

Backyard bird watching with Harry:

by Harry Johnson

The Bird of the Month: October - woodpecker

We have several different types of woodpeckers here in the Illinois Valley. I see downy, hairy, acorn, pileated and the flicker woodpeckers here in O’Brien. The most common is the flicker. They come and eat the sunflower seed in the feeders once in a while. 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.

The downy woodpecker: It’s the smallest of the woodpecker family. They stand around 6-7 inches tall. They have a white belly, black and white spotted wings, and a black line running through its eyes. Males have a red mark on the nape of its neck. Females are the same as the males, but lack the red mark.

The hairy woodpecker: They stand about 9-10 inches tall. See the description of the downy.

The acorn woodpecker: They are about 8 1/2-9 1/2 inches tall. They have a red spot on the top of their heads, with a yellow streak under their beak. Like the flicker they have a white rump.

The northern flicker: They stand around 12-14 inches tall. They have a very white rump. They have a black slash across their upper chest. Their chest has black spots on it. They don’t walk; they hop awkwardly while feeding on the ground.

The pileated woodpecker: This is the tallest of the wood-

pecker 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. 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. The nest is lined with wood chips. The male 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 smaller branches and upper canopy. The female favors the trunks.

Recommended feed: Any flavor suet, black oil sunflower seed, shelled peanuts.

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.

Harry Johnson
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Northern flicker



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Church News

Community Bible Church

Desalination
Proverbs 14:10a (NKJV) 10 The heart knows its own bitterness, *Hebrews 12:14-15* (NKJV) 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

Desalination is the process by which minerals and salts are removed from water to make it useable for human consumption or irrigation purposes. About 1 percent of the world is dependent on water from which the salt has been removed. It is mostly water from the ocean. In 2015 there were 18,426 desalination plants operating.

Why don’t people offer you a nice glass of warm water straight from the ocean?

It’s because it would make you gag – it would be undrinkable. Yet over the years I have run into people who were so controlled by bitterness that virtually all their actions and most of their speech was dominated by it. Their boss is unfair, their wife is unfair, their children don’t listen, those they work with are idiots, or the place they work for is against them. Everyone is wrong, bad, stupid and unfair but them. They believe they should be in charge.

Years ago I had a man (who attended the church I was at) come by. He was consumed by bitter unhappiness – nothing suited him, nothing made him happy. As we talked he confessed that he realized something was wrong with him and how he viewed life. He asked me if I couldn’t help him with his unhappiness. I directed him to *1 Thessalonians*

5:16-18 which says, “16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” He looked at me in silence for maybe 30 seconds (although it seemed longer) and said with great emotion, “I can’t” and he left. To remove life-destroying bitterness seemed impossible to him. It would not have been impossible – very, very difficult, yes – impossible, no! His bitterness eventually ruined everything he had.

Bitterness is a difficult poison to eliminate from your lives, but if you dilute it with thankfulness, with joyfulness, with earnest prayer (not for just an hour, a day, or a month, but continually without ceasing) it will change you, free you, and heal you – just like taking the salt from sea water.

May the Lord Jesus bless you as you

seek Him. See you Sunday.
**In Christ,
Pastor Dave**

Ministry at CBC

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

Community Christian Academy
Preschool – 12th grade

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

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Do we pass the test?
In the first verse of today’s lesson the apostle said to Jesus, “Lord increase our faith.” How do we do that? I’d like to have more faith. I know you’d like to have more faith. If that’s what pleases God, then we want to have more of it. The question is how? If faith is what makes life rewarding and fulfilling, how does God build my faith?
Here’s the secret. And it’s not really something you’ll be really excited about when you first hear it. But the truth is God builds our faith by testing it. He builds our faith by trying it. Faith is like a muscle and when it’s stretched and it’s pulled then it develops. And our faith develops as it’s tested, too.
We don’t develop our faith just sitting on our blessed assurance in church. James 1:3 says this “The testing of your faith develops perseverance so that you may be mature and com-

plete.” Speaking from experience, Job says the same thing in Job 7:17-18: “What is man that You make so much of him and that You give him so much attention and that You examine him every morning and test him every moment.” Did you realize that God is testing you every moment of your life? In “The Purpose Driven Life” Rick Warren talks about how life is a test, a temporary assignment, and a trust. These are the facts of life. Every moment of the day our faith is being tested. Every day we have faith building opportunities. The problem is most of us don’t recognize them when they’re here. We flunk the test because we don’t even realize it is a test and that God is trying to help us grow.
If you’re a child of God, nothing comes into your life without God’s purpose. There are no accidents in the Christian life. Of course there are accidents, but God uses them and our disap-

pointments as His appointments for faith building. So what should I do when I’m going through difficulties? How should I respond? When problems come that God is using to test our faith James 1:2-3 tells us: “Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.” He’s saying that when you’ve got a problem - relax. In fact, he says, rejoice. Take it easy. Thank God. Praise God. Why? Because God is with us. God has a plan for you and me. He has a purpose for my life and He’s going to help me through it just like he’s going to help you. God’s purpose is greater than any pain or problem or difficulty we might be going through right now.
That’s how we grow. And that’s how we pass the test.

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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Christian Martin
Church (541) 592-3218
Madrone Adventist School
541-592-3330

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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28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ
Non-denominational
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Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
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www.ivpraisecenter.com

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.

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

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.

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

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

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

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
541-592-3919

Illinois Valley Baptist Church
541-592-6149
102 S. Redwood Hwy.
(in the County Building)
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