

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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YVAS CALENDAR

- Aug 27 **Chapter Meeting** at the Yakima Area Arboretum at **7:00 pm**.
- Sep 8 **Board Meeting** at Bill Drenguis's house (7708 Poplarview Dr., 965-5808) at **7:00 pm**.

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Many thanks and a fond farewell to Alice Nevue for her years of work as our social chairperson. Alice has moved to Olympia to be closer to her son, daughter-in-law and new granddaughter. We wish her all the best!

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MARCH PROGRAM ANDY STEPNIEWSKI

Energy Production in the Pacific Northwest— Costs and Tradeoffs

On August 27th, Clark Satre, Pacific Power's regional community manager in Yakima will address the Yakima Chapter of the Audubon Society on the subject of electric energy. With this being Pacific Power's 99th year, he will begin with some company history, then discuss today's sources of electric energy, the future of energy supplies, and most of all, how we can all use less.

Every form of energy production, conversion and delivery has its costs and tradeoffs. Customers want low cost and reliable electric energy, and the region's hydroelectric system has given them that. In fact, the region's hydroelectric energy is probably the single biggest factor in building the economy of the Northwest, and the basis for the standard of living we enjoy today. Remember too, that most of our hydroelectric energy projects also include some combination of additional benefits including irrigation, transportation, flood control, and recreation. Had the electric utility industry known everything it knows today when each of those projects was built decades ago, some things would have probably been done differently. But whatever we think about a specific project, we should all be thankful that the system was developed, and should work together to make sure it continues to provide its many benefits, while appropriately addressing all the tradeoffs.

But we have other sources of electric energy too – coal, natural gas, nuclear, and wind – each an important contributor to our energy supply, yet again, each with its own set of tradeoffs in cost, reliability, and environmental impact.

One thing on which we can all agree, is that regardless of the source of the energy, it makes sense to use less if we can. We're all environmentalists to varying degrees, but one doesn't need to have an environmental cause to want to make one's business more competitive and profitable, or to save money out of the household budget by using less electric energy.

The program will be at the Yakima Area Arboretum at 7 pm on August. The event is free and the public welcome.

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

An Update From Audubon Washington

Following is an update from Audubon Washington for July 2009. I hope that I will be able to reach out to you all on a monthly basis to give you and update on some of the work we have been engaged with.

Audubon Washington has taken steps during the down turn in the economy to reduce our overhead expenses. This has meant closing one of our two offices and consolidating our office space to the Seward Park Audubon Center, eliminating our Development Director Position and Olympia Office manager. Our goal is to be able to focus our resources on key program areas of Science, Birding Trails, Policy and Seward Park Audubon Center while still working to reach out to chapters and engage in a coordinated approach to state wide conservation priorities.

Our new address is:
Audubon Washington
5902 Lake Washington Blvd S.
Seattle, WA 98118

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Science — Don McIvor

Don McIvor has been working with Willapa Hills and Grays Harbor Audubon chapters this month. This included travel to Naselle and participation in field surveys for P at Leadbetter Point. With the support of these two chapters, he was also able to visit eight IBAs in central and southwestern Washington, confirming boundaries for these sites, and identifying access points for monitoring efforts. Don also participated in a public meeting for the proposed Radar Ridge wind energy project, and have been providing the two chapters with scientific and policy input relevant to the proposed project. In addition Don wrapped up work with the Council For the Environment on the Desert Claim wind energy project, providing expertise on wildlife-related impacts.

Birding Trails - July 2009 — Christi Norman

Work progressed in three areas: creation of the "Spokane Loop", public outreach for other loops, and fundraising. Christi performed 16 site visits with 11 volunteers to potential birding trail stops in Ferry, Stevens, and Spokane counties for the "Spokane Loop". Christi worked with two volunteers, Dr. Barbara Masberg, Kittitas chapter Birding Trail co-chair, and Dee Arntz to finalize the on-line Customer Survey will be tested in Kittitas Audubon newsletter. Christi, Hilary Hilscher, and the graphic artist all worked with Washington State Tourism international sales staff to develop two Great Washington State Birding Trail seasonal itineraries. These 10-day winter and spring bird watching itineraries will be printed by Washington State Tourism for use by Iceland Air.

Finally, Christi met with Mt. Baker Snoqualmie Forest Supervisor, Rob Iwamoto and Public Affairs Officer, Allen Gibbs to discuss partnerships and possible funding for the Puget Sound Loop.

Policy Work — Miguel Perez-Gibson

TRUST LAND TRANSFER

a.. On July 6th , Along with Bill Robinson of The Nature Conservancy, I met with Commissioner Goldmark to clarify the concerns of both TNC and Audubon as to why the DNR was not going to fully expend the \$100 million allotted by the Legislature for the purpose of leasing and purchasing land for Conservation. Approximately \$25 million will not be spent. That is a lot of conservation forgone.

b.. The discussion was good. There were a couple of properties that had been pulled that may be added back. There was fruitful discussion as to how to make the process more efficient and thereby allowing more acquisitions.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY ANNUAL LOBBYIST DEBRIEF FROM THE LAST SESSION

a.. On July 7th, the Environmental lobbyists (approx. 15 groups) debriefed from last session as to what went well and what should be done next session. I attended on behalf of Audubon Washington and Climate Solutions.

SOUTH PUGET SOUND LANDSCAPE MEETING

a.. July 30th meeting with DNR to discuss the appropriateness of the new thinning procedures in Northern Spotted Owl Habitat (as per July 9th Commissioner Meeting). Response to the Determination of Environmental Non-Significance, pending. Audubon and OFCO in attendance.

DRY FOREST RETENTION PROCEDURES

a.. July 30th meeting with DNR to discuss the appropriateness of the new eastern Washington legacy tree retention strategy to meet Northern Spotted Owl Habitat in Eastern Washington. Response to this proposal pending.

I-937 RENEWAL PORTFOLIO STANDARD

a.. On July 27th , several environmental groups involved with the passage of I 937 met to discuss messaging and strategy for next session. The issue being how to keep the gains made in the Initiative for clean energy while navigating the tough political compromises that may lay ahead. Audubon is positioned to play a support role with grassroots.

INVEST IN CLEAN WATER

a.. On July 30, a campaign meeting on the initial first steps of organizations wishing to be involved- Audubon needs to clarify our ability to provide field organizing/grassroots resources if we join the campaign.

As always please be in touch if you have any questions.

Thanks for all your support,

Charlie Kahle
Interim Executive Director
Audubon Washington



CONSERVATION REPORT

MICHAEL MARTIN

Critical Areas Ordinance Update

Regular *Crier* readers know of the ongoing saga of Yakima Valley Audubon's challenge of the inadequacy of Yakima County's critical areas ordinance. As adopted in 2007, that ordinance protected all of 577 acres (out of Yakima County's total of 2,749,440 acres) as habitat associated with critical species. Yakima Audubon, the Washington Fish & Wildlife Department, the Yakama Nation, Futurewise, and property owners in the upper Wenas appealed to the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board, which reviews local compliance with state law on these issues. After a year's worth of mediated discussions, Yakima County proposed changes to the ordinance that largely addressed our concerns. The changes identified existing shrub steppe as areas to be protected from unthinking development. That's the good news. The bad news is that in study sessions following public hearings, the County Commissioners are seriously backtracking. They are putting back in activities to be exempt under the ordinance that will certainly adversely affect habitat, and I fear more is on the way. My expectation is that, despite what appeared to be months of good faith negotiations, we will end up at the Hearings Board forcing action on the County. So be it. Here is Yakima Valley Audubon's formal comment letter to the Commissioners on the proposed changes (before the hedging began):

Dear Commissioners Bouchey, Elliott, and Leita:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on proposed revisions to YCC Title 16C (Critical Areas Ordinance). These comments are made on behalf of Yakima Valley Audubon Society (YVAS).

We appreciate that county staff, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office and Commissioner Elliot took considerable time to listen to our concerns, and to express their own concerns and positions, to try to come to proposed changes that address required wildlife habitat protection while allowing reasonable development within the confines of state law. YVAS appreciates that the County would engage us in serious discussions of the need to protect habitat and what restrictions the legislature has put on county determinations. A county can opt to do the minimum required under state law, but it must meet that minimum. These proposed changes move Yakima County largely into compliance with state law.

It is the right thing to provide protection for the functions and values of habitat associated with endangered, threatened and sensitive species, and that is what is required by state law (RCW 36.70A.020(9), .030(5), .060(2), .170(1)(d)). All of the existing decisions addressing the issue, either at the appellate or state supreme court level or by Growth Management Hearings Boards require that a county designate endangered, threatened and sensitive species within its boundaries and protect the functions

and values of the habitat associated with those species. The new section 16C.11 provides a framework for this identification and protection and we support these proposed changes.

The map "Upland Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas of Yakima County" is based on the county's Gap Analysis Project (GAP) and other best available science. The map reveals that the vast majority of shrub steppe to be protected as Upland Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (UWHCA) falls within state and federal public ownership. Private land within the UWHCA is far from the urban areas of the county, is far from public services, and is less likely to be subject to development than property closer to the City of Yakima and other municipalities.

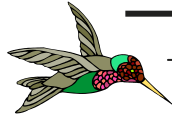
Providing protection for habitat associated with critical species is no more a "taking" of private property than are zoning regulations. Rather, the procedures set out in YCC Title 16C require a "look-see" prior to development on lands within the Upland Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas by a biologist, perhaps provided by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), with a view to avoid, minimize or mitigate impact to the functions and values of the shrub steppe present on the property. WDFW is developing a management plan for shrub steppe, similar to management plans already posted on its web site for specific critical species. This management plan will provide best practices and will be a good tool to provide guidance to property owners seeking to develop within Upland Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas.

Since the development permitting process is the only nexus for examination of possible impacts on critical areas, it is important that exemptions to this process be only for those activities that are reasonably unlikely to create an adverse impact. The proposed changes to Section 16C.03.09 correctly remove prior exemptions for activities that could easily have negative impacts on critical areas.

We do recommend that the county clarify two parts of the proposed regulations that were not in the version that the parties discussed earlier. First, proposed section 16C.03.09(a) has been edited to add "accessory" and "or structures" to the agricultural exemption for upland wildlife habitats. We agree that "accessory" is a helpful clarification for "uses" and support that amendment. We are concerned that accessory structures is too broad. We agree that fences, stock watering tanks, and similar uses should be exempted, but large accessory buildings, such as a large garage should not be exempt. So we recommend that accessory structures be limited to 100 square feet, a size limit that exempts fences, stock watering basins, and similar structures, but does not allow large structures that if not located in the right place may harm the habitat.

Again, we appreciate the time and effort that county

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FIELD TRIPS

LARRY ROBINSON

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.



- Sep 9 Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** — Meet the group at the parking lot at the east end of Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am.**
- Sep 10 Byron Ponds for Shorebirds** — Timed for the “fall” migration of shorebirds in eastern Washington. This evening trip to wetlands near Mabton will again focus on identification of this challenging group of birds. Meet leader Andy Stepniewski at the Valley Mall parking lot just west of IHOP at **5:00 pm.**
- Sep 13 Chinook Pass Hike** — A two-mile hike to Sheep lake is great for migrating hawks, eagles and falcons. Songbirds such as sparrows and finches (Pine Grosbeak is possible!) flit in the trailside thickets. An optional extension one mile farther to Pickhandle Gap for rosy-finches and raptors. Fall colors can be superb! Meet leader Andy Stepniewski at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at **7:00 am.**
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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 — \$5.00 each; 150 miles — \$8.00 each, 200 miles — \$10.00 each; 250 miles — \$13.00 each; 300 miles — \$16.00each. Please pay your share; if drivers have to pay most of the gas bill, they may quit driving.



NOW & THEN, BIRDS AND MEN

RICHARD REPP

Every now and then, when the August sun stunts the birding lust of this meek retiree, it is a welcome respite to pluck a book off the shelf and settle directly in front of the air conditioner. Not just any book mind you, but a book dealing with the hot topic of cool birds.

Every issue of the Crier features a Conservation Report by Michael Martin where a frequent topic is the shrinking habitat (and population) of many bird species. What are the goals of mankind and where lie the hearts and minds of men?

Flash back over one hundred years to the thoughts of W. Leon Dawson in his 1900 book, The Birds of Washington: “...but never while the hearts of men are set on peace, and the minds of men are alert to receive the impressions of the Infinite will there be too many birds to speak to eye and ear, and to minister to the hidden things of spirit. The birds belong to the people, not to a clique or a coterie, but to all the people as heirs and stewards of the good things of God.”

Who among us has been out in the field recently seeking birds to “speak to eye and ear”? Why, Jeff Kozma for one. Nine miles up FR 1600 at an old “burn”, a distant Black-backed Woodpecker tapped its distinct drum ditty. But, alas, the bird would not come closer to investigate iPod playback and Jeff had not the time to seek it out.

In their 1940 book, Birds of the Pacific Northwest, Ira N. Gabrielson and Stanley G. Jewett described the Black-backed thus: “The shiny black back and handsome yellow crown patch lend a distinction to this species missing in most of its relatives. The bird is usually silent, calling neither as frequently nor as noisily as the Hairy Woodpecker, and is almost always located by its industrious tapping as it works over the bark of pines.” Then the bird’s habitat was described as “the lodgepole pine is the chosen haunt of the Arctic Three-toed Woodpecker.” Now, not only has the bird’s name been updated (though it still has not grown a fourth digit) but as Pete Dunne points out in his 2006 Essential Field Guide Companion, the Black-backed “...concentrate in burned-over and beetle-infested forest areas...Burned areas are colonized as quickly as three months after burning and remain attractive to woodpeckers for a period of approximately four years.”

On Jeff’s annual YVAS field trip to the Middle Fork of the Ahtanum, the group was thrilled to find the active nest cavity



**Black-backed
Woodpecker**
Photo by George Vlahakis

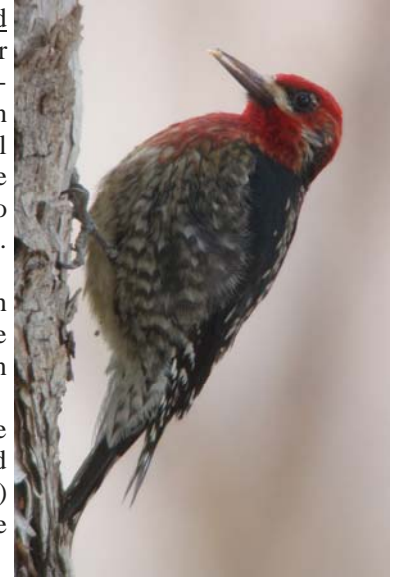
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of a Red-breasted Sapsucker just below the Tree Phones Campground. In his 1941 [A Field Guide to Western Birds](#), Roger Tory Peterson wrote, "Although the Red-breasted Sapsucker and the Red-naped Sapsucker are considered to be races of the same species, they are so absolutely different in appearance that it is better to describe them under separate headings. In the Red-breasted Sapsucker the *entire head and breast are bright red.*" This fact was well illustrated in the book's color plate of 19 woodpeckers, one of just four color plates in the otherwise black and white tome. Now, modern ornithologists have decided that the two woodies are not only absolutely different in appearance but are separate, distinct species. Who would have thought?!

Field sighting reports this summer have been dead, dearth, a drought assuaged by a splash of work and home observations from Cowiche to 's Hertogenbosch. Joe Schons wasted little time in recounting two Soras and two pair of breeding Cinnamon Teal at the Cowiche/Tieton Waste Water Treatment Plant's ponderous ponds.

Home habitats, both au natural and created, fostered feathered flutters a many. Near the summit of Konnowac Pass, a post-Fourth of July explosion of birds of 41 species showered down on the yard of Ron and Debie Brown - a Red (-tailed Hawk), White (breasted Killdeer) and Blue (-backed Barn Swallow) celebration including Bullock's Oriole, Lark and Sage Sparrows.

Scott Downes moved out on west Englewood Drive where Calliope Hummingbird and Western Scrub Jay have jump-started a new yard list. Scott Ray remains ensconced at the east end of Mieras Road where the added value of a small pond stocked with goldfish lured in a Great Egret with an eye for gold. A Gray Partridge scurrying across the grass made for an odd paring.



Red-breasted Sapsucker
Photo by Denny Granstrand



Western Scrub Jay
Photo by George Vlahakis

On July 8, the micro-habitat Andy and Ellen Stepniewski have created in Parker Heights flagged down a southbound male Rufous Hummingbird. In the ensuing days, several more swung in to the dismay of the resident Black-chinned Hummers. By July 23, the welcome mat attracted an Anna's Hummingbird.



Sora
Photo by Denny Granstrand

A few years back, Chris Reid and Denny Granstrand moved to a dead end southwest of the Yakima airport. Not only has the home been remodeled but also a large weed patch has blossomed into a magnificent garden of fruits, flowers and veggies, recently approved as Certified Wildlife Habitat. The YVAS Board of Directors gathered for an evening backyard meeting on Aug 11 and above the gnawing on pizza by 16 ravenous members and two guests, Andy heard the song of a Black-headed Grosbeak. Bingo! Yard bird number 116, amid the buzzes of a half dozen or more hummingbirds, came into focus.

Our hands, hearts and minds can enhance and preserve habitat in our yards, neighborhoods and beyond. To paraphrase JFK, ask not which species number too many but ask which species number too few? And if, as Dawson surmised above, "The birds belong to the people", are we meeting "as heirs and stewards of the good things" a moral obligation to future generations? Is too much habitat for too many species shrinking, be it due to degradation, conversion, alteration or fragmentation?

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



Black-headed Grosbeak
Photo by George Vlahakis



Immature Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch
Photo by Denny Granstrand

YVAS Field Trip to Mt. Rainier found one target species

Angie Begosh and her husband, Jason, joined my wife, Chris, and I on a hike to Burroughs Mountain in the Sunrise area of Mt. Rainier National Park August 15. And we returned to Yakima nearly on time, with two of us only a little worse-for-wear. (Actually, Chris and I were exhausted.) We were joined at Sunrise by Jeanette Larson, who used to live in Yakima.

The day was gorgeous, with almost totally clear skies until about 1:00 p.m. I don't think the temperature got above 55 degrees, though.

The species list was fairly short (fewer than 20 species), though we did find one of our target species - Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. We saw four flocks, with two of them approaching us quite close. We got great views as some of the birds got within ten to twelve feet from us. All of them that I saw were immatures.

We gave a good-hearted search for White-tailed Ptarmigan but, no duh!, didn't see any. A ranger told us that some had been seen recently near the Fremont Peak Lookout, which is also in the Sunrise area. It is a much shorter trail than Burroughs Mountain, which is an advantage.

Clark's Nutcrackers were abundant, with nearly 50 seen during the hike. As we were returning to Sunrise from Frozen Lake, an immature Sharp-shinned Hawk seemed to be practicing hunting with the nutcrackers. It swooped repeatedly at the nutcrackers and was chased by one of them many times. As we watched the interaction for nearly ten minutes, other hikers stopped to watch. Everyone seemed to enjoy the spectacle.

The wildflowers and the views of Mt. Rainier were spectacular! Good weather should be the norm for the rest of the summer. Get up there and enjoy it for yourself.

— Denny Granstrand —

**Jeanne Crawford finds another ptarmigan,
this one in a marina in St. Petersburg, Alaska!
(At least someone in YVAS can find one!)**



MEMBERSHIP

DEBIE BROWN

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Yakima: Terry Shelton

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Stan Belsher, Judy & Jan Gano, Ken Meier,
Mike Roper, Robert Zaremba,

Naches: Rose Hards, Katherine Vornbrock Doris &
Larry Robinson, Carol & Jack Roth

Selah: Cindy McCormack, Marcia Shotwell

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

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staff, counsel and the Commissioners have spent to address the concerns of wildlife habitat protection as required by state law. The proposed changes to Section 16C.11 and Section 16C.03.09 (with the suggestions made above) provide significant protections. Yakima Valley Audubon Society supports these proposed changes.

More Land included at Snow Mountain Ranch

The best way to ensure conservation of habitat is to buy it. That's just what happened with an acquisition of 201 acres of shrub steppe surrounded by the 1,800-acre Snow Mountain Ranch, which was acquired by the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy in 2005. The acquisition, by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), was the result of a collaboration between the Department, the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and The Nature Conservancy. WDFW will make annual payments in lieu of taxes on the land to Yakima County, so there is no revenue loss to the County as a result of the purchase. This is a great win-win-win.

— Michael Martin —
Conservation Chair



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

I do not wish to receive any solicitation or communications from NAS (please check if applicable)

NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Please make your check payable to: **Yakima Valley Audubon Society**

First time members can use the following form for an introductory membership that includes membership in **both** the Yakima Valley Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society. You will be assigned to your local chapter when you join National Audubon. Please use this form so that Yakima Valley Audubon will receive the full first year dues. After the first year, a separate membership renewal will be required for the Yakima Valley Audubon Society or for you to continue to receive the *Calliope Crier*. After the first year, you will need to use the renewal form sent to you by the National Audubon Society to renew your membership with the National Audubon Society.

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____
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Please make your check payable to: **National Audubon Society**

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Send the form and your check to : YVAS Membership
 P.O. Box 2823
 Yakima, WA 98907-2823

If you have any questions, please call 248-1963.

New photos from George Vlahakis: A pair of Mountain Bluebirds taking food to their nestlings on Mt. Clemans



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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