

Backyard bird watching with Harry: by Harry Johnson

It's September and time for our annual fall migration to begin. This is the time of the year you're going to be seeing lots of birds moving through the Valley. Some of the birds you'll recognize and some will be totally new to you. The birds will be here for a day or two and move on. The great thing is when they move on, more are coming to fill the void. I wanted to give you a list of things you should be doing to get yourself ready for the big event.

Six Tips for a better Fall Migration:

Tip #1: Make migration safer for birds

It has been estimated that as many as 975 million birds are killed each year in North America in collisions with glass windows and buildings. Fall may be the worst time for window strikes because of the number of inexperienced young birds flying through unfamiliar territory that includes so many invisible barriers. For the next couple of months you may want to try different approaches of lowering window strikes in your backyard. Whether you use bright colored coverings over your windows or you can try using something that moves to keep the birds

away from your window. Yes, I know, I've talked about window strikes and I've given you lists of things you should do if you want to lower the number of strikes on your window. I'll print that report next week for you. (Cheryl's favorite trick - don't wash the windows! It is the reflection of the sky and trees on the glass that makes the birds think that they can fly through.)

Tip#2: Attract birds to your yard by installing a water feature.

Do I sound like a broken record when I continue to talk about you putting a water feature in your yard? This is because many migratory species tend to stay high in the treetops; they often go unnoticed in our backyards. Water can be a great way to lure some of these winged treasures into plain view.

The baths aren't hard to take care of. You just need to keep the water fresh. If you get one that keeps the water moving, that would work too. This helps combat the spread of West Nile Virus. I change my water in our bird baths everyday. Your bath can be as simple as a garbage can lid turned upside down and set on the ground.

Tip#3: Keep your feeders well stocked.
Don't miss out on the action around your hummingbird feeders this time of the year. Hummingbirds are moving south now. We are going through about three gallons of nectar a week in six feeders! You may see the daily number rise and fall over the next couple of weeks. Goldfinches are breeding and showing off their brightest plumage of the year. Keep an eye out for them. Fall is also prime time for rarities due to migration, so make sure your feeding stations are well stocked, cleaned and ready for action. Remember a migrating bird is a hungry bird.

Tip#4: Gear up!

Planning ahead and organizing your gear goes a long way to a successful season. When you're out birding, you want to spend more time looking at birds and less time juggling between your binoculars, remembering where you put the field guide and water bottles. Check out a bino harness to keep your binoculars handy and help relieve neck stress.

Tip#5: Get your optics in shape

This is the calm before the storm. Before the rush of migration sets in, take a few minutes

to inspect your optics. You'll want to clean them up and get them ready for action.

Tip#6: Review your field guide

Many of our migrant birds look completely different in their nonbreeding plumage. Check your guides and review some of the species you are likely to encounter in the Illinois Valley. This will help remind you of markings, shapes and colors of the birds. Fall migration is prime time for migrating raptors, so you'll want to pay special attention to these birds.

Birding can take you to some amazing places. It's always best to be prepared well ahead of time. Read up on the area you're going to and know what to expect and where to look. Birding is all about taking your time. Remember the birds aren't always on your schedule.

I hope you have a wonderful birding experience wherever and whenever you go.

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Church News

Community Bible Church

Bought and Sold

Joel 3:3 (NKJV) They have cast lots for My people, have given a boy as payment for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink.

We live in a materialistic age. Much of the world values a thing or a person based on what they can get out of them - and not for whom they are. You may think of the verse above as just another Old Testament verse, but the context puts the action presented as happening just before the Lord judges the earth. Don't think this could happen now? Then you haven't been watching the conflict surrounding the Islamic state terrorists in Syria/Iraq. Yazidi, Kurdish, Christian, and Shiite women captured then sold for as little as \$10, and in some cases even given away.

It is a terrible evil when people are sold into slavery, but it is also a terrible thing to sell ourselves into slavery. But you say, "No one would ever sell themselves into slavery." What about the bondage of alcohol, drugs, immorality, food,

bitterness, hate, and the desire for money or power or fame?

The Bible says people who can't control their tempers make poor friends. You never know what they might do, because they are in bondage to their tempers. There are many, many things that control people and make them slaves. You need to fill in the blank, because you know what controls you. Sometimes it's those who proclaim the loudest that they are free who are in the greatest slavery. 2 Peter 2:19 says, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage."

In using the comparison of slavery throughout the world to our personal struggles, I in no way would lessen the huge evil of human trafficking. It is very likely that there is more slavery now than at any time in history. Whatever we may face, may God grant us grace to endure and overcome. May God bless you as you seek Him.

**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

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