



## ***Prairie Falcon Audubon Society***

**"If you take care of the birds, you take care of most of the environmental problems of the world."**

Thomas Lovejoy

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### **~News and Upcoming Events~**

- Annual South Hills IBA Big Day
- Checklist for helping the birds
- Updated Information About Feeders and Avian Flu
- Keep your Hummingbirds healthy and happy!

## **Annual South Hills IBA Big Day**

(OPTIONAL) Friday night, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
Friday night birding begins at 6:00 PM

**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Saturday birding ends at 6:00 PM  
Compilation/Potluck Picnic begins at 6:00 PM

Call or email Karl Ruprecht to sign up:

**208-749-1395**

[ruprechtjk@hotmail.com](mailto:ruprechtjk@hotmail.com)



Karl Ruprecht has been heading up the survey since 2008 so this will be our 14th census (we've missed a year due to nasty weather).

The weather this year will hopefully cooperate so that we can spend an entire day (or more if you owl

the night before) in the South Hills searching out and counting birds. The odds of seeing something different from what you've been seeing at your feeder are very high. Currently I have only 14 species in my yard; fifteen if you count the Sharpie/Cooper's that swoops through about once a week. At this time of year in the South Hills there are more than 175 regularly occurring species possibilities, including the Idaho endemic Cassia Crossbill! 194 species have been tallied altogether over the years.

Please give Karl a call and he will put you on a team. He tries his best to put novice birders with "experts" and to accommodate your wishes as to where, and for how long, you would like to bird.

We finish the day with a simple potluck at the Ruprecht cabin in the South Hills. Everyone is invited, even those who did not bird. Plan to **bring your own drinks, dinner-ware, and something to share** that can stay in a cooler in a car all day long (salad, dessert, veges, fruit, etc.). Audubon will provide place settings and fried chicken (a perennial birder's favorite!).

**Call Karl for more information and to RSVP if you plan to bird or if you plan to attend the potluck picnic. He will provide directions to the Ruprecht cabin and set you up with a team.**

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# Checklist

- Keep cats indoors
- Plant native plants
- Drink Bird-friendly coffee
- Don't release balloons
- Buy a federal duck stamp
- Take someone new birding
- Pick up discarded fishing  
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How to Make Homemade  
*Hummingbird Food*



**NECTAR RECIPE:**

4 cups water  
1 cup cane sugar  
MIX WELL

**ALTERNATIVE METHOD:**

Boil above for 2 minutes  
Store refrigerated for up to  
2 weeks

**PLEASE NO RED DYES OR PRESERVATIVE MIXES**

**DON'T KILL ME WITH A DIRTY FEEDER**

**CHANGE NECTAR AND CLEAN FEEDER OFTEN**

Nectar Changing Guide Based on Outside Daytime Temperature:

71-75°F – 6 days

76-80°F – 5 days

81-84°F – 4 days

85-88°F – 3 days

89-92°F – 2 days

>93°F – Daily

## Feeders and Avian Flu

The Cornell Lab said on April 20 that – unless you keep domestic poultry – you probably don't have to worry about taking down feeders in your yard. The greatest known risk from this virus – so far – is to chickens, turkeys, and other poultry. According to the Lab, the key intervention is to **keep songbirds away from poultry**; it's less important to keep songbirds away from each other. So, for now, make sure that your feeders are **clean**, fill them up, put them up, and enjoy your backyard birds again. We'll keep you posted if recommendations change.



## **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement**

Prairie Falcon Audubon, Inc. fully supports National Audubon Society's statement on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion ([www.audubon.org/about/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-audubon](http://www.audubon.org/about/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-audubon)).

*Prairie Falcon Audubon, Inc. believes that everyone has the right to enjoy birds, the outdoors, and a healthy and safe environment. In order to fulfill our mission to educate the general public about birds, bird watching, and preservation/improvement of the environment that birds and bird watchers share, we will work to include everyone, no matter their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political affiliation, age, or disability. We are committed to building an equitable, diverse, anti-racist, accessible, fun, and inclusive organization that supports birds, and the people who watch them, in our community.*

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