. Years ago we laughed when we looked at little transistor radios that said made in Hong Kong. We didn't laugh very long as now it seems that everything electronic is made over "there" somewhere.

Competition grows as we import food, furniture, billions of dollars in oil and to be re-

dundant, just about everything.

As competition stiffens Americans must decide if we are going to compete. If we don't work harder and smarter we won't have anything in America that anybody else wants to buy. If we are buying everything from someplace else then who is buying our stuff made in America? If we are not selling our stuff made here then we will quit making or growing anything. Eventually we won't have any money in this country and China or Japan will not pay our Social Security or medical bills.

We need to regain our independence in America. We need to use all of our energy including oil, coal, solar, wind and natural gas. We need to stop buying all foreign oil. We need to grow our own food and catch our own fish. We need to bring our jobs back to America. It's

time that we made that attractive to all the corporations that we've lost. It would benefit all of us for our jobs to come home.

We need to secure our borders. We can't take care of all the illegals coming into this country because we are struggling to take care of ourselves. We need to get control of those who pilfer our government money. This includes public universities who charge exorbitant tuition rates because most of the tuition is either paid by taxpayers or student loans that bury young adults. Medical providers sock it to the system as they bill Medical payers more than most Americans could ever pay.

We are spiraling out of control in America. In the meantime our Veterans are dying from poor medical care and our active soldiers worry if they'll even have a retirement or medical care

after serving our country.

While our country struggles, Congress can't agree on anything except paying themselves more while too many Americans are drowning in the pond of "Me, My, Mine and I."

America will make it but it will be on the backs of those who are willing to dream, work and compete. Those are the people that carved out this wonderful place of opportunity and liberty over 200 years ago. Those are the same people who will keep this country going.

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Church News

Community Bible Church

Suffer the Little Children

"Then the little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' And He laid His hands on them and departed from there." *Matthew 19:13-15*

Last week Community Bible Church held its annual Vacation Bible School, and we had a great time. It takes a lot of time and help to make Vacation Bible School work, but I am sure those who helped accomplish the program were blessed. I am always grateful for those from our church, who help, but there were also helpers from five other churches, and another church helped financially.

The children came, they sang songs, played games, did crafts, listened to mission and Bible stories, and generally had a good time. The young people were great! They came with good attitudes, participated with a good spirit, enjoyed the snacks, and generally were a blessing. People have asked why we have VBS, an AWANA club, a Christian School, and the Fall Fun Night. The answer is simple: "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come unto Me.'" So they come, and we tell them about Jesus. In doing so, maybe we get a taste of what heaven will be like.

By the way, have you ever investigated the evidence concerning who Jesus is? You should!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC
Sunday, July 6th
Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Praise and Prayer at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 2nd
Prayer 10:00 a.m.

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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Christian Martin
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330

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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.
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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.
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Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

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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10343 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

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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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

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FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Marvin Porter
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
541-592-6160

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.
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ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ
541-592-2006
Rev. Bryant Bechtold
Sunday Worship
Service 10:30 a.m.

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SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
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