

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Bird of the Month-July: The Black-Headed Grosbeak

This is one of my favorite birds here in the Illinois Valley. When I hear them I know spring and summer are here. Besides the beauty of the orange and black coloring they have a beautiful song. I love being in bed in the morning and listening to their song. That’s the way to start each day. Now if I can only train my cat to start the coffee pot and bring me a cup while I’m in bed. That would be purr-fect. The next time you eat some cherries, instead of tossing the pits, rinse, dry, and store them in a labeled plastic bag in your freezer. When the Grosbeaks arrive each spring, give them a real treat. The cherry pits are their favorite food.

I know for a fact that Grosbeaks love water and bird baths. I have a bird bath near my feeders and everyday you will see one or more splashing in the water and taking a bath. Please remember to wash and clean your baths regularly and keep your bath full of clean water.

Size: They are about 8” with a stocky body.

Feeding: They love black oil sunflower seeds and cracked corn and peanut hearts or peanut pieces. If you have any wild berries around, they love them and of course cherry seeds.

Migration: In Illinois Valley from mid April-May to late August-mid September. They will migrate to Mexico for the winter. They’ve been seen as far south as Central and South America. There are some who will travel to southern Canada. Sorry, I haven’t checked their passport stamps to see if my birds are coming from the north or south.

Grosbeaks tend to travel in flocks of 10-15 birds. There have been sightings of flock with over 100 birds.

Evening and Black-Headed Grosbeaks may look like an Oriole, but they are in the Finch family not Oriole.

I hope you enjoy your Black-Headed Grosbeaks as much as I do. Like I said earlier, they are one of my favorite birds here in the Illinois Valley.

All material used here is from Harry Johnson and my “Backyard Birding Tips” book.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net

If you’re in Cave Junction some Saturday morning stop by “My Place” for a great breakfast and say, “Hi” to Judy. Every Saturday morning around 8:30 a.m. I have breakfast with fellow bird lovers. We would love to meet you and share some coffee and bird stories.



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America’s Poverty, do something about it:

by Glenn Mollette

I’ve never lived in poverty. However, like most Americans I have known a few tough times. I do know that poverty is not pretty. I’ve never been around a hungry family that was dancing in joy because of their dire situation. Poverty is hard.

I grew up in Martin County, Kentucky. We were supposed to be the poorest county in the United States in 1964 when President Johnson began his campaign against poverty.

Government assistance came into existence to help the poor not only in our county but also throughout the United States. A few dollars from the government helps if you are down and out. However, living

on government handouts for months and even years is a rock bottom life for the poor and our nation. Barely existing is an understatement when you are dependent every day on what you can get from the Federal Government. Our government, like many Americans, has spent more than it has taken in. Our national debt is headed to 18 trillion dollars. Extra money to hand out to impoverished Americans is going to decrease. There is no room for federal charity to grow.

Changing the direction of your life involves making big decisions. It could mean moving to a place where there are opportunities. There are paying jobs in America but you may

need to go to the area where they are being offered. Staying where you are and dreaming that your ship will arrive is not reality.

Sometimes poverty has resulted from years of bad decisions, addictions and simply mentally zoning out about the realities of life.

Bad things often happen to people putting them into such a tail spin that they hit rock bottom losing their houses, cars and help from family and friends. There are lots of real reasons and stories that people have about their situations

People in poverty are lonely and feel hopeless. In Nashville, Tennessee on any given night there are over

8,000 homeless people bedding down in public places, or homeless shelters. There are also lots of veterans, elderly and young singles with no place to go. A family sleeping in an old car or huddled together on a park bench under a blanket is not beautiful American scenery. This same scenario is played out in most American cities only in different numbers.

Thousands of people storm our borders every day with no clue of how they will financially survive in America. However, America is their dream and their way of trying to reinvent their desperate lives. More poverty unfortunately is coming to America. President Johnson’s dream

of a great society of handouts to the down and out has maxed out.

This doesn’t mean that America cannot be even greater than we are but the government is not going to create it. Our country is made of people. The fiber and soul of America is the spirit, of the American people, who each day says, “I must, I can and I will take control of my life and destiny.” And then, do something about it.

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Church News

Community Bible Church

Vacation Time

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Isn’t it nice to get away – to be able to see new places or even visit old places you haven’t been to for awhile? It’s great just to get away from the routine of daily tasks and do something different for a little while. Even if you enjoy your work and enjoy where you live, it’s good to have a change of pace.

We are fortunate here in that we are just a little over an hour from the coast, and it’s not too difficult to head to the ocean – even if just for the day. To walk on the beach and enjoy the ocean breezes is refreshing and pleasant.

There is another type of vacation that some Christians take

and that’s a vacation from church. I’m not talking about missing two or three Sundays while visiting family or going on vacation to someplace. I’m talking about just deciding not to go to church for months or years. Maybe you moved and then didn’t find a new church family. Maybe you have just gradually lost contact with your church. Sometimes churches simply close up, and maybe you haven’t exerted the energy it takes to connect with someplace new. Well, guess what? Next Sunday is a new chance to make that connection. May the Lord bless you as you seek Him!

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

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