



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

Aug 19 Board Retreat at Larry and Doris Robinson's house at 430 Clover Springs Road in the Nile (658-2918) at **9 am**.

Field Trips

Jul 13 Thursday Morning Bird Walk — meet the group at the parking lot at the Valley Mall entrance to the Yakima Greenway Pathway at **8 am**.

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Jul 28-30 Mt. Adams Ptarmigan Trip — Car camping and hiking on the north side of Mt. Adams. See Field Trips on page 4.

Aug 5 Chinook Pass hike — Meet leader Debie Brown (248-3878) at the 49th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at **7 am**.

Other Activities

Jul 8-9 Yakima Folklife Festival — To help in the Yakima Valley Audubon booth, see article on page 2.

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Acorn Woodpecker returns to Fort Simcoe

Call it destiny or call it fate. It was bound to happen in Yakima County and on June 12 it did. On the staid grounds of Fort Simcoe the clown bird (Acorn Woodpecker) and birding clown (Richard Repp) came face to face. The center ring under the big tent of a Barnum and Bailey Circus would have been a more appropriate setting, though.

While doing a citizen science survey of the nesting cavities at Fort Simcoe, Bill Drenquis was humoring Richard's efforts to spish up additional species along the parade field's perimeter for their bird list. A woodpecker casually lilted in and stuck like a dart to the trunk of a large oak.



When the bird's red cap and white eye filtered around the cataracts in Richard's eyes, his voice rose from its normal (he wishes) Barry White baritone to falsetto highs rivaling Prince's rendition of Kiss.

The Acorn's face is unmistakable and the encounter was a total gas. Fortunately Dr. Drenquis is skilled in retrieving souls from an ethereal state and the two were able to confirm several of the bird's field marks.

Acorn Woodpecker at Fort Simcoe Photo by Denny Granstrand

As Kerry Turley was able to relocate the woodpecker the next morning, it is hoped that the bird will linger at Fort Simcoe long enough for others to view. (Editor's Note: Denny Granstrand saw it on Father's Day). Richard continues to hyperventilate as he dreams of a local colony of these clown-faced woodpeckers.

This is the second published sighting of Acorn Woodpecker in Yakima County. The first was also at Fort Simcoe on March 25-28, 1979. They are regularly found in the Lyle area along Old Highway 8 and Balch Lake Road. A dead tree south of Old Highway 8 has been used for many years as a granary tree, with the woodpeckers storing acorns in the holes they drilled for that purpose.

— Richard Repp —

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Yakima Valley Audubon Board Retreat August 19

**This is a great opportunity to
get involved in our chapter**

The Board of Directors of our chapter is having its annual retreat at Larry and Doris Robinson's house on August 19. We are encouraging all members who are interested in getting more involved in chapter activities to join us.

The retreat is traditionally a fairly laid back affair, with committee reports, planning future activities and watching birds from the comfort of the Robinson's deck overlooking the Nile Valley.

We do have some important business this year. There are several open board positions including Vice President, Education, Courtesy and Volunteer Recognition. If you think you might be interested in filling one of these slots, please e-mail or call Denny Granstrand (dgranstrand@charter.net or 453-2500) for more information.

Even if you don't think you can take on a board position, the retreat will give you an opportunity to see the board in action and even offer suggestions.

Vredenburg Bluebird Trail on the Verge

Celebrating 25 years of Bluebirds in 2006

The monitor sheets from June 11 reveal that six Western (Box 79) and ten Mountain Bluebirds (Boxes 108 and 124) have fledged from the nest boxes of the Vredenburg Bluebird Trail on North Wenas/Umtanum Road. Our wet winter and spring have evidently delayed the bluebirds' nesting activities. Last year at this time, just over 100 bluebirds had fledged.

However, the monitor sheets also show 91 bluebird eggs and 283 nestlings in the boxes. Therefore, the next two weeks hold a huge potential for building this year's fledgling total. As additional young leave the nest, we should start to see indications of the number of second broods the season will produce. Hopefully, the bluebirds will anticipate great weather and a steady supply of bugs for the remainder of the summer to encourage them to initiate another cycle of eggs.

Six Mountain Chickadees fledged from Box 8, and Box 23 is on the verge of releasing 5 White-breasted Nuthatches into the pine forest. And for the first time in my memory, a House Finch has selected one of our boxes (# 93) for its nest site. Larry Robinson reported five fuzzy white chicks there on June 3.

Other species competing for nest boxes include 8 House Wrens and 3 House Sparrows.

We do have openings for monitors for the second and third weeks in July. Please contact me if you are interested in participating. I remain optimistic that the trail will enjoy Brobdignagian numbers of second broods to ensure that the Trail's 25th year will be extremely productive.

— Richard Repp —

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Granger: Kyle Helsey & Diane Liebe

Yakima: Susan & Roger Head, M. Reese Lolley

Naches: Norma Anderson

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Don Sattler, Stan Belsher, Connie Hughes,

Jan & Judy Gano, Lee Hunsperger, Peggy Fousha

Grandview: Bob & Joy Fay

Naches: Larry & Doris Robinson

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

Thanks to Merri Knight

Other commitments are forcing Merri Knight to resign as Program Chair. Merri has served in that position for about a year and we heartedly thank her for her work in providing us with very interesting and entertaining programs.

Andy Stepniewski will take over the position of Program Chair. He is well-qualified, having filled that position on the YVAS board for a period of about ten years between his terms as our chapter president.

YVAS Booth at Folklife Festival

Yakima Valley Audubon will have a booth at the Folklife Festival on July 8 and 9 at Franklin Park.

If anyone would like to volunteer for part of either day, please call Bob Wahl at 452-9183. Volunteers in the past have had a good time talking to the public about Audubon and birding. You can also hear a lot of great music for free. The food offered at the festival is delicious, though not free. So you can go to the festival activities, have a great meal and then sit in the YVAS booth and meet and greet visitors. Or, eat after your time in the booth. Either way, it is a great way to spend the day!

CONSERVATION**Water Storage in the Yakima Basin**

Additional water storage (new dams) are being considered for the Yakima basin. The environmental impacts and implications are complicated. Global warming forecasts for the Northwest all predict substantially less snowpack, with hotter and drier conditions in Central Washington. More winter Cascade rain. Without additional storage, this runoff will be lost for agricultural uses. Also, without additional storage, there will be greater pressure to use existing in-stream flows for agriculture, which will negatively impact fish populations and habitat.

The preferred scheme seems to be “off-flow” storage. Instead of damming a river, creating a barrier to migrating fish, water is pumped out of the river and collected elsewhere. Banks Reservoir is a good example, flooding a dry coulee to create additional storage.

Two events have taken place recently regarding plans for additional Yakima basin storage. First, the US Bureau of Reclamation released a report on storage alternatives. One alternative, the Wymer Dam and Reservoir, was deemed sufficiently viable to merit further study.

Rejected were a Bumping Lake enlargement, and a Keechelust-to-Kachess pipeline to increase capacity from Keechelus Lake. Reclamation’s modeling showed that enlarging Bumping Lake would be detrimental to the Bumping and Naches Rivers because there would be decreases in the quantity of flow and a shift of the timing of spring flows. In addition, adjacent creeks and streams would be inundated. The Keechelust-to-Kachess pipeline had insufficient positive impact to merit continued study.

The Wymer reservoir would be constructed on Lmuma Creek, about 1½ mile upstream of its confluence with the Yakima River in the Yakima Canyon. The 174,000-acre-foot-capacity reservoir would extend to just under I-82. It would be filled by a new pumping plant operating when Yakima River flows are available and not required for downstream needs (primarily in the winter and spring). Releases in summer would provide water for irrigation in the Lower Valley. During dry years, the reservoir could also possibly benefit fish thru pulse or flushing flows during the spring.

The Wymer area currently includes basalt canyon country, with good raptor nesting sites for Prairie Falcon, Golden Eagle, and Red-tails. Aggressive grazing has destroyed any previous habitat there for shrub-steppe birds. It’s hard to say whether raptors would continue nesting above a lake or would relocate elsewhere.

Reclamation will now study the Wymer alternative in more detail this summer, along with Black Rock. Reclamation seems to be conducting these studies thoroughly and seriously. Its methodology and conclusions thus far are set out on its website and are surprising clear and understandable. A map of the area

covered by the Bureau’s feasibility study can be found at http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/storage_study/pdf/map.pdf.

In contrast to these careful considerations is the decision by Yakima County commissions and the Port of Sunnyside to conduct a study on how adding a resort complex at the proposed Black Rock reservoir would “be a boon to recreation.” Black Rock already has a number of unanswered issues. The amount of storage capacity being proposed far exceeds current needs and clearly contemplates additional acreage being converted to agriculture and municipal development. Just where is that going to happen? Will a plan touted as keeping more water in the Yakima River for fish habitat be applied in a way to tear out shrub steppe habitat? Making Black Rock a recreational resort would be disastrous. Think of Lake Keechelus at the top of Snoqualmie Pass as an example of a reservoir designed to capture run-off for release in drier months. The lake level fluctuates wildly. Resort interests will push strongly not to allow that fluctuation to happen at resort Black Rock. The lake would be kept full, especially during summer, for boating and water skiing. The oft repeated premise behind Black Rock is that Columbia River water could be pumped up during winter and early spring run-off, when proponents assert there is plenty of Columbia water. Lake draw-downs for Lower Valley farmers would be made in the hot summer months. Adding recreational and resort uses would require Columbia River water to be continuously pumped up into the lake throughout dry summer months. Even tho the Columbia is a big, big river, there’s not enough water during the summer to sustain this. Power utility and salmon interests are already squabbling over not-enough Columbia River water in the summer. A resort proposal doesn’t make sense.

Tieton Forest Collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In late May, the US Forest Service, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and The Nature Conservancy entered into the Tieton Forest memorandum of understanding. Primarily, the MOU serves as the charter for the Tieton Forest Collaborative that over time will restore the dry forest and shrub-steppe zones to a more sustainable species composition and structure within a core planning area located in the Naches Ranger District and Oak Creek Wildlie Area. In addition, knowledge gained thru the process will be shared to promote dry forest and shrub-steppe restoration on other portions of the east slope of the Cascades. Besides identifying goals, which include additional land acquisition and recovery planning for federally listed species, the MOU commits the signers to work together to seek private and public funds as needed to achieve the goals. This is the successful framework, working together, already used to acquire and preserve the Tieton property. Kudos to all groups involved. The entire MOU can be read at:

ncfire.org/documents/TietonCollaborativeMOU.doc

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



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Jul 28-30 Car camping and hiking trip to north side of Mt. Adams — Contact: Andy and Ellen Stepniewski (877-6639 or steppie@nwinfo.net). This Friday through Sunday trip targets White-tailed Ptarmigan, the near-mythical grouse of the Cascade alpine zone. Why mythical? Well, Ellen and Andy have now done so many hikes and backpacks, some of them Yakima Audubon trips, looking for this bird that it's starting to become a joke. Just where are the ptarmigan? This year, we're heading to a little-known area of Yakima County: the north base of Mt. Adams. We'll car camp near Taklakh Lake, at a US Forest Service campground with beautiful views of Mt. Adams. On Saturday and Sunday, we plan day hikes of 5-8 miles to above treeline on Mt. Adams to look for ptarmigan. Other birds we'll target include Hermit Warbler, American Pipit, and Gray-crowned Rosy Finch. Even if the ptarmigan fail (once again) to show, this is a good chance to explore an off-the-beaten-track part of south-central Washington.

Aug 5 Chinook Pass Hike — The wildflower display at Chinook Pass is justly famous, as are the views of Mt. Rainier. But wait! There are lots of mountain birds to be looked for, including various raptors, Blue Grouse, swifts, hummingbirds, jays, various warblers and sparrows, on this five-mile hike. Debie Brown will be leading the trip, which starts at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart at **7 am**.



BIRD SIGHTINGS

As the summer issue of the Crier is distributed, the return of all the valley's breeding birds has been documented once again.

A pair of our brightest breeders, Bullock's Orioles, besieged a fresh hatch of mayflies as Yellow-headed Blackbirds creaked at the Kittitas

home of Bill and Deborah Essman on May 21. A few days later, a particularly handsome male Bullock's crowned a tall pine at the Selah Heights home of Michael and Betsy Martin.

Two species that traditionally arrive in late May, Common Nighthawks and Bobolinks boomed and bubbled, respectively, their way into the valley. Scott Ray notched the Nighthawks over the Yakima River along Highway 24 on May 20. According to Andy Stepniewski, Bobolinks were bouncing in their preferred fields along Lateral C. The fields appear to be in better condition due to higher precipitation this year.

A singing male American Redstart flirted with Scott Downes along North Wenas Road just down from the parking area for the Umtanum Falls trailhead on May 21. Redstarts are suspected of breeding in Yakima County but confirmation has remained elusive. On May 25, Scott separated two Black Swifts among many Vaux's above milepost 34 of Highway 97. Three weeks later, and ten miles closer to Toppenish, Mr. Downs detected a Highway 97 Western Scrub Jay.

Western Scrub Jays also continue to defy breeding confirmation in Yakima County. Andy has heard Jays on several

recent Fort Simcoe visits. A bold Scrub Jay sashayed into Elizabeth Haven's feeding station a half mile below Tampico giving her a yard first on May 18. Though reports continue to mount, we have no juvie-jays to count.

Another sighting of note along our local highways (perhaps we should nominate a highway for a IBA) centers around a Burrowing Owl that has been perching on a post near milepost 27 on Highway 24. To delight in photos of this owl, check the web page of Merri and Mac Knight.

On a whim, Jeff Kozma thrust his portable nest camera into a Mud Lake burn cavity utilized by Northern Flickers last year only to be octo-eyed by four Northern Saw-whet Owlets on the verge of fledging. Jeff closed out the month of May with a drive past Wenas Lake where he spied three airborne Caspian Terns.



Burrowing Owl (June 2, 2006)
Photo by Mac Knight

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Bird Sightings (continued from page 4)

During the second week of June in Terrace Heights, Diane Conrad's neighbor's yard sprouted a Yellow-headed Blackbird. Common Nighthawks were weaving evening patterns through low flying insects during the same period. On May 29, a Lewis's Woodpecker at the northern entrance to the Cowiche Canyon Trail was deemed to be away from its more normal haunts by Janet and Bruce Eder. Also out of place, at least for the date of 5 June, was a Cassin's Vireo singing in a row of Parker Heights' conifers curated by Andy and Ellen Stepniewski. This solitary vireo's song would be more expected in a Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir habitat at this time of year.

A female Black-chinned Hummingbird made hummingbird viewing at the annual Audubon Memorial Day Campout a bit more difficult at the streamside campsite of Ruth Kendrick. From a nearby perch, the feisty female (the hummer, not Ruth) would dive-bomb any interloper seeking sugar.

In one of the early reports of what has become a statewide spate of Northern Mockingbird sightings, Myra Dorsey's son had logged a week's enjoyment of this species song from a restricted area of the Hanford site by May 11. Already repertoire rich, this species has no need for further uranium enrichment or mutation of its songs.

An early March (the 11th) record of a Harris's Sparrow at the Poppoff Trail by John Hebert proved to be the latest spring sighting of that species in Yakima County, and possibly the first one seen in breeding plumage. On June 3 while unloading yard trimmings at the county landfill, an estimated 400 gulls serenaded John. While most were California Gulls, a few Ring-billed Gulls were in their midst. Keeping a dignified distance were a pair of adult Bald Eagles perched upon posts. On June 9, John toured the Satus Wildlife Area near Granger and tallied dozens of Willow Flycatchers, Gray Catbirds and Eastern Kingbirds.

At their home along Konnowac Pass, Ron and Debie Brown are once again enjoying resident Red-tailed Hawks training offspring

the skills of hunting. After sunset, Common Poorwills can be heard calling along the base of the Rattlesnake Hills.

Ash-throated Flycatchers are a delightful but somewhat difficult species to locate in Yakima County. Andy Stepniewski recently encountered a calling Ash-throated near milepost 180 on Highway 12, the farthest west in Yakima County the species has been recorded. This year, he has also heard them in Hardy Canyon and on Memorial Day, he identified five individuals singing around the parade field's perimeter at Fort Simcoe.



Ash-throated Flycatcher
Photo by Denny Granstrand

After learning of an Acorn Woodpecker (see page 1) at Fort Simcoe, Kerry Turley arose to reveille at 4:30 the next morning. Upon dismounting at the Fort, he had exactly one hour for maneuvers before departing to make a work formation in Sunnyside. As a deacon, he is accountable to a higher power. After 55 minutes of pressure-packed searching, he was forced to retire to the latrine. He emerged with three minutes remaining and was immediately called to attention. There was barely time to exchange a quick salute before the Acorn and deacon went separate directions. Three days previously, Kerry teamed with Denny Granstrand in chasing down a Clay-colored Sparrow, a Bay-breasted Warbler, a Black Phoebe, and a Baltimore Oriole west of the Cascades. And you thought Ichiro was having a hot streak!

Two recent YVAS field trips were very successful. Jeff Kozma's woodpecker excursion tapped eight species of woodies including Pileated and White-headed Woodpecker as well as Red-breasted and Williamson's Sapsucker. Andy's flycatcher trip swatted 11 fly species including four Least Flycatchers at Hardy Canyon. While Least are found in numerous Washington counties, they are still considered rare throughout Washington.

Considering the success rate of our recent field trips, this may be the year to join a hot hunt for a cool bird. Details of the White-tailed Ptarmigan trip are elsewhere in this Crier.

Please send me your bird sighting by e-mail at Rich712@aol.com or phone me at 965-1134.



Pileated Woodpecker feeding the kids
Photo by Mac Knight

Do we dare let Richard go out in the woods alone again?

This morning I ventured up the Middle Fork of the Ahtanum in hopes of relocating the Red-breasted Sapsucker that was found on Jeff Kozma's YVAS woodpecker field trip on June 3.

I arrived at the small pond about 1.5 miles beyond the work center and was greeted by a Brown Creeper hitching up a conifer right next to the road. I circled to the south side of the pond with my chair and scope as that is the location the original sighting was made.

I was planning (hence the chair) to wile away my time watching the snag with the Williamson's Sapsucker nest and reading Pete Dunne's new book, a Father's Day gift from my wife.

The day's first problem began when I realized that I didn't recognize which of the two snags hosted the nest cavity. Worse, all possible angles to view one tree precluded a view of the other. A half-hour of wearing a path between two vantage points didn't yield a single woodpecker. I left my new book (without ever cracking it open) in the chair and slowly circled the entire pond. A Common Nighthawk overhead was my only identified bird.

Spying some aspens 100 meters or so to the northwest, I decided any sapsucker worth its sap would have a trove of wells drilled in those aspen. I gathered all my scope and gear and staggered off. Just short of the grove, a sapsucker flew into a conifer within twenty yards of me. Pack on my back, scope hoisted on right shoulder, folding chair in a sack dangling over my left shoulder, I dang near strangled myself bringing up my bins. Fortunately, I made the identification of the Red-breasted Sapsucker seconds before my air ran out.

The sap (bird not me) changed trees one time before flying off in the general direction of, wouldn't you know it, the original pond. As I entered the aspen grove, a suspected Red-breasted perched briefly at the top of tall snag. An inspection of the grove gave no hint of a single sap well. So much for my life

history accuracy.

Back at the pond, I spotted a Warbling Vireo crafting its nest in a small aspen. A Western Wood-Pewee hawked bugs along the shoreline. A Yellow Warbler lifted my hopes for a bonanza of warblers in the shrubby growth across the road. Not to be.

I worked my way toward the Middle Fork Road and found an old logging road that I followed south for several hundred yards. Aside from a few Chipping Sparrows and Juncos, I seemed to encountered nothing but Wood-Pewees and Warbling Vireos.

Well, you know the old saying...if life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Life was giving me Wood-Pewees. As I was in the woods, a pee seemed in good order. Properly relieved, I took life's vireos to heart and started to warble. Well, this is the west, so maybe it was more of a yodel. And I must have hit a few rough notes as a rough Ruffed Grouse came charging out of the brush, tail fully fanned, taking dead aim on my boots.

I was able to deflect the grouse's direction by aiming all three legs of my tripod in its direction. Perhaps it has been exposed to a double barrel shotgun in the past; it decided against challenging the three barrels of the tripod. However, I have not been subjected to such a varied and nonstop stream of verbal abuse since the first-sergeant found fault with the shine on my boots back in my army days.

The logging road connected to the main drag...busy as usual with the drone of motor bikes and assorted ORVs. I did note a, what else, Western Wood-Pewee nest in a large aspen. Stuck out on the end of a limb...sorta like me.

All in all, a grand Father's Day. I guess I can start Pete's book next week.

— Richard Repp —



Ruffed Grouse

Does this look like a dangerous predator to you?

Photo copyright W. Steve Sherman

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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

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