



Calliope Crier

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AUDUBON CALENDAR

July 17 Board Retreat at the Robinson's, 430 Clover Springs Road in the Nile (658-2918), **9:00 am**. Everyone who is interested is welcome, just call Andy Stepniewski (877-6639) to say you would like to participate.

Field Trips

- June 23 Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** — meet the group at the Poppoff Trail parking lot at **8:00 am**.
- June 27 Cle Elum to Ellensburg Backroads** — meet leader John Hebert at the 40th Avenue Bi-Mart parking lot at **6:00 am**.
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- July 23-25 Project Ptarmigan** — Yet another expedition to locate White-tailed Ptarmigan in Yakima County. See details on page 4.
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PROFILES

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of profiles of current Yakima Valley Audubon Society members. It follows an earlier series about pioneer Auduboners.

Back Achers and Paradise: The Same Place!

Turn onto the Nile Road from the Woodshed Restaurant along the Chinook Pass Highway, drive 3.2 miles and turn again onto Clover Springs Road. And you will come to the natural habitat of Doris and Larry Robinson. Dubbed "Robinson's Back Achers" in tribute to the hours, days, years they have spent creating it, it is truly, Doris admits, "Paradise".

On a warm end-of-May day, the lilacs are still in bloom at this higher elevation, the trees are mostly leafed out except for the century-old black locusts down in the meadow, the iris and basket of gold and rock soapwort and creeping thyme are in profusion in the gardens and, of course, birds are everywhere.

Signs at the entry gate tell you that both the state and federal wildlife federations have listed the Robinsons' home as an official "Backyard Wildlife habitat".

Larry's domain is the shop in the back of the garage: tools, tools, tools, and above them all, the bird feeders and nest boxes that he is always making, to sell or give away, "depending".

"There's one for a screech owl, for Kerry Turley," he says, and "kestrel boxes for Andy and Ellen", and a flicker box and even some squirrel feeders. "I keep the squirrels happy with raw peanuts in the shell and they stay out of other feeders," Larry grins.

Doris' domain is theoretically a small garage corner for pots, seeds, planters, but her true palace is the series of gardens that surround their two-storey log home.

And for the frequent visitors, the preferred location is the long front veranda, with comfortable chairs, binoculars and scope at hand, and birds and bird songs filling the air all around. Plus an unforgettable view across the Nile Valley.

The Robinsons bought their five acres in 1992 when they retired, he as a detective lieutenant with the Enumclaw Police Department in which he spent 25 years, and she as a registered nurse.

"It was five acres of waist-high dry weeks with a temperature of 100 degrees when we arrived on August 1, 1992. Out of that they have created their "paradise", still a work in

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Visit the Yakima Valley Audubon Society Website at: <http://www.yakimaaudubon.org>

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Beginning Birding Class on May 8, had 25 students, and was a big success. Betsy Martin organized this class, and mailed out ahead of time handouts, which included bird checklists. A number of participants "did their homework" by studying the list ahead of time, even marking their field guides.

The instructors for the class, Ken Bevis, Jeff Krozma, and Bobby Cummins, all shared their area of expertise.

Ken moderated and led discussion, and talked about use of field guides. Jeff covered field marks, and helped with bird identification on the field trips. Bobby instructed use of binoculars. Others helped also. Howard Browers, refuge manager, demonstrated mist netting and bird banding. Everyone was excited to see several birds up close and personal, including a Golden-crowned Sparrow, and even got views of a rarity — Black Tern. Richard Repp was along on the field trip portions of the class and assisted in helping the students view the birds.

The May 15 Annual Big Day..., a thorough search of Yakima County for its birdlife. Many teams visited the impressive array of habitats from valley bottom shrub-steppe upwards in elevation to the snowy Cascades. This effort results in an amazing list of birds. This total makes up the Birdathon pledge total. Please contribute to this fundraiser, the primary solicitation for funds you receive from Yakima Audubon during the year. Whether you pledge an amount contingent upon the number of birds seen or a flat amount, your donation is important!

Lastly, I want to urge you to take time to enjoy the spring landscape. This is my favorite time of year in the Yakima area. Birds, of course, are everywhere. Wildflowers in the shrub-steppe and lower mountains are at their showy best, and the landscape is a study in greens. In short, I can think of few other areas I've visited that are as beautiful as our own local "patch," as the Brits call their favorite areas.

So, go afield and enjoy springs beauty!

— Andy Stepniewski —

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Welcome New NAS/YVAS Members!

Yakima: Bruce & Sherrel Hailstone, Heather Simmons-Rigdan, Susan Talbott

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership

Yakima: Jean Chott, Janet Eder, Rose Hards, Joyce Hernandez, Joyce Lucas, Mark Nuetzmann, Bettie Soden

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

— Bob Wahl —

Volunteers Needed For New Projects at Yakima Sportman State Park

The Yakima Sportman State park manager recently released an Interpretive Plan designed to increase communication between the community at large, park staff, volunteers and available resources such as us (Audubon, WNPS, The Nature Conservancy, etc.).

One of our members, Al Allaway, is looking for help with developing and implementing ideas to support interpretive services in the park. One proposal is a kiosk, which would feature seasonal birds and be changed monthly. Another kiosk could be "Flora and Fauna of the Month", featuring one bird, one tree, one flower and one animal. Other suggestions are welcome, as is assistance with maintaining the kiosks if they are implemented. Contact Al if you are interested in helping: e-mail allaway@nwinfo.net or phone 494-6937.

An Old Haunt Renewed

If I were a bird, migrating through Yakima Valley, I could be attracted to that very large wooded island smack in the middle of the city. There are no building, roads or vehicles under the ancient trees. I am speaking of a mile-long wilderness and natural area in the floodplain of the Yakima river.

The island is part of Yakima Sportsman State Park and boasts over two miles of newly cleared trails, trail markers and seven observation benches placed for hikers to rest. The only access is by foot or horseback. No vehicles are allowed; a true wildlife sanctuary. It's a great place to really get back in nature's deep woods. Some of our folks might even enjoy *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*.

This large island has been pretty much inaccessible since the floods of 1996. The best access is across the dike at flood gate 28, where Keys Road makes the 90 degree turn about a mile south of Terrace Heights Blvd. There is parking there for three or four cars. Another alternative is to park in the state park for the

\$5 fee, then walk north on the dike to one of three marked trail heads, which all merge into one island access. Either way you go, ankle deep wading may be required to cross the seasonal shallow creek that parallels the dike.

I am doing evening campfire lectures and slide programs for the park visitors every Saturday night all summer long (Memorial weekend to Labor Day. I have one night in which I need to find a substitute program. That is for August 21.

Park staff will build the campfire and we need a guest lecturer to speak for about 20 minutes. There is power available and a 6-foot screen is provided if someone would like to show slides. These programs are all outdoors and subject to cancellation due to severe weather. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer (e-mail allaway@nwinfo.net or phone 494-6937).

— Al Allaway —

CONSERVATION

Excerpts from *The Real Clear and Present Danger*

Richard Steiner is a professor and conservation specialist at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. He recently wrote a feature article in the May 30th Seattle Post Intelligencer entitled *The Real Clear and Present Danger*, about the current global environmental / humanitarian crisis. In the following several months of your Crier we will have some of the key indicators of our current condition. These are designed to give you some facts and some food for thought. Your comments are welcomed; e-mail me at insur3@charter.net <insur3@charter.net>.

Water

Fresh water may well be the most precious substance on Earth. People use about half of all available fresh water, causing aquifers to shrink around the world. Some 70 percent of all water used by humans goes to irrigation; most simply leaks and evaporates from inefficient irrigation systems. Some water tables, such as the north China plain, drop by more than a meter a year. Two billion people have no choice but to drink water contaminated with human and animal waste and chemical pollution. The World Health Organization estimates there are 1.5 billion cases of diarrhea a year in children from contaminated water, causing 3 million deaths. Today, water supplies in 36 nations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East are not sufficient to meet grain production needs. In China, 400 cities

suffer from acute water shortages and half of the nation's rivers are polluted. The world lost half of its wetlands in the past century, and more than 22,000 square miles of arable land turns into desert each year. It's projected that in 20 years, the demand for water will increase by 50 percent and two-thirds of the world population will be water-stressed.

Atmosphere

Air pollution exceeds health limits daily in many cities in the world. Some 5,000 people a day die from air pollution, and kids in some cities inhale the equivalent of two packs of cigarettes every day just by breathing the air. Carbon emissions from burning fossil fuel now stand at 6.5 billion tons a year (four times 1950 levels), resulting in atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations 33 percent greater than pre-industrial levels. Global warming is no longer seriously doubted, and nine of the hottest years on record have occurred since 1990. The warming has accelerated the melting of polar ice caps and mountain glaciers; a rising sea level has inundated some Pacific islands, and more frequent and severe droughts, storms and floods cost more than \$50 billion and 20,000 lives a year. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded most of the warming over past 50 years was human-induced.

— Dan Kinney —

Spotted Owls Appear To Be Declining In Numbers

The Federal Agencies have opened a website with the latest information from the ongoing demographic analysis of Spotted Owls in the Northwest.

The primary objectives of the analysis were to estimate numbers-of-young-produced per female, apparent survival, and annual rate of population change, and to determine if there were any trends in the population from 1985-2003. Fourteen separate study areas were analyzed.

The news doesn't look good. Among the preliminary finds:

- Survival rates are declining on five study areas and stable on the remaining nine areas.
- Populations are declining on nine of thirteen study areas and are stationary on four areas. One study area did not have sufficient data to analyze population trends. The average decline across all study areas was 4.1 percent per year.
- For the subset of the eight areas under the federal monitoring program, number-of-young-produced per females rates are declining on four areas, survival is declining on three areas, and five of the eight areas show evidence of a declining population. The average decline for the monitoring program study areas is 2.5 percent per year.
- Declines in population were found across the range of the Northern Spotted Owl. The highest decline is in Washington. Overall in Oregon and California, the decline was at a lower rate. Some study areas in California and Oregon are stable.
- In Washington, the number-of-young-produced per female declined on one of four study areas, and survival and rate of population change declined on all four study areas. The number-of-young-produced per female was highest for the mixed-conifer region of Washington. Populations on the demographic areas under study have declined 40-50 percent over the last decade.

— Tim Cullinan —

Borrowed from *The Sandpiper*, the newsletter
of the Grays Harbor Audubon Society

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 15 cents per mile divided by number of people in car, including the driver.



- June 23** **Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** — Meet the group at the regular place at the parking lot for the Poppoff Trail at the east end of the Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am** for a leisurely tour of a nearby birding area.
- June 27** **Cle Elum to Ellensburg Backroads** — We will head directly to Cle Elum on I-82 and I-90. Then take a slow drive along Hwy-10 between Cle Elum and Ellensburg. We will also checkout Hungry Junction Road and Reecer Creek Road in Ellensburg. Return to Yakima via the Yakima River Canyon. Target birds will include: American Dipper, Gray Catbird, Red-naped Sapsucker, Gray Partridge, Red-eyed Vireo, and various warblers. Meet at the 40th Avenue Bi-Mart parking lot at **6:00 am**. This is an all-day trip exploring areas new to YVAS field trips.
- July 10** **Ahtanum Woodpeckers** — Explore the Middle Fork of the Ahtanum with leader Jeff Kozma, who has staked out over 20 nest cavities of woodpeckers and other cavity nesters. Meet at Wide Hollow Grade School (72nd Ave and Nob Hill) at **7:00 am**. If all the kids have left the nest, they should be very visible chasing their parents begging for food.
- July 14** **Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** — Meet the group at the regular place at the parking lot for the Poppoff Trail at the east end of the Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am** for a leisurely tour of a nearby birding area.
- July 23-25** **"Project Ptarmigan"** Yep, we're going to go look for that most elusive of chickens, the alpine-dwelling White-tailed Ptarmigan. This will be a three-day, two-night pack trip into the Goat Rocks Wilderness Area. Other alpine birds we'll search for include American Pipit, Horned Lark, Gray-crowned Rosy Finch, and Pine Grosbeak. Justice William O. Douglas made this area famous with poetic description of the Warm Lake tucked away at the base of Gilbert Peak. Horses will carry in most of the gear to our camp, a nine-mile hike up the South Fork of the Tieton River. The hike in on Friday will be leisurely, as we bird on the way up the graded trail. Habitat for ptarmigans and other alpine birds lies close to camp; the best terrain for ptarmigan is probably near the toe of Meade Glacier, a ramble from camp. We plan to eat breakfast and dinners as a group, bring your own lunches. You'll need a day pack. Estimated cost for packing dunnage in (and out) is ~ \$100 per person. Leaders Andy and Ellen Stepniewski. 877-6639 or steppie@nwinfo.net Deadline for sign-up: June 30.
- July 28** **Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** — Meet the group at the regular place at the parking lot for the Poppoff Trail at the east end of the Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am** for a leisurely tour of a nearby birding area.

BIRD SIGHTINGS



The Crier in your hand and the calendar on the wall both proclaim that summer is here. The past month's cool temperatures, frequent showers and endless breeze may have lulled you into disbelief but you should have noticed that the birding has been hot. If you shake a tail feather, there is still time to get in on the best of the breeding season.

And if you can't get out in the field, you can bird vicariously through the exploits of our chapter's own A & E treasure, Andy and Ellen Stepniewski. In 1996, a range fire swept across Rattlesnake Ridge above their home. In the ensuing years, weekly hikes have allowed A & E to monitor the re-colonization of the ridge by flora and fauna. In the past month they have witnessed the nests, young and/or breeding behavior of Chukar, Horned Lark, Lark Sparrow and Loggerhead Shrike. A very recent discovery was three singing Grasshopper Sparrows, indeed one of the valley's most secretive species. Farther a field, they spied a Prairie Falcon's nest near mile post 49 on US 97 as well as an Ash-throated Flycatcher.

Teamed with John "Bird Dog" Hebert, A & E took repast in singing Veeries after a quest for nesting Peregrine Falcons on the

cliffs above Cliffdell faltered. Hours later, the trio scored this high-flying falcon virtuoso above Hardy Canyon. The trio celebrated with more ethereal chamber music from Veeries upstream at Debie's Meadow. And where, you ask, is Debie's Meadow? Why, just a stone's throw upstream from the cattle guard at the swampy area of Audubon Road. The meadow is where Debie Brown bushwhacked a bawdy band of Bushtits on the Birdathon. I have visited numerous times recently and verified the Veery, heard drumming Ruffed Grouse but dipped on the Bushtits.

Our trio has also made a couple visits to the aptly named Green Ranch near the end of the pavement on North Wenas Road. They have censused 70 species during their two visits including a rare Red-eyed Vireo and at least eight Gray Catbirds that have tested and teased their ears with tempting titillations of the songs of Blue Jays and Least Flycatchers

Andy has fared well as a solo artist as well. Above the din

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Red-eyed Vireo

Bird Sightings (continued from page 4)

of freeway traffic near I-82 Exit 44, his ear directed his eyes to a first-year American Redstart singing in cottonwoods above a mosh pit of Gray Catbirds and Black-chinned Hummingbirds. Twitchers arriving later missed the headliner but were able to mingle with the abundant mosquitoes and poison ivy. By lowering his bins and switching to his reading glasses Andy, researcher extraordinaire, uncovered a county-first Yellow-

throated Vireo along the middle Ahtanum. It will be interesting to see if "Bird Dog" Johnny can pick up the scent on this one as it was gleaned from a 1902 volume of "The Wilson Bulletin." The actual date of the sighting was May 12, 1895 by none other than William Leon Dawson, the first of stature to chronicle the Birds of Yakima County.

Just how hard is John willing to work to build a mega-year list in Yakima County? Consider a recent day. He started with an early Least

Flycatcher at Hardy Canyon before cooling off with a Winter Wren on Chinook Pass. He spent the afternoon hobnobbing with a Bobolink on Lateral C before circling back to Audubon Road in darkness for the eerie orange globes of Common Poor-wills in his headlights. He has tiptoed up Sedge Ridge for American Three-toed Woodpecker and gone metro following up on Mike Roper's tip on Spotted Sandpipers at a pond on 33rd Street. In a true birding tit for tat, Mike returned to revel in the mini Least Sandpiper John piped up about at the same location.

On Birdathon weekend, Betty Peterson did what 31 birders on twelve teams scouring Yakima County could not do. She viewed a Varied Thrush, one of the few species to escape detection by the dedicated dozen teams that did discover a total of 186 species to equal the record set in 2002. Hopefully, a recap of the Birdathon will be elsewhere in this issue. Denny Grandstrand, teamed with Warren and Sue Terrell, had seven Ash-throated Flycatchers along US 97 at Satus Creek. Denny also led a field trip recently that delighted 16 participants with close up views of Spotted Owls on June 2

Owls were in short supply during the Memorial Day Campout at the Hazel Wolf Wenas Bird Sanctuary with only a lone Pygmy Owl and a family of Great Horned Owls being tallied. However, a graduate of Denny's trip, Ryan Merrill of Kirkland, heard four or five Western Screech Owls calling and caught one in his spotlight on Audubon Road just downstream from the turnoff to the campground the same night as the Spotted Owl trip. At the campout, Ruth Kendrick's feeder drew all three regularly occurring area male species of hummingbirds (Black-

chinned, Rufous, Calliope) as well as a mysterious female that went home on at least one list as a fourth species. At the adjacent campsite, a probe directly into the nest of a Black-headed Grosbeak nest was operable through the roof of the camper of Ross and Diane Bornfleth. Interestingly, both sexes were observed singing while in the nest.

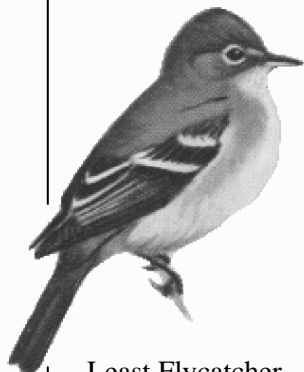
While visiting Hardy Canyon, George Vlahakis, Mac and Merri Knight captured a number of birds including a Pacific Slope Flycatcher on film...or more accurately (?), digitally in pixels. Could Ansel Adams live in this world? Another tale developed when Mac's other shoe dropped. Concentrating on the bushes, trees and sky searching for birds, he neglected to look down and nearly stepped on some Ruffed Grouse chicks. Mother Grouse took umbrage at this over (under?) sight and attacked the offending shoe. Not expecting to go toe to toe, three of our best photographers were caught off guard with their long lenses on and a great shot was lost. Had I been there with my circa 1952 fixed-shutter 620 Kodak Brownie Hawkeye...

While we're on the topic of poking around in the woods, what better subject than cavity dwellers? Jeff Kozma is surveying cavity nesters in the Ponderosa Pine zone. In the vicinity of the middle fork of the Ahtanum, he has located the nests of 7 Red-naped Sapsuckers, 4 Hairy Woodpeckers, 4 Red-breasted Nuthatches, 2 pygmy Nuthatches, 2 White-headed Woodpeckers, 2 Northern Flickers and a Brown Creeper. While he was watching a Hairy tend to young, he heard a Flammulated Owl before being distracted by a Pileated Woodpecker...which he watched until boredom set in. On his way to work (this is work?...with his knowledge of cavities, he should be a dentist)), he extracted a Western Grebe on the freeway ponds near I-82 exit 50.

Wrapping up, Gunter Hadersberger had a Black-crowned Night Heron at Mosebar and an American Bittern at the Satus Wildlife area. If my ears heard correctly, Melinda Stanojevic reported two young at the Buchanan Lake Osprey nest. Jeanne Crawford, whom I suspect watches little TV, observed a large one attempt to carry carrion, presumably a small rabbit, from the shoulder of the road near Escbach park. A species that normally dines in, it is not accustomed to carry out (weak feet?) and lost the load.

Last I heard, John was at 217 species seen in Yakima County this year. To reach the rarified air of 250, where only the birding gurus have been, he may need help. If you do not have access to BirdYak, please report sightings of rare birds to the YVAS voice mail at 248-1963. Let's be proud when Johnny comes marching home on January 1, 2005!

— Richard Repp —



Least Flycatcher



Hairy Woodpecker



Northern Pygmy Owl

PROFILES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

progress, they say.

Although both had had a mild interest in birds, it wasn't until they came to the Yakima area that they developed it.

"We belonged to the Audubon chapter in Auburn," Larry says, "but it was five miles away to their meetings." He grins and adds that "now it's 30 miles." But they come to meetings and Larry is currently field trip chairman.

Look around their home and grounds: bird feeders of varying shapes and sizes and contents hang from the patio; nest boxes – 16 in all for bluebirds, swallows, wrens, chickadees – whoever get there first – are on posts, power poles, under the eaves of the house. They are monitored every Friday by Larry.

Birds are everywhere: Evening Grosbeaks, Say's Phoebes, Western Bluebirds nuthatches, . . . Right now there are ten feeders filled with sunflower chips or seeds just for the 200 Evening Grosbeaks gorging before they go into the mountains.

It is for bird habitat that Doris has created her gardens. "I love gardening and even the weeding," she says.

For the hummingbirds there are coral bells and penstemon; for the fall birds to come, there are coneflowers whose seeds they will devour; for the fruit-loving birds – robins, cedar waxwings, finches – there are flowering crab apples that will produce bird-edible red fruit.

Doris' garden has "lots of common, everyday plants," she says, but others that "no one has ever heard of". She starts many of her flowers inside from seeds and moves plants around her brick-pathed gardens as trees grow and shade. She also nurtures 50 or 60 house plants.

Larry keeps a yard bird list, now up to 113, tabulated in a Peterson's *Western Birds*, his first bird book. He and Doris have tall "his" (birds) and "hers" (flowers) bookcases in their bedroom, the shelves filled with close to 100 books apiece.

The Robinsons celebrated their 47th anniversary on June 8, which is also her birthday. "I was 47," she grins. They have two sons and nine grandkids.

Larry estimates they spent \$1500 on about 2800 pounds of bird feed last year. "The Co-op loves to see us coming in the front door," he says.

Right now, he has a box of 5000 mealworms just for the Western Bluebird with six eggs in a nest box. "If all six eggs hatch, each of the eight birds will get ten worms twice a day," Larry explains. "That's 160 worms for just one day. We'll need all 5000 of them soon," he hopes.

— Jeanne Crawford —

Mist Netting Project at Toppenish Wildlife Refuge

Howard Browers, manager of the Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge, is planning to begin mist-netting and bird banding at the refuge. Exact details are still being worked out, but the first dates will probably be Friday and Saturday, June 25th and 26th. He expects to set up two days in July as well. If you are interested in working on this project, and getting up-close looks at many birds, please contact Ellen Stepniewski at 877-6639 or steppie@nwinfo.net.

The Bluebirds Are Adding Up

At press time, the June 12 monitoring results on the Vredenburgh Bluebird Trail rolled in. A quick tabulation indicates another 58 bluebirds fledged bring the total for the year to 167. There are encouraging signs of second nest attempts in the works with 13 hens setting on nests. The egg count was 85 for the week and 150 nestlings are keeping parents busy hawking bugs. Our lone White-breasted Nuthatch has been consistently noted inside the nest box and may be brooding babies at this point. A few House Wrens and Chipmunks continue to challenge for a very few boxes.

Bequests To Our Chapter

bequest (bi-kwest'), n.

1. A disposition of assets by will.; 2. A legacy;
3. A gift in your will to protect birds, wildlife, and habitat.

As a member of the Yakima Valley Audubon Society, you have helped protect birds and the natural environment with your support. Now, help shape the future by including a gift to Audubon in your will. Bequests may be made directly to our local Audubon chapter or to Audubon Washington (the state office).

Sample language for your attorney:

I bequest to the National Audubon Society., a not-for-profit corporation with its principal offices located at 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my estate). This gift is applied 100% to the permanent endowment of _____ (name your local Audubon chapter or Audubon Washington,) or specify _____% for both.

For further information contact: Leslie Wahl at 452-9183 or e-mail her at: rewahl@televar.com.

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.

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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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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*.

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Introductory Senior (62+)/Student Rate\$15

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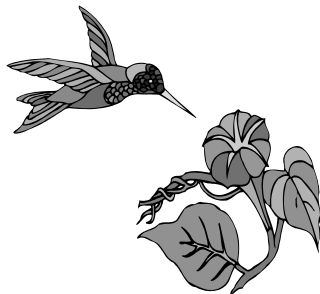
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The Yakima Valley Audubon Society meets on the fourth Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, August, September, and October at 7 pm at the Yakima Area Arboretum, located at 1401 Arboretum Drive, Yakima, WA. Guests are welcome at these meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Society is held the first Thursday of December at 6 pm. The Board of Directors meets each month **except** December at 7 pm at locations announced in the *Calliope Crier*. Members may attend Board meetings; however, please notify the host because of possible space restrictions.

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