

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge

Back in early spring Cheryl and I spent a weekend up in Salem and Albany area doing some wine tasting and wine buying. One of the wineries we visited was the Ankeny Winery. To get to this winery we had to drive through the Ankeny Wildlife Refuge. If you've been reading my articles over the last 5-6 years you know I love getting out watching and listening to birds. One of my favorite places to go is the Klamath Basin. What we found at Ankeny is a place made for the birds and the bird watchers. This place is amazing. You'll find Ankeny 10 miles south of Salem. It was established in 1965 to provide winter habitat for Dusky Canada geese. It's part of the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex. They have Riparian cottonwood, ash forests, oak woodland, wet prairie and hedgerows to provide habitat for other wildlife and native plants.

They have large ponds with lots of viewing spots and wonderful walking paths. They also have great handicap and stroller trails for your enjoyment. The refuge has kiosks on the trails with interpretive and informative signs for your experience. Oh, did I forget to tell you about the raised boardwalks running through out the reserve? They make it easy for you and your family to get out and see their birds. If you're a photographer, you're going to love the observation blinds located around the reserve. The refuge boardwalks and kiosks are open year-round, but all other trails are closed from Oct. 1 through March 31 to provide sanctuary for wintering geese and other waterfowl.

The Riparian habitat supports lots of birds; some are the yellow warblers and willow flycatchers. The ponds support large concentrations of geese and ducks during the winter. The 2,000 mid winter waterfowl count total was 38,435 ducks and geese.

Let's talk about some of the viewing areas and their kiosks.

Ankeny Overlook: This is open year-round for your viewing pleasure. The overlook is located on the south side of Ankeny

Hill Road. It's a great place to get a view of the entire refuge. From the overlook you'll get views of different marshes, agricultural fields and wetlands. It's a great place to look for hawks and eagles hunting for their next meal. Signs are posted with information about the refuge and the types of animals you may see.

Eagle Marsh Kiosk: Open all year around. Eagle Marsh is located on the south side of Buena Vista Road. The kiosk looks out onto Eagle Marsh, which is the largest marsh on the refuge. This permanent wetland provides year-round viewing opportunities and is a regular stop over location for migrating shorebirds and waterfowl. You can see Canada geese, American white pelicans, American bittern and the northern pintail. Of course with those birds you're going to see bald eagles soaring above. This is handicap accessible and fun for all.

The Dike Trails: Open April 1 through Sept. 30: These trails give you a closer look at the activities on the water in the ponds and marsh.

Rail Trail Boardwalk to Observation Blind: Open year-round. This a 0.75 mile long trail. It starts at the parking lot on the south side of Wintel Road. It has interpretive signs at the trailhead to provide information about the refuge. From the Rail Trail at the parking lot you can follow the gravel trail to the boardwalk.

Rail Trail Woodland Loop and Prairie Extension: Open from April 1 to Sept. 30. This trail is .5 to 1 mile long. This is a excellent summertime trail. It has shade from the forest canopy and provides opportunities to listen to songbirds in the branches above.

Rail Trail Dunlin Pond and South Pond Loops and Killdeer Marsh Extension: Open April 1 to Sept. 30. Here you can look for great blue herons and great egrets hunting in the water. The three quarter mile long Dunlin Pond Loop will connect you to the start of the boardwalk on Rail Trail.

Pintail and Egret Marsh Boardwalk: Open year-round. This is a 0.25 mile walk. It begins at the parking lot on the north side of Wintel Road. Signs will describe the marshland and its wildlife. While walking along the trail look for red-legged frogs, who are often seen along the trail. Listen for the songbirds while walking the trail. The boardwalk ends at an observation blind overlooking Pintail and Egret Marshes. If you're quiet, you just may be rewarded with spotting an osprey or eagle hunting.

I hope you enjoy this wonderful place for bird watching. Like I said, this place is truly wonderful. Both Cheryl and I loved it. I only wished we had more time to spend there. You and bet we'll be back and I hope you will give it a try. Here's the website for the refuge, <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Ankeny/>.

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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Has the Fire Gone Out?

God gave these instructions in *Leviticus 6:12*: "The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire."

If you don't tend a fire, it will simply burn itself out. The sad thing is this can also happen spiritually. So just stop for a moment and ask yourself this question: "Has the fire gone out in my heart?"

Was there ever a time when you were more excited and fired up about the Lord than you are now? Has your zeal and passion for Christ cooled down? During the 1960s and

1970s being "cool" was a good thing. In the old television show "Happy Days," Fonzie was the epitome of "cool." Everybody wanted to be just like him. But in order to be cool, you had to look disinterested. You never got excited. You always just kept one hand in your jeans pocket and looked bored. You were just ... "Cool, man."

The problem is we have too many "cool Christians." Paul said that he was a fool for Christ—and we're trying to be cool instead of a fool. But we lose a lot in the process. We've replaced the fiery, dynamic Christian life with some kind of dispassionate, mediocre substitute.

The Apostle Paul warns us in I Thessalonians 5:19. "Don't put out the Spirit's fire." Have we done that? Spiritual fervor and fire can be extinguished by simple apathy. That's why God told the priests it was a daily discipline to keep adding fuel to the fire to keep it burning. If you neglect prayer, Bible Study, your quiet time, or regular fellowship with other Christians, the fire will go out.

Is that what's happened to us? I read about a preacher who served a little church. One winter Sunday, he arrived early and turned off the pilot light and the gas supply for the church furnace. But he turned on the furnace fan. When the people arrived they could

hear the swish of the fan, but the building was cold. The title of his sermon that day was, "The Blower's still Blowing, but the Fire's Gone out!" That's an accurate description of thousands of Christians. We're still going to church, serving, singing and giving, but the fire has gone out.

Take your spiritual temperature right now. Has your thermostat been turned down too low? If it has, this is God's way of telling you it is time to re-ignite your zeal and fervor for Him. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth; has that fire been kindled in your heart? Are you keeping it blazing?

Community Bible Church

Why do people go to church?

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV) 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.

This may sound a bit odd, but sometimes I ask myself that very question – why do people go to church? For some people it is a social outlet – they come to see their friends and meet new folks. Some people like to sing, and the church is a place where they can do that. Some people go to church out of habit – it is just something they have always done. Some people go because they like the preacher – that is hard to believe, isn't it?

They get up on Sunday; they get dressed up, hop in their cars, and head to the church building. They par-

ticipate in the worship service, give of their hard-earned money, and generally make a huge commitment of time and resources to their church.

Truth is that it goes much deeper than this. There is a longing in the heart of most people for a relationship with God; all you have to do is to look at the statistics of those who pray. People in reality come to church in hope of drawing closer to God – and they have every right to expect a church to help them in this goal. Ultimately, God has said in *Jeremiah 29:13*, "And you will seek me and find me; when you search for me with all your heart."

May the Lord move your heart to seek Him. Hope to see you in church on Sunday!

In Christ,
 Pastor Dave

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