

# Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

## Are there mobs in your backyard?

I'm sure you've seen mobs at some time in the Illinois Valley. I'm not talking about a midnight sale at Freddie's or Wal-Mart. I'm not talking about angry people at the city council meeting. I'm talking about birds who mob together to chase away a predator that has flown into their nesting area. You've seen a hawk flying about and suddenly it's chased away by smaller birds. Why? It got too close to their nest and they chase the hawk away. Some birds are much more likely to be mobbed than others. Hawks, owls and crows (not you Richard) seem to be the more favorite birds to mob.

Owls, for example, run such a high risk of being mobbed that they remain hidden and still during daylight hours. It's been noticed that some birds, red-winged blackbirds and swallows do it so often; it looks like a sport to them. May be they have a special prize for the mobber that gets a hawk or crow tail feather.

For some wildlife or bird photographers who want a photo of a mob minded bird, they have to resort to interesting techniques. They will play a recording of owl or hawk calls. When the smaller birds hear the recording they will quickly come out of the trees, ready for a fight. I guess fight is not accurate, because mobbing birds don't fight, they irritate and dive bomb away potential predators, but mobbing usually stops short of an actual attack.

•Mobbing usually begins with a distress call from a single male as he takes to the air in pursuit of a predator; which might

be a larger bird, a snake, your cat or dog or perhaps even you. I'm sure you've all seen video of a bird dive bombing people in a park. What they're doing is just protecting their nest. It's not the bad looking '60s shirt they were wearing or the lady with the bad hairdo. It's all about the nest and protecting its young.

•Birds are more likely to mob during nesting season and are least likely to mob when they're passing through unfamiliar territory.

•Hawks and birds of prey are more likely to be mobbed in flight than while perching.

•Jays, gulls, terns and blackbirds often mob together in a single species group. Many other birds band together into temporary mobs. The "we need to mob" call made by a chickadee is understood by a number of small songbirds, so they often lead impromptu mixed species mobs.

•Yearling birds, especially males, may be led into mobs by older birds in order to give them a close-up education on common predators.

•Prey birds that have just caught their dinner, run a higher risk of being mobbed. The smaller birds know the larger bird's talons are holding something, reducing the risk of retaliation if the mobbed bird's talons are busy holding something it wants.

Every individual involved in mobbing exercises some restraint, because the cost of a high-speed injury might be death.

Wing to wing midair collisions are avoided using the rear-end approach. Most mobbing moves come from above and behind. They're the safest approach for open-air "get out of town" chases.

So, the next time you see smaller birds mobbing a larger bird, you now know why and can appreciate it more.

The information above is from *Bird Watchers Digest* and Harry Johnson. You can contact me at [www.birdwatching@frontiernet.net](http://www.birdwatching@frontiernet.net).



Two red-winged blackbirds mob a seahawk.



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# Church News

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

It's only human nature for us to want to sit in the best seat in the house. At sporting events it's the sky box seat, or the seat on the 50-yard line or the seat directly behind home plate, or a ringside seat at a boxing match. Those are the places that have the best view and carry the highest price. They also carry the greatest bragging potential; it impresses people when we tell them we have those seats.

In Mark's gospel we read that two disciples of Jesus named James and John tried to get into this "best seat" thing. Jesus asked them in *Mark 10:36*, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him,

"Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left." "We want the best seats in the kingdom - the places of honor and prestige and power." That's a natural response -- we want the best seat. But in *Luke 14*, Jesus has some things to say about the best seat in the house.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your

place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. 11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Humble yourself and be exalted. Exalt yourself and be humbled. It's a principle we've seen many times: start humbly and God will move you up; start arrogantly and God will move you down. If you don't believe that, take a few minutes sometime

to read about what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar in *Daniel 4*.

Paul said in *Romans 12:3*, "I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment..."

There's nothing wrong with working hard to move up. Just let others do the promoting. Let your works speak well of you, not your mouth. The idea is that the host of the party sees your hard and humble work, comes to you, and says, what Jesus said in verse 10: "Friend, move up higher."

Stop working so hard at self-promotion. Let God move you up!

## Community Bible Church

### Guardian

"A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother." *Proverbs 10:1*

The school year looms before us; where has the summer gone? Wasn't it just June, and you were making those summer plans? Poof! This summer is gone in a puff of smoke (a deliberate pun there, just in case you missed it!) What will the school year hold? That's a good question, but to some degree you will contribute to it. Most people want their children to succeed and to have the best chance at making the most of their life, but all too often those who are in charge of children, those who are their guardians, don't act like it. Who are your children's teachers?

Let's start with those in your home; the adults should set the example. What you do in moderation, your children will do in excess. What will they learn this year from your example? How will it affect them in 10 or 15

years? To have impact on your children's actions, you need to control you own.

The next in line from my experience is their friends. I used to tell my children that if I didn't like their friends, they would hear about it. I have cut them off from those I believed were damaging to them.

Next would be the electronic media which teaches values, morals and principles - most of these in a poor fashion. There are others that "teach" your children. Ultimately you, as guardian (and I like that term), can do much to protect and direct your children. It takes effort; it takes sacrifice; but it will impact generations to come. Guard your children - that's what a guardian is supposed to do!

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

### Ministry at CBC

Sunday, Sept. 4  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

Community Christian Academy  
Preschool - 12th grade  
Limited openings  
Register now for fall classes  
School starts Sept. 7

Senior Exercise Class  
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
9-10 a.m. in Dining Room

# 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.bridgeviewcc.org](http://www.bridgeviewcc.org)

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**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

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**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

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**Illinois Valley Praise Center**  
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ  
Non-denominational  
Bible-believing Church  
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.  
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.  
[www.ivpraisecenter.com](http://www.ivpraisecenter.com)

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbccca@gmail.com](mailto:cbccca@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

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**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

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**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.

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**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.  
**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](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

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**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](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

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**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

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**ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ  
541-592-2006  
Rev. Bryant Bechtold  
Sunday Worship  
Service 10:30 a.m.

**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  
541-592-6149

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**Illinois Valley Baptist Church**  
541-592-6149  
102 S. Redwood Hwy.  
(in the County Building)  
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& Youth Program 7:00 PM  
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