

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

July 16 Board Retreat at Larry and Doris Robinson's house at 430 Clover Springs Road in the Nile (658-2918) at **9:00 am**. Chapter members interested in becoming more involved in chapter business are invited.

Field Trips

June 25 Butterflies of the Lower Cascades — meet leader Jim Christensen at **9:00 am** at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot.

Aug 17 Wenas Lake Shorebirds — Meet leader Andy Stepniewski at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at **5:00 pm** or meet the group at the fishing access parking lot at Wenas Lake at **5:30 pm**.

Merri Knight assumes Program chair

Merri Knight has agreed to assume the position of Program Chairperson, for the Yakima Valley Audubon Society. This is a very important position, as programs with the following qualities: informational, inspirational, and entertaining are not all that easy to come by.

Mac Knight will now concentrate on overseeing YVAS chapter website design and upkeep, often a challenging task.

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Least Flycatchers and Western Scrub Jays nesting in Yakima County?



The bird sightings reported in this column were sandwiched between Mother's Day and Father's Day, respectively. How appropriate as we are no longer rushing out to see migrants dashing north or south. Our observations are focused on the 200+ bird species that breed in our area. Birds devote their lives to leaving as many offspring as possible to ensure natural selection preserves their genes.

Two species that have never been documented to breed in Yakima County are creating excitement, as they appear intent on nesting this year. Two Western Scrub Jays continue to visit the yard of Edward Babcock near 26th and Summitview Avenues; they are frequenting an evergreen tree that may contain a nest. An aspen grove near Hardy Canyon has attracted a pair of Least Flycatchers that have had two nests destroyed by weather or predators. Ruth and Patrick Sullivan of Tacoma found the original nest during the Wenas Memorial Day Campout. Denny Granstrand and John Hebert have returned to the site in hopes that the determined pair will persist and succeed in their breeding effort.

Perhaps Picidae parents have been the most prominent cavity nesters cajoling circumspection this month. Seems any sapsucker seeker worth his salt has stumbled upon the nests of several woodpeckers. Aspen groves and/or the black bark of conifers destroyed by fire have been magnets for both birds and bird lovers. Our local trio of photographers (Denny Granstrand, Mac Knight, George Vlahakis) converged on the Mud Lake Burn in late May. Shutters were actively preserving Hairy and White-headed Woodpeckers at a hectic pace when an American Three-toed Woodpecker was discovered. The digital frenzy that followed burned more pixels than the total board feet of timber to be salvaged from the burn itself.

Days earlier at the burn, biologist Jeff Kozma incurred the ire of one of six pairs of Hairy Woodpeckers. Their distress calls attracted a pair of Black-backed Woodpeckers. The three nesting White-headed Woodpeckers in the area chose to remain aloof of the skirmish...evidently marching to the beat of a different drummer.



American Three-toed Woodpecker
Photo by Mac Knight

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



On May 26, William Schilperoot of Harrah wrote a letter to the editor of the Yakima Herald-Republic (Osprey Family Drama), "for the last several years an Osprey family has made their home on a power pole...watching the fuzzy little heads emerge was fascinating as I traveled the...stretch of road to and from Yakima. I'd be hard pressed to calculate how watching the

family of Olivet and Oscar Osprey grow and then fledge has added to the quality of life to those who travel this road. I know anticipating seeing Olivet and her brood's progress made the trip to and fro shorter.

However, the story has a dark side. The pole Olivet and Oscar used sprouted a multitude of industrial sharpened spikes, thus rendering their home site useless."

Clark Satre, Regional Manager Pacific Power, responded on June 1 in the Yakima Herald Republic: "Pacific Power owns the pole south of the Gap, on which the Osprey built their nest. Pacific Power installed a new nesting pole and platform nearby, and took steps to discourage the Osprey from nesting on the power pole.

Osprey nesting on power poles jeopardize service reliability for our customers [that means all of us!], and also place themselves in danger. Throughout the Yakima Valley and elsewhere, Pacific Power has installed dozens of nesting platforms for Osprey and other birds. Most installations are successful, and our customers can see many examples throughout the area. But sometimes for reasons not entirely apparent to us, new platforms are not used immediately. Nonetheless, it is necessary that we take steps to protect both our customers' service and the safety of the birds. I'm confident that the Osprey have found another home, even if not on the platform intended, and perhaps next year another pair will find this platform to their liking."

I find this drama a telling reflection on how society and our Central Washington landscape has undergone great changes over the past half century. Fifty years ago, there were very few Osprey nesting in the Yakima Valley, mainly due to a shortage of suitable habitat. Nationwide, the populations of impressive fish-eating birds were in a steep decline, catastrophic in some regions. The cause of this decline took awhile to figure out, but it was Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* that brought to the public's attention to the egg shell thinning caused by build-up of DDT and other organochloride pesticides in the adult birds body. This hinders calcium production necessary for proper egg shell

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NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Welcome new YVAS Members:

Harrah: Jim & Bonnie Mortland
 Kirkland: Mary Francis Mathis
 Selah: Martha Goudey
 Sunnyside: Steve & Linda Winfree
 Toppenish: Frederico & Margarit Lopez, Katrina Strathmann
 Yakima: Pat Ball, Jerri Dailey, Peggy Fousha, Eleanor & Eric Hohman, Nancy Lust, Terry Morrill, Don Sattler, Mary Shinn, Ruth Solowan, Mary Stephenson

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership:

Union Gap: Mark Nuetzmann
 Yakima: Diana Bailey, Norma Boyer, Jean Chott, Bruce & Sherrel Hailstone, Ronald Hall, Rose Hards, David & Becki Hartwig, Joyce Hernandez, Betsy Martin, Doris Matson, Joan Miler,

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— Bob Wahl —

thickness. Too thin an egg results in breakage while the adult bird incubates. Bingo, no reproduction. Another raptor, the Peregrine Falcon, also virtually disappeared from North America, except for isolated arctic populations, for the same reason. Soon after banning of persistent pesticides, populations of Ospreys and Peregrine Falcons started to rebound and continue to do so, one of the great conservation success stories of our time.

The other major event helping Ospreys in our valley was construction of I-82 in the early 1980s. Immense quantities of gravel were mined to create the interstate. Most of the mining sites are now well-established lakes, whose aquatic ecosystems continue to evolve, becoming more attractive to many forms of wildlife, of which the Osprey is perhaps most conspicuous. Today, we know of well over a dozen active Osprey nests in the Yakima Valley from Selah to Granger, most near ponds created by construction of I-82.

I find the Osprey success story in South Central Washington a heartening reflection on a conservation ethic, though slow in getting established, is now getting entrenched in our area especially in regards to awareness and protection of the magnificent Osprey.

Congratulations to both Rachel Carson and Pacific Power in helping bring and keep Osprey to our valley!

— Andy Stepniewski —

CONSERVATION

CAO/SMP Update

So what's a CAO/SMP, you say?? Another acronym that is becoming old hat in the conservation world that stands for Critical Areas Ordinance/ Shoreline Master Program - the local laws that protect these natural features. And Yakima County is in the process of revising the original CAO/SMP that was adopted in 1995 with the deadline for CAO of December 1, 2006 and SMP of December 1, 2013.

We now know a lot more about CAO/SMP than we did 10 years ago and have a better idea what we, the conservation community, would like to see in these local regulations to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats, and foster healthier, more livable communities. The existing ordinance is being expanded to include three new sections: Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARA's), Fish and Wildlife Conservation Areas and Geologically Hazardous Areas. The Yakima County Planning staff has been working diligently in creating a Best Available Science database, mapping the critical areas covered

in each section of the ordinance and putting forth a draft strategy to follow. At this stage, planning staff is disseminating drafts of each section just prior to holding roundtable discussions with the Yakima County Planning Commission to solicit comments from various interest groups.

Your YVAS conservation team of Dan Kinney, Andy Stepniewski and Leslie Wahl is participating in these roundtable sessions as the lead entity for the only seat provided to all environmental groups and individuals. The first two roundtables have been completed on the CARA's, Geo Hazards and the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas. The next two sections are Steam Corridors and Wetlands on July 13th. If you are interested in participating in the review of the draft documents, preparing written comments or attending the roundtable discussions, please contact a team member for dates and times of the study sessions.

— Leslie Wahl —

Fire Issues on the Yakima Training Center

As you may recall, the Yakima Valley Audubon Society wrote a letter in March to the commander of the Yakima Training Center voicing our concern about summer fires on the installation. Over the past two summers, thousands of acres of Sage Grouse habitat on one of the two remaining populations of Greater Sage-Grouse in Washington have burned. Over the past 20 years YTC biologists have undertaken major studies in order to identify threats to this species and its habitat on YTC, and implement policies to protect it. Fire has been identified as a serious threat to the species.

Greater Sage-Grouse require mature sagebrush stands for food, as well as for nesting and hiding cover. Fires are frequent on the YTC, especially from July through August. These are largely caused by live fire training exercises during the summer dry season. Fires in 2003 and 2004 along the Cold Creek Road, in particular, burned large tracts of prime grouse habitat.

There is little doubt in our minds, and that of the Sage Grouse Working Group, a panel of professional biologists dedicated to preserving this species and its habitat, that these fires have negatively affected the sage grouse population on the training area. Fire prevention may be the simplest and most efficient way to conserve and protect sage grouse habitat on the YTC.

Dan Kinney, Mac Knight, and I met with Lieutenant Colonel Nohmer and senior environmental personnel at the Yakima Training Center on May 11. We are acutely aware and appreciate the challenges the military faces in achieving its mission, which is military preparedness. However, we asked why live fire exercises occur during weather conditions (dry, hot, and windy) opportune for starting a serious fire. And, if these exercises must be conducted dur-

ing hazardous weather conditions, we asked why policies can't be implemented that could drastically reduce risk of serious fires. Specific policies that would significantly reduce risk of serious fires that we posed in the letter included:

1. Limiting live fire exercises on YTC training areas to tracts already recently burned.
2. Conducting live fire exercises in dedicated tracts of the YTC completely ringed by firebreak roads.
3. Avoidance of live fire exercises during afternoon on windy, hot days as relative humidity is much lower in the morning hours.
4. If live fire exercises are required for training, consider using munitions which have the least capability of starting fires. Practice rounds may not necessarily be the least flammable.
5. Consider keeping target areas as small as possible.
6. Increasing readiness and equipment of firefighting crews.

Colonel Nohmer and his staff were well prepared to answer all of our questions. Fires and their effects on the YTC landscape are certainly on the front burner (no pun intended) on this installation. A Federal Fire Risk policy checklist is addressed prior to start of any training exercise. Alterations to the location and conduct of training exercises are made if fire risk reaches too high a level. YTC personnel also explained that several large and damaging fires were started "off post" during each of the past two summers and spread onto the YTC. YTC folks also assured us there had been an increase in firefighting equipment and manpower readiness.

Though our questions were satisfactorily answered at this meeting, YVAS will continue to monitor fires, their suppression, and effect on the shrub-steppe on the YTC.

— Andy Stepniewski —

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 25 Butterflies in the Lower Cascades** — Meet leader Jim Christensen at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart at **9:00 am** (watching butterflies already sounds great — you can sleep in and still make the field trip!). This will be a great introduction to the butterflies in our Cascades with one of Washington's experts!
- July 9 Mt. Adams Country** — Meet leader John Hebert at **7:00 am** (butterfly watching looks better already) at the IHOP parking lot at the Valley Mall for a trip to an area we seldom visit. The "hope-to-see" list includes Hermit Warbler, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Red-breasted Sapsucker and possibilities of some rarities. This trip is sure to add several species to your Yakima County list.
- Aug 17 Wenas Lake Shorebirds** — Meet leader Andy Stepniewski at **5:00 pm** at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot or get to Wenas Lake as soon as you can. This is a great trip for those who don't know a Least Sandpiper from a Lesser Chocolate Chip Cookie or those hoping to find a Red-necked Stint. In other words, it is a great introduction to the wonderful world of shorebirds and yet has the possibilities of the rarities the hard-cores dream about.

Green Ranch fieldtrip and picnic attracts 25 members and guests

The Yakima Valley Audubon Society held a fieldtrip and picnic June 4 on the 400-acre Green Ranch in the Wenas. About 25 Auduboners and guests attended, first canvassing the various habitats, then enjoying a potluck lunch along beautiful Wenas Creek.

About 60 species of birds were tallied. We found the riparian habitat, of exceptional quality on the ranch, to hold the most birds. We found at least five showy Red-naped Sapsuckers, including a nest in an aspen bole. Amazingly, we found a tiny Black-chinned Hummingbird nest high in a Black Cottonwood. Other common species of the riparian zone included Western Wood-Pewee, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, House Wren, Veery, Gray Catbird, Nashville, Yellow and MacGillivray's Warblers, Black-headed Grosbeak, and Bullock's Oriole.

Three species closely associated with high quality riparian habitat were found. These were Eastern Kingbird, Veery, and Gray Catbird. These are all bird species more typical of eastern North America that reach the edge of their range in the Pacific Northwest only in high quality riparian habitat. I kept alert for Least Flycatcher and Red-eyed Vireo, two more "eastern" species occasionally found in the Wenas and also typical of eastern deciduous forests, but didn't find any.

The shrub-steppe habitat uphill from the riparian zone proved excellent for close views of both Vesper and Brewer's

Sparrows. In the distance, we could hear the beautiful song of Western Meadowlarks, which also is typical of this habitat.

We just strolled a short distance to seek out birds of the Ponderosa Pine forest, unlogged on the ranch for about 100 years. Several in the group had brief views of a White-headed Woodpecker. More obliging were Cassin's Vireos, Mountain Chickadees, White-breasted and Pygmy Nuthatches, Townsend's Solitaires, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and Western Tanager.

Overhead, we saw and heard Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, a speeding Prairie Falcon, and first of year Common Nighthawk. A couple small parties of Red Crossbills also flew about overhead, one briefly alighting on bare branches along the creek before deciding there weren't in the proper sort of tree (pines) that might have their food.

Looking over the list we compiled over lunch, I cannot help but reflect that there is no other site in the Yakima region where a morning's walk can match what we found

on the Green Ranch. To be sure, one can easily see 60 species by driving to various habitats. But, I can't think of another place where a morning's birdwalk can result in such an impressive tally. This is a primary reason why the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Yakima Valley Audubon Society are focusing on preserving the Green Ranch as natural habitat, a wish of Gary Green, too.



Brewer's Sparrow in the shrub-steppe area of the Green Ranch
Photo by Mac Knight

Bird Sightings (continued from page 1)

The June 11 YVAS field trip targeting woodpeckers along the Middle Fork of Ahtanum hit the bull's eye. At the Sedge Ridge burn just above the Ahtanum Campground, recently fledged Black-backed Woodpeckers tagged nonchalantly after



**Pileated Woodpecker
feeding the kids!**

Photo by George Vlahakis

dad, enjoying the fruits of his labor. Active Hairy and White-headed Woodpecker nests at this location allowed Jeff to demonstrate a camera probe he uses in his work to record data on cavity nesters. The probe can be inserted into holes up to 35 feet above the ground to verify nesting activity. Data collected will hopefully help shape forest practices that will ensure continued nesting success for many of our local breeding species.

In a small aspen grove above the Middle Fork Ahtanum Creek, Jeff delighted the group with five species of woodpeckers nesting in close proximity of one and other. Pileated Woodpeckers feeding three young in the nest were the biggest treat; Hairy,

White-headed Woodpeckers, Red-naped and Williamson's Sapsuckers all were active at the site.

Bird lovers fond of food found the field trip to the Green Ranch in the Wenas a double delight. Organized by Ellen and Andy Stepniewski and hosted by Gary Green, the birding tour turned up 60+ species including nesting Red-naped Sapsuckers and the diminutive Black-chinned Hummingbird. The riparian leafy-greens served up appetizers including Gray Catbirds, Veery and MacGillivray's Warbler. Although the species tally adhered to Andy's strict scrutiny, the ensuing potluck was on the honor system...calorie counting per consumer's conscience.

Bobolinks, one of the county's last breeding birds to return each year, were linked to



**Gray Catbird
Photo by Mac Knight**

their traditional breeding grounds near Toppenish Creek on Lateral C by Kerry Turley on May 24. In less than 3 months, the males will undergo a molt that will transform their striking black, white and buff plumage into the drab brownish, streaked look of the females. Soon thereafter, they will embark as a group on their 6,000-mile fall migration to South America.

Inspired by at least five singing Gray Catbirds sleuthing along the Poppoff Trail, John Hebert launched an early morning assault on the Yakima Training Center. The lack of training by human soldiers enabled him to engage sparrow sentinels singing territorial warnings from atop sage. Coveted and combative as any, the tiny Grasshopper Sparrow ranked highest among his captures. Sage, Brewer's and Vesper Sparrows also called a steady cadence as they marched along defended sovereign boundaries.



**Sage Sparrow
Photo by Denny Granstrand**

American White Pelicans continue to wander along the Yakima River. Norma Boyer noted 20 to 25 of these buoyant swimmers in the lower portion of the Yakima River Canyon on Memorial Day weekend. Glorious to observe but why aren't the pelicans mating? To my knowledge, this species has not been documented as breeding in Yakima County.

On a more positive note, Bill and Sue Ericksen have several Black-headed Grosbeaks lingering near their Sawyer home in mid-June. Nearby riparian habitat will probably accommodate the grosbeaks for successful nesting.

A striking leucistic or partial albino Evening Grosbeak (solid yellow with an all white tail and wings) spent several days plying the feeders at Dorothy Baughman's home near 70th and Tieton Drive.

What a year for the Evening Grosbeaks! I'm out of seed and afraid to look outside. Have they gone yet?

For the next several weeks, we can kick back and enjoy the birds that have chosen our valley to rear their young. Breathe deeply! All hail our airs heirs.



**Evening Grosbeak
Photo by George Vlahakis**

— Richard Repp —

YVAS "Design a Backyard Wildlife Habitat" Contest

One of the popular attractions at the Selah Communities Days festival

In May, YVAS and YVAS member, Jan Brydsen co-sponsored the design contest for Selah students during the Selah Community Days celebration. Winners were announced at the Selah Community Days Festival in the park on May 22nd. Students were challenged to come up with designs that considered water, food, shelter and nesting for birds and other wildlife.

Their yards designs were all unique and well thought out. All first place winners received \$100, second place winners received \$50 and honorable mention winners \$25.

Winners in the high school division: Esther Lynch, first place, Ashley Day, second place and Kara Roberts, honorable mention.

Winners in the junior high school division: Nate Lynch, first place, Ms. Blooms either grade science resource room (Casey Asbell, William Ayala, Cody Baxter, Chris Chambers, ed Clark, Weston Colligan, Buddy Holmes, Daniel Long,

Roberto Valencia and Miguel Zepeda) second place, and honorable mentions Lukas Brooksby, Cody Baxter and Briane Winterfeld.

Katherine Winterfeld was awarded first place in the Intermediate school division. All the students were invited to the May chapter meeting for additional recognition from the general membership and the Arboretum graciously agreed to display the projects at the Yakima Area Arboretum during the month of June.

Jan and I want to thank Maia Mittelstaedt for her help in formatting the contest and making the certificates, Larry and Doris Robinson, Alice Nevue, Mrs. Fisher (Jan's mom) for staffing the Audubon booth in the park, and the Yakima Area Arboretum for their display space. We also thank the Selah Community Days organization for welcoming the contest into their slate of events. It was great fun!

— Leslie Wahl —

Snow Mountain Ranch Dedication June 24, 2005

The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land invite all Audubon members to celebrate the dedication of Snow Mountain Ranch and learn about plans for the William O. Douglas Trail. The dedication will be from 1:30 to 2:30 PM on Friday, June 24, 2005. Snow Mountain Ranch is located on Cowiche Mill Road just across from the Cowiche Creek Nursery. RCVF to John Aylmer at 966-4779.

Snow Mountain Ranch is located ten miles west of Yakima, adjacent to the Cowiche Unit of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. In January, the Trust for Public

Land and Cowiche Canyon Conservancy purchased 1,700 acres of the ranch for recreation and conservation.

The Conservancy is developing a plan for hiking trails and will grant access on a portion of the ranch to the Pegasus Project, a local nonprofit that provides horse riding therapy to kids with special needs. The project is also an important step in the recovery of threatened steelhead in Cowiche Creek. Snow Mountain Ranch is also a key stop on the proposed Yakima-to-Mt. Rainer William O. Douglas Trail, which follows one of the best known hiking routes of the late U.S.

Beginning Birding Class May 14 a success!

On May 14, YVAS held a beginning bird class for 25 students. Jeff Kozma and Andy Stepniewski each took turns with teaching duties. After the "classroom" session, we went out onto the refuge dikes, viewing the many water and marsh birds. Richard Repp, John Hebert, Larry Robinson, Kerry Turley, Mac and Merri Knight, and Ellen Stepniewski assisted with field identification while out on the bird walks and at the refuge kiosk. Everyone had an opportunity to get excellent views of a number of beautiful marsh birds including Cinnamon Teals, Northern Shovelers, Black-necked Stilts, Wilson's Phalaropes, and Yellow-headed Blackbirds. The star of the show, to many, were close views of three fluffy juveniles and one adult Great Horned Owl peering down at us from their perch outside the new refuge headquarters building. In all, about 50 species of birds were identified during the class.

Refuge Manager Howard Browers deserves our special thanks in providing the venue and sharing of several birds he

banded in the shrubbery around the headquarters building. One was a MacGillivray's Warbler, a beautiful male, on its way to its breeding grounds in moist thickets in the mountains or to the north. Another was a smart adult-plumaged Golden-crowned Sparrow, a handsome creature, indeed. Looking at small birds in the hand I believe is a very good way to interest novice birders. They are such beautiful creatures! It's incredible to reflect on the fact some will fly several thousand miles between their summer and winter quarters.

Richard Repp meticulously took care of class sign-up details, a detail-oriented task. Thanks Rich!

Gaylord Mink filmed the class session and will be putting together a video with the teaching tutorial plus footage on birds of the refuge; we look forward to seeing this product, Gaylord!

The class generated 14 new local memberships and about \$150 of revenue in excess of expenses.

Thanks everyone who helped make this a very good event!

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.

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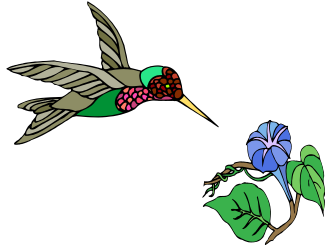
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The Yakima Valley Audubon Society meets on the fourth Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, August, September, and October at 7 pm at the Yakima Area Arboretum, located at 1401 Arboretum Drive, Yakima, WA. Guests are welcome at these meetings. 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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