

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Here in O'Brien, one of the most common birds is the black-capped chickadees. They are one of our favorite birds to watch and listen to. We love watching them fly in and grab one seed and fly back to the tree where they came from. I loved this quiz. I learned so much about these wonderful birds. I hope you enjoy doing it as much as I did.

- How many species of chickadee reside in the United States?
 - Three
 - Five
 - Seven
 - Nine
- What color are chickadee eggs?
 - White
 - Blue
 - Brown
 - Purple
- Which of the following is true of most chickadees?
 - They are cavity nesters.
 - They have dark caps and bibs.
 - They say chick-a-dee
 - All of the above
- True or False? Most chickadee species are non-migratory.

- True or False? Male and female chickadees are indistinguishable to humans.
- Which of these feeder offerings is best for attracting chickadees?
 - Millet
 - Cracked corn
 - Fruit and nectar
 - Sunflower seeds
- The black-capped chickadee is the state bird of which two U.S. states?
 - Ohio and Maryland
 - Massachusetts and Maine
 - Missouri and Oklahoma
 - North Carolina and Arizona
- Which species is most closely related to the black-capped chickadee?
 - Boreal chickadee
 - Chestnut-backed chickadee
 - Gray-headed chickadee
 - Mountain chickadee

Here are the answers to the above questions. I hope you did better than me.

- C) Seven: They are Carolina, black-capped (our chickadee), mountain, boreal, chestnut-backed, gray-headed and the Mexican.
- A) White: The eggs of all seven North American chickadee species are basically white and lightly speckled with reddish-brown.

3. D) All of the above: All chickadee species nest in cavities, including natural holes in trees as well as human made nest boxes. They all have dark caps and bibs and white cheeks and most have a call that sounds something like chick-a-dee.

4. True. The key word here is "Most." Some populations of black-capped chickadees will move southward in fall and winter and some species move to lower elevations in winter. But for the most part, chickadees are permanent residents within their ranges.

5. True. Many birds species, such as the northern cardinal, are sexually dimorphic, meaning the males and females don't have the same appearance. This is not true of chickadees, males and females have identical plumage.

6. D) Sunflower seeds: Black oil sunflower is a favorite, served in a tube feeder or hopper. Chickadees also love suet and peanuts. I've been using a mix of chopped up sunflower, cracked corn and nuts and it's on a platform feeder. They love both.

7. B) Massachusetts and Maine: Ohio's state bird is the northern cardinal, Maryland claims the Baltimore oriole, the state bird of Missouri is the eastern bluebird, the scissor-tailed flycatcher represents Oklahoma, North

Carolina's state bird is the northern cardinal and Arizona's is the cactus wren.

8. D) Mountain chickadee: Unlike the black-capped, which may be found in any wooded habitat, the mountain chickadee sticks mostly to evergreen forests.

As I said, I learned a lot about these wonderful birds. I hope you did too.

If you want to email me, you can reach me at birdwatching@frontiernet.net.

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Black-capped chickadee



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Church News

Community Bible Church

200,000,000 – Really?

Revelation 9:16-18 (NKJV) 16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was 200 million; I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed--by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.

In the days in which the apostle John wrote the book of Revelation, fielding an army of this size (200,000,000) must have seemed an extraordinary exaggeration. It is possible that the world population did not total 200,000,000 in that day. In our day, it is a different story with a world population estimated to be at 7,400,000,000. In China alone the population is estimated to be over 1,400,000 by 2020. India has a current population of around 1,300,000. That's a lot of people, and the potential of an army being raised from Asia alone is a possibility.

The term used to arrive at 200,000,000 in the Greek is actually two myriad of myriads (or twice 10 thousand times 10 thousand). Some believe it is not supposed to mean a literal

number but simply a great host of people. There are also some who don't believe it even represents a human army, but possibly demonic forces sent out to destroy a third of the people on earth.

I am also sure that there are probably other interpretations that I am not familiar with, but I believe it is worth noting that China alone has boasted of being able to field a People's Militia of 200,000,000. While I am not saying that this army is from China, I think it is interesting that China and its allies could raise a military force of this size and the Bible speaks of a last-days army that big. The devastation wrought by this Army is mind staggering as the Bible records that one-third of the earth's population will die. It will be truly terrible days upon the earth during those times.

I want to repeat that I don't expect you to take my word for anything here, but that you would simply look at this series of articles with an open mind, and then look at the Bible and come to your own conclusions. May the Lord bless you as you seek Him.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

Ministry at CBC

Wednesday, April 13
A.W.A.N.A. 6:30-8 p.m.
Preschool to grade 6
Adult Bible Study 7-8 p.m.

Sunday, April 17
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
All Church Meeting
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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Up to the Sky,
Everywhere and Back!

Imagine you're standing eyeball to eyeball with the Lord! He looks you straight in the eye and asks you, "How much do you love me?" How do you respond? Whether you know it or not, every aspect of your life is connected to your sincere answer to that question.

When my daughter was little whenever she was asked how much she loved her mommy and daddy she'd spread out her arms and say, "Up to the sky, everywhere and back!" What a heart touching answer. She didn't stop to weigh out her answer or to consider what she needed to say to make

a good impression. She just spoke from the heart. Of course when she went through her teenage years we knew better than to ask that question, but that doesn't take away from the unrestrained, heartfelt love that came through in her childlike response.

How much do you love me? In the Gospel of John in chapter 21, Jesus is asking the same question of Peter. Now when we saw Peter immediately after Jesus had been taken prisoner in the Garden of Gethsemane, he was denying that he even knew Jesus, let alone that he loved him!

But instead of condemning Peter for having denied

him, here Jesus stands on the shore asking about his love: "Peter, son of John, do you love me?" In fact he goes straight to the heart of the matter, asking him three times, "Do you love me?"

Jesus didn't ask Peter about his profession of faith. Peter had already made a great profession of faith when he said, "I believe you are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" Jesus didn't ask him about the "orthodoxy" of his belief.

I asked you to imagine that you were standing face to face with Jesus, looking Him in the eyes. He isn't asking you, "Are you a card-carrying

Christian". He doesn't want to know if your doctrine is orthodox. He isn't interested in performing an investigation of your sins. He wants to know, "Do you love me, and is it proven in the way you live for me?" What a difference.

Jesus isn't concerned about our doctrine, or our position in the church. He could have asked Judas Iscariot, "Do you love me?" And Judas could have said, "I'm one of your 12 disciples, and not just anyone, I'm the treasurer! I'm the most trusted one...look at my position!" But that's not the question. The question is, "Do you love Jesus?"

Jesus is only interested

in one thing. He doesn't care about how talented we may be; after all we wouldn't have any talents without Him. He doesn't care about our performance. He doesn't ask whether we're faithfully making our tithe. What he cares about is our heart. What he cares about is our love.

Jesus doesn't care that we may not be able to give mil-

lions of dollars for Christ like some great philanthropist. He only cares that we love him as much as any human who has ever loved!

When Jesus asks us, "How much do you love me?" we need to be ready to answer, "Up to the sky, everywhere and back!"

Are you ready to answer when Jesus asks?

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Pastor Dan Robinson
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