

Backyard Bird Watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Jay Talk

Ok, the most common bird here in the Illinois Valley and hated by many is the Blue Jay. I have a lot of them here in O’Brien, and I guess I’m one of the few who like them. I love to look out the window on a cold winter day and see my trees covered with snow and the Blue Jays sitting there. It looks like the tree has blue Christmas tree ornaments on it.

The one thing about Jays is that they are very loud and talkative. I tease my wife Cheryl sometimes telling her the loud ones must be the females. I sure would like to know what the Blue Jays are saying to each other. I know when I go out to fill my feeders, the Jays start talking. What are they saying? Is it, “He’s here, he’s here and he has food,” or is it “Look out, the big guy is outside”? I’ll go out and not hear a peep until I call out, “Peanuts, Peanuts!” And then boy you should hear the Jays start talking and coming to my yard.

They can be great imitators of other bird calls. When I first moved here I thought I was hearing hawks, but what I was hearing were Blue Jays. They have a whole range of sounds for your entertainment. They can do bells, screech, whistle, croak, rattle and do a soft whisper (that I know wasn’t my wife). They’re

communicating, all right, but I can only guess at what they mean.

Blue Jays despise owls. Owls prey on birds at night, and Jays recognize them as enemies. Any time Jays discover an owl in the daylight, they harass it until it leaves their territory.

If you’re ever walking in the woods and you hear a bunch of Blue Jays screaming, follow that sound. Look for the flock boiling up out of a tree, diving into the branches. If you look closely, you’ll probably find an owl.

Also, I know, they hate my dogs, because they always scream out when the dogs are running close to their tree. I think their sounds mean, “DOG! DOG! DOG!” Or they may be saying, “Look out the big guy is back!”

They have a different call for different things. The call used for my dogs is different than the call used for a hawk. Based on the kind of call the Jays make, other birds respond differently for each kind of threat.

Science has barely scratched the surface of communication between birds, but we can all listen to the sounds that birds make right in our backyards. Simply noticing the sounds that birds make is the first step towards understanding them.

I hope you enjoy the sounds of your backyard. If you want to talk about your birds and bird sounds in your backyard, come by My

Place Café in Cave Junction on Saturday mornings around 8:30 a.m.

I would love to introduce you to other bird lovers and talk all about your birds.

The above is from Harry Johnson in O’Brien and Birdwatching.com



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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“A Little Mustard, Please”
(Matthew 13:31-52)

Why did Jesus chose the mustard seed to represent His Kingdom? Because God is always consistent: He “chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things— and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.”

I’ve heard of churches that become the “in place” to be. All the “pretty people” want to go there. I remember in the 1990’s that the church run by Marianne Williamson in

Southern California was like that. All of the influential gathered at its doors. Politicians and businessmen went there to see and be seen, because that’s where everybody else was. It could be described as a mighty Oak, or a towering Redwood, a spreading Chestnut tree – because it had great influence and power in the community. But churches like that often run into the danger of becoming a place where people go to see each other... but not to see Jesus.

Jesus didn’t intend His church to be a mighty oak. He wanted it to be a humble mustard shrub. He doesn’t want people to go to church and be impressed how important they

are and valuable the people around them are. He wants people to bow in modesty before His throne.

In short, he doesn’t want people to get excited about themselves. He wants them to get excited about what He can do through them... what He can do in their lives... and the changes and healing He can bring to them.

That’s part of the reason he chose the mustard plant to represent his kingdom. He wanted us to keep our eyes off of ourselves and focused on him.

An anthropologist once visited a Bora tribe and started criticizing the missionaries, because the introduction of Jesus to the popu-

lation had changed the culture of the people. He said, “Christianity is for the white man. You people should go back to your old religion and your old ways.”

One of the tribal church leaders, looked at the anthropologist for a moment and said, “Yes, and if we did, you’d be the first one in the pot.”

Jesus chose the mustard seed, because of the humility it represented, and because of the Life giving power it had within it. So, if we want to give the world a real life picture of what the power of faith really means and what Christ’s Church really is all about, just ask for, “a little mustard, please.”

Community Bible Church

The Best Memories

The memory of the just is blessed. *Proverbs 10:7a*

I have such good memories of my Uncle Ralph and Aunt Thelma’s farm. Those summer days of long ago are where I learned so much about work and play, sacrifice, determination, generosity, and the love of God and the care of others. My Uncle Ralph was an extraordinary man. I never heard him swear, but I saw him in very difficult circumstances show faith and endurance. He never lashed out at me in anger although he probably had reason to on occasion. The farm taught me about hard work. When you milk cows, you almost never get a break. My aunt and uncle would be out milking at 5 a.m. and then again at 5 p.m. – seven days a week. During the day there

would be one of a hundred chores to do: repairing, building, harvesting, working in the garden, tending some sick animal, plowing, planting, and my all time favorite (not really) cleaning up the ever abounding supply of cow manure. Aunt Thelma wouldn’t allow anyone down at the barn in the mornings. She said that it was her alone time with Uncle Ralph, but when I got up to head to the breakfast table, their Bibles were there and open to whatever passage they were meditating on. They never missed church – Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday prayer meeting. Uncle Ralph never preached a sermon from a pulpit, but the life he lived made him the best “preacher” I ever knew.

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Pastor Dave

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