

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

The Bird of the Month: Woodpeckers

We have several different types of woodpeckers here in the Illinois Valley. Cheryl and I see Downy, Hairy, Acorn and Pileated Woodpeckers as well as Flickers here in O’Brien. The most common woodpecker we see is the Flicker. They come to our front yard and eat the sunflower seed in the feeders once in a while. For the most part, we see them in the forest around the house and we hear them all the time. I’m going to be very honest with you. I have a hard time seeing the difference between the Hairy and the Downy Woodpecker. They look alike; the difference is the Hairy is about 3 inches taller. Once you get my age you’ll have a hard time telling the difference of 3 inches from 50-100 feet. Trust me on that.

Spring is the really fun time of the year for all of us home owners. That’s when woodpeckers like to announce their territories. They do that by drumming as loudly as they can on anything from tree trunks, to chimney caps, to aluminum gutters and my favorite (RRRRRR!) on the sides of our homes. (Like a little fresh air is going to kill us?) Unlike woodchucks, which rarely do any actual chucking of wood, woodpeckers are all about pecking on wood, and sometimes on things that aren’t wood. They peck while hunting for food, to dig out their new home (“Hey baby, come check out the new digs,”) and to announce their territories. During mating season woodpeckers put their drumming skills into overdrive. Tree trunks are good for drumming, but trim boards on houses are better and metal chimney caps are even better still. They want to make as much noise as they can. Drumming on a chimney cap is annoying, but hammering on a house sometimes causes damage and needs to be addressed. It’s been found that hanging strips of shiny Mylar tape works best to keep them away from a particular spot.



A.W.A.N.A 2014-15

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” *Matthew 19:14*

We just had our first week of A.W.A.N.A. for the year (September 24th). A.W.A.N.A. stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed and is a program designed for children from preschool to 6th grade. Your children are welcome to come on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. I had forgotten the buzz that all those young ones make as they come to sing, hear Biblically based stories, study God’s Word and play games. The church building was alive with the excitement of the children and leaders. It’s our desire to encourage children to make right choices and to reinforce good character traits that will help them all through their lives. But if the truth be known, a church can only do so much to be of benefit to those

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Go to the Vineyard (*Matthew 21:28-32*)

A man had two sons and he went to the first son and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.” “I will not,” the son answered the father, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. And that son answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go.

How many of us, when we signed on to be Christians answered God’s grace by saying, “I will love You with all my heart, with all my

mind and with all my strength and I will love my neighbor as myself?”

And how many of us promised that we would keep the charge—the great commission set forth by Jesus to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you?” And let’s be honest, how well are we doing in this department?

Have we gone or have we not gone? Do we spend more time in judgment of others or being intentional about welcoming the stranger, the marginalized, people with “messy

lives”—the outcast, the poor, the disenfranchised, those who doubt, those who do not know the love of God, even those who may have been hurt by the church.

Let’s ask ourselves this question: Would the most reviled of sinners feel welcome and loved in our churches? Would drug addicts, prostitutes, those who have lived with multiple partners, those who have addiction problems, the homeless, the mentally ill, the depressed, the marginalized, or those who have spent time in prison feel welcomed and loved unconditionally?

Would they know that we love

them just the way they are — sins, warts and all —no matter what their lifestyles, no matter their appearance, no matter what is in their bank accounts? Would they know we love them just the way they are? And do we? Do we really?

God loves us just the way we are. “For while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us...and Jesus came not to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him!”

When folks come to our churches they need to see in us the kindness and richness of God’s love, tolerance, patience and forgiveness because we know something about life that many

folks know nothing about: we know that God loves us. And we know that God loves everyone!!! And like in the song, Jesus said that people will know we are Christians by our love. Love is what attracts people to Christ!

We need to be the kind of community that doesn’t pass judgment, but instead embodies the riches of God’s kindness, tolerance and patience toward all. Only then will we be fulfilling God’s call to go to the vineyard.

Places of Worship

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH 5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ 541-592-3923 “Come Join the Worship!” Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Pastor Sonny Moore www.kbcc.us ***	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. Christian Academy Pre-K to 12th grade Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m. ***	GOOD SHEPHERD 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 ***	ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH 25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ 541-592-2006 Rev. Bryant Bechtold Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m. ***
7th DAY ADVENTIST 265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m. Saturday Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Christian Martin Church (541) 592-3218 Madrone Adventist School 541-592-3330 ***	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 ***	VALLEY EVANGELICAL 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 ***	THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 209 S. Junction Ave., CJ Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m. Sunday School - 11:20 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m. Bishop Larry Hammersmith 541-592-3919 ***
IMMANUEL UNITED 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. Child-care for small children	TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH 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.	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. Adult Bible Study	Illinois Valley Baptist Church 541-592-6149 102 South Redwood Hwy (in the County Building) Pastor Steve Root Sunday Worship 10:30 AM Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer & Youth Program 7:00 PM Friday Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM

spots on it. They don’t walk; they hop awkwardly while feeding on the ground.

The Pileated Woodpecker: This is the tallest of the woodpecker family. They stand 16-19 inches tall. It’s a spectacular black, crow size bird, with a flaming red crest. Males have a red mustache. No, not like “Dudley Do Right”. They have a white underwing that makes it easy to identify while in flight.

Nesting: Woodpeckers are cavity nesters. They will excavate holes in dead wood and make their nest there. The nest is lined with wood chips and moss. The male, not the female incubates the 4-5 white eggs. They will raise one brood per year.

Feeding: Both males and females feed on a variety of insects, especially wood-boring beetles and larvae. The male prefers to stay and feed in smaller branches and the upper canopy. The female favors the trunks.

Recommended food: They love any flavor suet, black oil sunflower seed and unsalted peanuts in the shell. I’ve found the black oil sunflower seed to work the best here at my home in O’Brien.

Interesting facts: Most woodpeckers have a long barbed tongue to pull insects from tiny spaces. Both sexes drum on hollow trees or logs to attract a mate and announce territories. Most territories are around 5 acres.

I hope you enjoy your woodpeckers as much as Cheryl and I do. It’s a real treat when the Flicker comes to feed on our feeders. You always know the white butt that is flying away from you as a Flicker. They are becoming one of my favorite birds. Like I’ve said in the past, I really love talking to the Pileated Woodpeckers who live in my area. I use an app for my Kindle to call birds in. It works and it’s fun.

I would love to meet other bird lovers. Come by My Place Café in downtown Cave Junction one of these Saturday mornings around 8:30 a.m. and meet us. I would love to talk to you about the birds in your backyard.

The above is from the *Bird Watchers General Store, The Western Birds Field Guide*, E-Bird and Harry Johnson in O’Brien.

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