

Calliope Crier

The Yakima Valley Audubon Society is people dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of the natural world. Through birding, education and conservation activities in our community, we raise awareness and promote the cause of global environmental protection.

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AUDUBON CALENDAR

Feb 22 Chapter Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Yakima Area Arboretum.

Mar 13 Board Meeting at Bill Drenguis's house (7708 Popularview Way, 965-5808) at **7:00 pm**.

Field Trips

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Mar 17 Fort Simcoe and Medicine Valley — meet leader Mike Roper (raptornut@charter.net) on the west side of IHOP at the Valley Mall at **9:00 am**.

Other Activities

Feb 16-19 Great Backyard Bird Count — See the articles on this page, page 6 and in the January Crier.

Mar 10 Birding with the Family Class — See article on page 2.

Mar 23-25 — Sandhill Crane Festival in Othello. For more information see the official festival website at <http://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org/>

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Changing Climate and the Polar Regions

with Miles McPhee

Although global in scope, climate change appears to be occurring faster in the polar regions, particularly in the Arctic, than elsewhere. While the reasons for this are not entirely understood, large models of climate have been predicting these changes for some time. It appears to be associated with sea ice - its insulating and reflective properties. Research from polar regions (Greenland and Antarctica) have also provided us exquisite records of past climate going back half a million years, sometimes with unexpected (some would say frightening) evidence of abrupt changes that would be catastrophic if they occurred in the present. Miles McPhee will talk about some of these issues in a general context of how and why we do polar oceanographic research.

Miles grew up in Naches, attended Naches Valley High School, graduated from Stanford in 1968, got a Ph.D. in geophysics from Univ. Washington in 1974. His first polar experience was in 1972 as a grad student. He has been on about 25 polar projects since, several as Chief Scientist, the most recent being the Maud Rise experiment in July-Sept., 2005 in the Weddell Sea, Antarctica. This spring, he plans to participate in both a Norwegian cruise aboard the K/V Svalbard icebreaker, and at the NSF-sponsored North Pole Environmental Observatory.

He returned to the valley in 1984 to set up his own research business. He lives in the Nile with his wife Saundie (who occasionally helps on short field projects). They have three grown daughters: two are scientists, the third is an environmental planner with Yakima County.

Great Backyard Bird Count Morning Walks

Feb 16 — Sarg Hubbard Park 8:00 a.m.

Feb 17 — Poppoff Trail 8:00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At one point or another every fervent follower of the avian observation lifestyle realizes you just can't go birding every day. Sometimes life gets in the way and demands of family, work, or (gasp) other interests prohibit a nice day of birding. Besides mid-winter birding can sometimes be such a drag. Suspended in ice between two migrations, we are sometimes forced to find satisfaction in reflecting on past adventures. That's one of the strategies I like use to get me through those tough birdless times.

I was doing just that this week as I looked over the results of some field trips I had led in the past, for a Columbia Basin College "Nature Studies Class" instructed by Connie Estep. As part of their assignment in 2003, the students were to use their field guides and make a trip list of all birds identified. The following is a list of "Rare and Unknown Bird Sightings" by the CBC students along with the instructors comments in italics.

On or Over water or seen nearby:

Greves

Northern Harriet – *Where was Ozzie?*

Wood Ducks – *but can they carry water?*

Wookpeckers – *new badguys for the Star Wars saga?*

Buffalo head – *coins or ducks?*

White crow sparrow – *another possible hybrid*

Northern Shovel – *keeps company with the Northern hoe.*

Black-eyed Jumpers – *clue: white outer tail-feathers.*

Northern Shufflers – *should see them on the dance floor!*

Black-hill Magpie – *student crossed out bill & put hill*

Gadwall gall and Ring-billed gall – *found on plants?*

High bush cranberries – *high, but could they fly?*

Rain-bill gull – *possible future in irrigation*

Hearing Gull – *has had special training as a service animal.*

Great Blue Herring – *not your usual fish.*

Totally Unknowable:

Night Heroin – *addictive or rescuer?*

Tweets

Virgin Rail – *but only until spring.*

Casterns

Virginia ringtail

Clickers

Double breasted cormorants – *Very stylish!*

Double-crusted cormorants – *a better version of blackbird pie.*

Double crescents

Marsh rend – *now we know what is destroying our wetlands.*

I don't know if this reflects on my ability to communicate as a trip leader or not, but these definitions and Punxsutawney Phil's prediction that spring is just around the corner, have gone a long way in brightening my day. I hope they do the same for you.

— Kerry Turley —

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Yakima: Lorna Loudon, Marion Janshen,

Thank you for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: John Aylmer, Gary Bailey, Charles DeJournette, Mike Finney, E. Gilliam, Catherine Maier, Margaret Morris, John & Elaine Pigion, Alice Presson, Kathryn Reese, William Strange, Melinda Stanojevic,

Grandview: Janet White

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Toppenish: Franklyn K. Brown,

Tieton: Sandra Wasson,

Seattle: Michael Fleming

Sunnyside: Gunter Hadersberger

Please note that the above membership renewals are for Yakima Valley Audubon membership. Renewals to National Audubon are separate and are not listed here.

Debie Brown

Birding Class:

"Birding as a family activity"

Where: Yakima Area Arboretum

Date: March 3, 2007

Time: 10 am-1 pm

**Fee: \$10 YVAS or Arboretum members, \$15 non-members
KIDS FREE**

Make birding a family activity! Join in this class sponsored by Yakima Valley Audubon Society and the Yakima Area Arboretum. Andy Stepniewski and other Yakima Audubon members will teach a class for families with children and teens ages 7 and older. Learn how to share the world of birds with your family. Youngsters will be challenged to learn about 10 different types of birds, teens 20 or so, and parents 25! We'll start with birding from your living room window with feeders. Then, let's go out into the field and expand your horizons with family walks and hikes into areas of natural habitat.

Bring your family and participate. A field trip at the arboretum is included, so bring binoculars if you have them (we will provide loaners if you don't) and clothes for the weather.

Sign-up with the arboretum (248-7337); pre-registration required.

We also need Audubon members to help with the class. Please contact Andy Stepniewski at 877-6639 or steppie@nwinfo.net to volunteer.

CONSERVATION

Reflecting on Conservation Over the last year, here's what I've learned: the things that we can claim as accomplishments – the setting aside of wildlife areas or designations of state forests – are few and far between. That doesn't mean we shouldn't celebrate each time we've actually been able to pull off some protection. But it's in the long haul that Audubon shows its strength. We're watching what's going on, we're being diligent. We gather information, develop knowledge, we go to meetings and public hearings and we speak the truth about the wildlife habitat we have in Yakima County, what would protect it and what puts it at risk. We have lots of eyes. We meet among ourselves. We e-mail a lot. Then we go to more meetings and public hearings and do it again. And again. And again. We keep "them" honest. "Them" can be the County Planning Commission considering the Critical Areas Ordinance or the Department of Defense establishing guidelines to (supposedly) minimize wildfires on the Training Center set by live ammunition. Audubon has been around a long time here, and folks have come to know us as a group that is well informed and that will speak the truth. And that will show up. We don't have a profit or power agenda that distorts our analysis. We marshal resources, we form real alliances, we share information. And we get up in the morning and do it all again. We show stamina and longevity. And we like to watch birds.

Critical Areas Ordinance Update The Yakima County Planning Commission has completed its deliberations and is advancing a draft Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) to the Yakima County Commissioners for adoption. The Planning Commission submission will also include findings of fact and informal side recommendations.

The State Growth Management Act requires that each county protect fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. These include areas with which State endangered, threatened and sensitive species (EST species) have a primary association, and habitats and species of local importance. Given Yakima County's stated intention to do the minimum required to comply with the State law, we haven't assumed the County would suggest any additional habitats and species of local importance. However, our arguments so far have not persuaded the Planning Commission to include even minimal upland habitat protections for State EST species.

On the one hand, in the public hearings, and reflected in their deliberations, the Planning Commission members seemed to be moved by the breadth and detail of information and science arguing that the Upper Wenas is in fact critical upland wildlife habitat. However, the Planning Commission declined to declare the Upper Wenas as a critical habitat area. Rather, the Planning Commission will recommend to the County Commissioners in a side letter that the Upper Wenas should be given consideration as a Habitat of Local Importance if an application for that is made. Audubon or a

local property owner will be able to make a submission, to be considered in a year or two or more, during the Comprehensive Plan 2015 amendment cycle. Truth be told, this process is nothing that was not already available. It shifts to the proponent the burden of proving the importance of the species and the threat to its habitat. In the CAO process, the County is supposed to already be considering best science to determine what EST species are in Yakima County and to protect that habitat.

Yakima County has 2,729,440 acres. The current County approach would protect 577 acres of that as critical wildlife habitat. 107 acres of the basalt cliffs and rocky areas of Selah canyon and the 470 acres Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area would be protected from development. This is land already owned by the Department of Natural Resources, already designated as State protected conservation areas. 577 acres protected out of 2,729,440. You do the math.

Bald Eagle De-listing The Bald Eagle is heading towards being de-listed as an endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Bald Eagle recovery is touted as one of the ESA's great successes. When a species is de-listed, it's an acknowledgement that the species is no longer at the greatest risk. Or it's open season on the species for hunting and destruction all over again. Therein lies the debate over de-listing. When Bald Eagle de-listing occurs, its primary protection will be under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. That act prohibits "disturbing" a Bald Eagle. But "disturb" is undefined.

National Public Radio has reported on an internal government memo it obtained, signed by Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dale Hall. In it, he calls on his political bosses to abandon a key part of their proposal for managing Bald Eagles once they're removed from the endangered species list. Hall asserts that the proposed definition of disturb would be "very difficult to enforce without evidence of a dead or injured eagle." For example, rather than setting a buffer around a nesting tree, the proposed approach would allow use of a jackhammer right next to the tree, so long as you didn't physically poke the eagle.

This approach is part of a continuing pattern of Bush administration attempts to politicize scientific decisions and to strip environmental protections. If there's profit to be made in development, it should be encouraged. This pattern stresses the need for having local protections in place, which brings us back to the Yakima County Critical Areas Ordinance.

— Michael Martin —
Conservation Chair

LOCAL FIELD TRIPS

Please call the leader before the trip to let him/her know you are interested in going. That way, if plans need to be changed, he/she can call you. Also, if no one calls, the leader will know to cancel the field trip and won't be sitting around at the meeting place all alone! Be sure to wear clothing appropriate for the weather and take lunch, snacks and beverages. Also please make a contribution to the driver for gas when you carpool. Contribution should be 25 cents per mile divided by number of people in car, including the driver.



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Mar 17 Fort Simcoe and Medicine Valley — This is a trip through the Lower Yakima Valley. Fort Simcoe boasts the region's largest grove of Garry Oaks, attractive to Lewis's Woodpeckers and White-breasted Nuthatches. Nearby Medicine Valley is great for raptors. This tour is especially good for those wanting to sharpen their identification skills with birds of prey with an expert on raptors. Meet leader Mike Roper at the west side of the Valley Mall IHOP at **9:00 am**. This field

Please contribute for gas when you ride on field trips

With high gas prices it is important for all participants to contribute for gas. Based on four people in a car, here are the totals per person: 100 miles driven on the trip — \$6.50 each; 150 miles — \$9.50 each, 200 miles — \$12.50 each; 250 miles — \$15.50 each; 300 miles — \$18.50each. Please pay your share; if drivers have to pay most of the gas bill, they may quit driving.



An inspector by trade, I suppose it is not unnatural for Denny Granstrand to pursue his birding hobby perusing trees wherever they occur, including cemeteries. A Feb 7 autopsy of a dense cedar tree at the West Wapato Road cemetery exhumed a Northern Saw-whet Owl buried deep in the foliage.

Though we often regard owling as a sport of the night, nocturnal owls have succumbed to daylight of late. At Sportsman State Park, Diane Conrad regularly kicks off her dog walks with views of two perched Great Horned Owls. Behind the First Baptist Church in Wapato, a Barred Owl periodically looms luminous in the shade of a conifer grove.

The Poppoff Trail has continued to proliferate propitious tales and tails since the last Crier. The White-throated Sparrow first noted in November has lingered into February. Of shorter duration was the cameo appearance of a Black-crowned Night Heron on Jan 7. Two Winter Wrens escorted Bruce Eder along a slough's short stretch not far from the sparrow feeding area. Ken Tolonen and Margaret Morris found the Poppoff an excellent place to break in a new binocular with six species each of sparrows and waterfowl ranging from foxy sparrows to baffling Bufflehead.

The trail's greatest tale dusted a niche in the county's winter records when the long tail of a Band-tailed Pigeon dangled in front of John Hebert on Jan 29. The pigeon's perch perchant resulted in photographs by Mike Roper revealing a wound on the bird's upper back. Though its fate is unknown, the Band-tailed was a welcomed first to several Yakima County lists.

Joining the White-throated Sparrow as a rare winter visitor

BIRD SIGHTINGS

prolonging its stay is a Red-breasted Sapsucker first noted at Randle Park during the Dec 16 CBC. In early February, fresh holes drilled by this sap were flowing freely...maybe spring is at hand.



Northern Saw-whet Owl
Photo by George Vlahakis

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The most compelling overwintering saga, however, is occurring at the home of Rick and Patty Weibler where not one, but two Anna's Hummingbirds have been frequenting nectar feeders since October. A fence separates two feeders suspended below metal reflectors housing 200-watt bulbs as the feuding hummers have halved the yard. Patty has established a nurturing routine that only the mother of a newborn could fully appreciate. To protect from freezing, the feeders are brought in at night but rehung at 6:00 a.m. promptly. Nectar is refurbished every half-hour or so during extreme cold. Also brightening the Weibler's yard near 34th and Summitview are a pair of Varied Thrush, Black-capped Chickadees and several Red-breasted Nuthatches.

At other times, even a brief visit by an avian friend can strike wonder and appreciation. Consider the tiny bird that struck the Glead area window of Rose Hards and dropped into the planter box below. Fearing the worst, Rose cradled the tiny waif in her hand, marveling in the subtle beauty of its plumage. After a moment, it roused itself, shook, and then flew away. Realizing it was not a wren as she first imagined, a field guide review revealed her stunned and stunning visitor to be a Golden-crowned Kinglet.

And if a 50th anniversary is denoted as golden, does it not follow that the one-hundredth species to visit your yard would be double golden? And if that species were a Golden Eagle, would the occasion not be considered triple-golden? Such was the case at the 47th Avenue home of Denny Granstrand when a Bald Eagle chased an immature Golden Eagle across an adjacent field. Just weeks earlier, a Eurasian Collared Dove was flushed from Denny's yard by California Quail that rushed at the alien attempting to pilfer seeds scattered on the ground.

Birding to the nines has become fashionable for Stan and Lori Isley. On Jan 7, a tailored respite from yard work rewarded the duo with nine Eurasian Collared Doves during a quick visit to Moxee. A solo trip by Stan occurring after an interval of nine days sewed-up nine Bald Eagles perched along the Yakima River between the Terrace Heights bridge on the Yakima's confluence with the Naches.

Over the past three years, the occasional antics of American Kestrels have mystified Scott Downes. Consistent with prior



Band-tailed Pigeon

observations, down into the Downes' chimney a kestrel once again flew. Seeking warmth or just a quick puff on a smoke?

While driving south of Nob Hill Blvd on 64th Ave, Bruce and Sherrel Hailstone cinched a personal birding first when a Belted Kingfisher threaded through loops of vegetation along Wide Hollow Creek. In years to come, will we find the same Kingfisher working the aisles of a new Wal-Mart eyeing tropical fish or searching for a new belt?

Tampering with Tampico's tranquility in the midst of snowmobile season, Denny Granstrand's eyes flogged a flock of sixty Common Redpolls in water birch eight miles above the store. A few miles below the store, a Prairie Falcon perched high in a Ponderosa Pine piqued Jeff Kozma's karma.

In more mundane terrain, John Hebert's attention at the marshy area south of Sarg Hubbard Park was diverted from a Pied-billed Grebe to a drab lump in the vegetation. Refocusing, a biting image of an American Bittern emerged.

A hike up Ahtanum Ridge planned by one Andrew Stepniewski was derailed at the entrance to Fullbright Park by a Say's Phoebe miming movements more familiar to sparrows and nuthatches as it gleaned from both the ground and tree surfaces. The Phoebe's apprenticed trade of fly-catching provided little opportunity for survival in the valley's sustained cold spell.

When this Crier reaches your hands, the Great Backyard Bird Count will either be on the verge of starting or heading toward conclusion. Even if only one or two days of the count on the long President's Day weekend (Feb 16-19) remain, please participate. George W., he of powdered wig and wooden tooth, could not tell a lie over the fallen cherry tree. And Honest Abe, a man who could be counted on to return anything he borrowed. Honor both men with a truthful count effort.

In politics today, the hatchet is active and borrowing is rampant. Would the two statesmen mentioned be appalled? Will we ever again elect a president with the virtues attributed to these two men? Count right! Vote right...or is it left?

Please e-mail me your bird sightings at Rich712@aol.com or telephone at 965-1134.



Say's Phoebe

Photo by Denny Granstrand

Western Bluebirds returning to the San Juan Islands

Partnership formed to reintroduce native island species

The San Juan Islands Western Bluebird Reintroduction Project will release 90 birds during the next five years. Release areas will initially be concentrated in San Juan Valley, due to its ideal bluebird habitat. Eventually birds may be released on Lopez Island as well.

A partnership consisting of the San Juan Preservation Trust, the San Juan County Audubon Society, the American Bird Conservancy and the Ecostudies Institute, is working to re-establish a breeding population of Western Bluebirds to the San Juan Islands, an area that once served as home for this native species.

There are many ways in which people can participate in this exciting project. A "Bluebird House Party" was held on February 8, 2007, to construct 50-100 bluebird boxes and three or four aviaries. Additionally, the partnership is looking for landowners in the San Juan Valley, and other areas on San Juan Island, who are interested in placing nest boxes on their property. There are also many other ways to get involved — from assisting with bird tracking, nest box placement and nest box monitoring to donation of building materials. To learn more about this project, people can contact Kathleen Foley, Education Coordinator at the San Juan Preservation Trust (kathleenf@sajt.org or 390-378-2461) or Barb Jensen at San Juan County Audubon (skylark@rocksisland.com or 360-378-3068).

Western Bluebirds were considered common in the San Juan Islands up until the 1930s. The last reports of any bluebird nesting activity was in 1964, and bluebirds have been seen only rarely in the islands since that time. The loss of this native songbird locally has been attributed to a lack of nesting sites, through either habitat alteration or competition with non-native birds (primarily European Starlings).

There is good news, however. Bluebirds are cavity-nesters that will adapt readily to nest boxes in the absence of natural cavities. Nestbox programs to replace the loss of cavities in



Male Western Bluebird on its box on the Vredenburg Bluebird Trail along the North Wenas Road.
Photo by Denny Granstrand

snags have been used successfully to restore bluebird populations in many areas of North America. The San Juan Islands Western Bluebird Reintroduction Project hopes to achieve the same level of success on San Juan Island by trapping and relocating breeding pairs of bluebirds from a healthy, viable population at the Fort Lewis Prairie near Tacoma in early March.

HEY, YOU! MONEY! YOUR BACKYARD . . .

A lot of money is being spent to determine the number of birds of each species that visit YOUR backyard Feb 16, 17, 18 and 19 this month. Those are the dates of the tenth annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) co-sponsored by the Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

The focus of the GBBC is on the common species and keeping them common. The intent is to document the distributions and numbers of birds at the end of winter, the season of survival, before spring migration.

Obviously, the count will be incomplete unless the person standing in YOUR shoes tallies and reports the birds occurring wherever in North America you happen to be standing on the count days. Tally the birds in your backyard, a park, a favorite birding area...anywhere.

Take part on one day, two days, three days or all four days. And yes, you can (and should) count the birds in your back-

yard (or any location) on all FOUR days. Just submit a list for EACH location you count on a day. The House Finches in your backyard are as important to the data as an Roseate Spoonbill in Florida.

Although counting in your backyard is great, the true status of birds in our area will be more accurately measured if everyone who is able makes an effort to count other locations as well. There is no limit (other than the 24 hours in a day) to the number of locations a person may survey and report each day.

For additional information, see page 9 of last month's Crier or visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc

No fee or registration required. All ages and skill levels welcome. And it is FUN! Your contribution won't cost you a dime; so count birds while there is still time!

— Richard Repp —

Use the following form for membership in the Yakima Valley Audubon Society. A separate membership is required for the National Audubon Society. Please use the form sent to you for renewal of your National Audubon Society membership. Current membership will be honored until their expiration date. At the time of the renewal of your National Audubon Society membership you will need to send in a membership to the Yakima Valley Audubon Society in order to continue to receive the *Calliope Crier* and other local membership benefits.

YVAS MEMBERSHIP

Join or renew your annual membership to the Yakima Valley Audubon Society to receive ten issues of the *Calliope Crier* and all chapter membership benefits. National Audubon membership and *Audubon Magazine* are not included with your YVAS membership.

Yakima Valley Audubon Membership \$25

Yakima Valley Audubon Senior (62+)/Student Membership\$15

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INTRODUCTORY NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

New members receive membership in the National Audubon Society and the Yakima Valley Audubon Society for the first year with a combined introductory membership. You will receive ten issues of the *Calliope Crier* and four issues of *Audubon Magazine*.

Introductory Membership\$20

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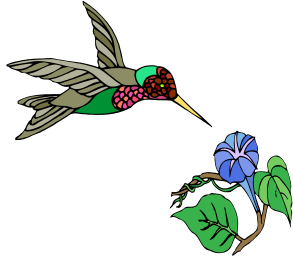
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