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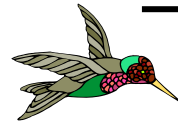
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YVAS CALENDAR



AUGUST PROGRAM ANDY STEPNIIEWSKI

- Aug 26 Chapter Meeting** at the Yakima Area Arboretum at 7:00 pm.
Sep 14 Board Meeting at at Andy and Ellen Stepniewski's house (291 Windy Point Dr., Wapato; 877-6639) at 7:00 pm.

Field Trips

- Aug 21 Bear Creek Mountain** – Meet leader Denny Granstrand at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at 7:00 am.
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Journey to Ecuador with George Vlahakis



Purple-throated Woodstar
Photo by George Vlahakis

Ecuador covers only 1.5 percent of South America. Yet it boasts more than half its bird species, or put another way, about a sixth of the Earth's bird species! This incredible bird diversity, totaling nearly 1600 species, is a direct reflection of habitat diversity in this country that straddles the Equator: Cactus-covered desert in the southwest gives way to rainforests just 200 miles north. Over the Andes, with their array of temperate forest, high elevation polylepis woodland and paramo lies the vast Amazonia tropical rainforest. These lie but a few tens of miles from the high elevation paramo and glaciers of the Andes summits!

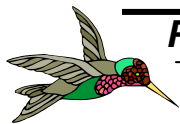
Our own George and Susan Vlahakis traveled to this extraordinary country and photographed some of the many exotic and beautiful birds in this amazing country. They visited several cloud forest areas on the west slopes of the Andes, the high Andes, and Amazon basin jungle along the Napo River.

Don't miss this beautiful armchair tour to one of the world's great birding and natural history sites.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BILL DRENGUIS



The Prez Sez, Smoke!! It seems that we are paying for that wet Spring and all the grass growth. The two fires near Snow Mountain Ranch darkened our skies. This has been followed by all the "haze" from the Canadian fires. Finally, the pictures from Moscow are truly disturbing. I seem to be gearing up for a rant on what global warming will look like but I hope that I would just be preaching to the choir. It is a good time for me to reflect on my part in this scenario. I wish I had some new insights, but if I just think twice about those extra car trips and remember basic outdoors fire safety, it's a start. Think Global, Act Local. I'm eagerly awaiting Fall migration.



MEMBERSHIP

DEBIE BROWN

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Beth Dannhardt, Jan & Judy Gano, Denny Granstrand, Judith Kjellman, Susan Talbott

Selah: Bob & Maia Mittelstaedt

Vashon Island: Emma Amaid

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

Teens and Birders Use iPods to Help Save Bobolinks Citizen Science Project Underway on Yakama Grasslands



Victoria Walsey , (Yakama Bio and grad student working on Bobolinks); Tanya Miller, Jackie Beyrouty, Norman Christi and Kerry Turley.

On the Yakama Nation's grasslands near Toppenish Creek along Lateral C, a tiny population of the Bobolink, a member of the blackbird family, is struggling to hold onto its westernmost nesting area. The number of Bobolinks here is small: the most ever counted was 60 in 1994. But that's enough for a group of professional and citizen scientists to try to preserve this outpost colony. And they're doing it with iPods.

As Bob Tuck, Yakima Basin Environmental Education Program Director said "by using technology the kids love, they get excited about learning new things and spending time outdoors."

Every Saturday from May 22 through July 17 Yakama Nation biologists, adults from the local Yakima Valley Audubon Society, and teenagers supervised by Mr. Tuck, took their iPods into three grassland fields and played the recorded song of male Bobolinks.

The birds popped up to see who was invading their territories. The males, distinctively dressed in a "reverse tuxedo" - black front, white back - with a brilliant yellow patch on the back of the heads, make them easy to spot and count. The birder teams, armed also with clipboards and binoculars, recorded not only this species, but all other birds they saw.

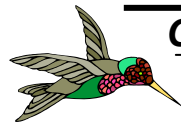
Every spring Bobolinks migrate 6,000 miles from their winter homes in the Bolivia to grasslands across the U.S. and Canada. While Bobolinks are fairly common across their range, especially in the east, they're threatened by uninformed agricultural practices and loss of habitat.

Historical approaches to managing Washington's grasslands-overgrazing, draining wetlands, and conversion to cropland-have yielded disastrous results. Seventy percent of this unique habitat has been lost, coupled with a steep decline in quality of the remaining land. Grassland bird populations, so vital to a healthy ecosystem, have plummeted and one species-the Upland Sandpiper-is now extinct in Washington. Healthy grasslands benefit not only birds but humans too, by providing better forage for livestock and a higher-quality hay harvest with few weeds.

This project was initiated by Christi Norman, Audubon Washington. Christi secured a grant from TogetherGreen, an alliance between the National Audubon Society and Toyota that supported this "Innovative Grasslands Conservation Partnership" with the Yakama Nation.

The \$25,000 Tribal Grasslands grant combined citizen science research, site monitoring, and conservation land management techniques on Yakama lands. The field data will be used to revise management of these grasslands. These will be shared with other tribes. By allowing grassland birds time to breed and by producing healthier grasslands, the partnership goal is to restore and conserve at least 1,350 acres in the flood plain of Toppenish Creek of this Important Bird Area.

Student participation was great. Bob Tuck, Director of the Yakima Basin Environment Education Program recruited 38 students from area Junior High and High schools (Yakama Nation Tribal School, White Swan High School, Mt Adams Middle School, La Salle High School, Wapato Middle School, Wapato High School, Pace Alternative High School, and Marina



CONSERVATION REPORT

ANGIE BEGOSH

As the new conservation chair for the Yakima Valley Audubon, one of my primary goals will be to maintain Audubon's presence as an active voice in local conservation issues and discussions. I'd like to build partnerships and relationships with other organizations and agencies involved in natural resource management and quality of life issues within our community. I feel that more good can be accomplished when you try to work together toward solutions, even if it means a longer, more complicated process. Finally, I want to keep Audubon members aware of local, regional, and even national environmental issues, how these issues may affect them and how members can get involved individually and through Audubon.

A few weeks ago, Andy Stepniewski and I attended a meeting of the South Central Washington Shrub Steppe/Rangeland Partnership here in Yakima. The Partnership is a group of agencies and organizations that share a common goal of conservation of shrub steppe and rangeland habitat. The focal area of the partnership is 2.7 million acres of land that expands over Benton, Yakima, Grant, and Kittitas Counties, including the Yakama Reservation and Ceded Lands. This area is the largest contiguous area of shrub steppe left in Washington. This landscape contains critical habitat for rare shrub steppe wildlife including greater sage grouse, 47 species of rare plants, and 30 species identified as "in greatest need of conservation action" by WDFW.

The guiding document of the Partnership is "*A Conservation Strategy for the Shrub Steppe/Rangelands of South Central Washington*". This strategy outlines the known threats to shrub steppe habitat, conservation goals, and outlines priorities and strategies for how these threats will be addressed. These elements of the strategy are outlined below (taken directly from the strategy document):

Critical Threats

1. **Fire:** Wildfires, mostly human caused, are removing sagebrush faster in South Central Washington faster than it can be replaced. Not only does this degrade habitat, but it incurs an economic hit for agriculture in the form of lost forage.
2. **Invasives:** Wildfires are largely fueled by weeds and promote further weed growth.
3. **Development/Conversion:** Over half of shrub steppe has been converted to agricultural use, urban use, and water storage. Energy development is also a growing threat. This has had detrimental effects on shrub steppe species such as greater sage-grouse, ground squirrels, jackrabbits, ferruginous hawks and golden eagles.
4. **Unsustainable grazing:** Unsustainable grazing practices weaken native bunchgrasses and create ideal conditions for weeds to flourish. Unsustainable grazing isn't limited to domestic livestock – on the Yakama Reservation, wild horse populations are increasingly problematic.

Conservation Goals

1. Conserve what remains of large areas of shrub steppe
2. Maintain corridors for species to move within and between habitat patches
3. Improve the condition of and/or restore degraded areas where feasible.
4. Recover the greater sage-grouse and prevent future federal listing of this and other shrub-steppe species.

Conservation Objectives and Strategic Actions: These priorities and strategies will help guide efforts to achieve conservation goals.

Priority 1 Objective: Reduce the amount of fire in key habitat areas and buffers

Strategic Action 1: Establish priority areas for fire suppression in cooperation with rural fire districts, and state, tribal, and federal wildfire managers.

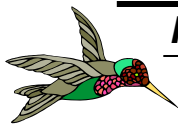
Strategic Action 2: Support the elimination of voids in fire protection and improved coordination and response time of fire protection services.

Strategic Action 3: Research/support actions that can be taken to reduce the spread of fires that start from road ways, which are the predominant ignition source in the focal area.

Priority 2 Objective: Prevent the loss of shrub steppe, connecting agricultural lands, and open space to development conversion

Strategic Action 1: Work with willing landowners to secure priority areas from the threat of development/conversion through the use of easements, fee title acquisition, farm bill programs or other strategies that ensure long term conservation

Strategic Action 2: Work proactively at multiple levels to steer development (energy, new cultivation, infrastructure, residential) away from key habitats and wildlife movement corridors. If not possible, then seek the maximum benefit possible for conservation (minimization, restoration, or mitigation of impact).



FIELD TRIPS

DENNY GRANSTRAND

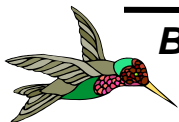


Please call the leader before the trip to let him/her know you are interested in going. That way, if plans need to be changed, he/she can call you. Also, if no one calls, the leader will know to cancel the field trip and won't be sitting around at the meeting place all alone! Be sure to wear clothing appropriate for the weather and take lunch, snacks and beverages.

- Aug 21 Bear Creek Mountain** – A report of a family of White-tailed Ptarmigan last year brings us back to Bear Creek Mountain again. This 3-4 mile hike (depending on how high up Bear Creek Mountain you go) wanders through forests and meadows filled with birds and wildflowers. Last year's trip found Red and White-winged Crossbills, Pine Grosbeak and many Cassin's Finches. The road to the trailhead is probably more exhaustive than the hike. Meet leader Denny Granstrand (453-2500) at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at **7:00 am**.
- Aug 25 Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** – Meet the group at the first parking lot inside the gate at Sportsman State Park at **9:00 am**. This walk is the summer's Birdin' Around event of the Yakima Greenway's Kiddin' Around program aimed at involving area kids in outdoor activities. A two-hour search for answers. Will young blackbirds still be at the marsh? Will shorebirds find mud at the main pond? Will the fall migration of warblers be underway?
- Sep 8 Wednesday Morning Bird Walk** – Meet the group at the Sherman Park parking lot (adjacent to the Humane Society) at **8:00 am**. Group consensus will determine if the walk heads north through the Arboretum to Buchanan Lake or wanders south towards the Poppoff Trail.
- Sep 11 Columbia River Gorge** -- Birding from the Columbia River from John Day Dam to Bingen looking for migrants both water and land and other gorge specialties like Acorn Woodpecker, Lesser Goldfinch, etc. Expect a full day of birding, returning to Yakima early evening. Bring lunch and water. Meet at **6:30 am** at the Sears parking lot west of IHOP on Valley Mall Blvd. Contact Scott Downes email (preferred) downes@charter.net or home phone 469-7807.
- Sep 19 Chinook Pass Hike** -- A 2-mile easy 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 1 mile farther to Pickhandle Gap for rosy finches and more raptors. Great for Mountain Goat viewing too. Fall colors can be superb! We will return by mid-afternoon. Meet at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot. Contact Andy Stepniewski at 877-6639.

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.



BIRDS & WORDS, PHOTOS & KUDOS

RICHARD REPP

Once again, the Konnowac Pass yard of **Ron and Debie Brown** emulated the birding equivalent of a lighting rod on July 3 when a **Great-tailed Grackle** visit ignited pre-Fourth of July ornithological fireworks. This is the second Great-tailed Grackle to be seen in Yakima County; the first one was found on May 24, 1987 at Miner's Drive-in on South 1st Street, where it was eating Freedom fries in the parking lot. A quick post to BirdYak this time drew several "listers" as quickly as a child's eyes are drawn to the exploding skies at the fairgrounds on the 4th

A check with the Birds of North America Online reveals the following on this inhabitant of Mexico and Central America: "During the twentieth century, the **Great-tailed Grackle** experienced rapid, large-scale expansion of its North American range. In 1900, the northern limits of its range barely extended into Texas; by the end of the century, it had nested in at least 14 states and was reported in 21 states and 3 Canadian provinces.



Great-tailed Grackle
Photo By
Denny Granstrand

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This explosive growth occurred mainly after 1960 and coincided with human-induced habitat changes such as irrigation and urbanization. The impressive range expansion of this species presents an instructive contrast to the numerous species that have been adversely affected by human activities. Its great success and its role as a human commensal have made it an agricultural pest and an annoyance to many urbanites, but has also made it a convenient subject for study.”

The BNAO also notes the Great-tailed Grackle is, “flamboyant in its behavior as well as its plumage.” The Moxee visitor embellished its demeanor, slowly strutting about with blended elegance and arrogance on its long legs, as if its honkingly large beak were a diadem, not a distraction. Further, “The Great-tailed Grackle forages in open, grassy areas such as grasslands, pastures, and lawns. It is well adapted to lawns, trees, and dumpsters in cities. Its diet is varied and includes arthropods, small vertebrates, plant matter, and garbage.” That last entrée will be considered blasphemous of fine cuisine by Miner’s affectionates.

Your chance of seeing a Great-tailed in Apple Valley? Less than a New Yorker’s chance of seeing Queen Elizabeth; her only visits to the Big Apple in 1976 and 2010 were well publicized in advance. Unbound by a human monarch’s restrictive itinerary, the King of Grackles merely follows its nose.

Four **Chukars** dashing across the lawn interrupted **Denny Granstrand’s** weeding session at his home near the Yakima airport. Birding author Pete Dunne notes in his Essential Field Guide Companion that this species “Does particularly well where introduced cheatgrass flourishes and where habitat has been overgrazed.” That describes a lot (too much?) of the valley’s open area, yet Chukar remains somewhat elusive for many YVAS birders. **Chukar**, along with pheasants, Bobwhites, etc., are sold at local feed stores so Denny’s four may be residential escapees as he is two miles from compatible habitat on the slopes of Ahtanum Ridge.

A few blocks to the east of Denny, an influx of late July **Black-chinned Hummingbirds** compelled **John Hebert** to add a second nectar feeder to accommodate the five juvenile and one adult male creating a buzz. Hopefully, the aerial aerobatics were not a distraction to air traffic controllers at the airport two blocks away.

In Terrace Heights, fledgling **American Goldfinches**, normally a late nester, were fluttering about **Jeff Kozma’s** yard in early July. According to the Stokes Field Guide to Birds, our state bird’s clutch ranges from three to seven eggs.



American Goldfinch

**Photo By
Mike Roper**



**Ash-throated
Flycatcher**

**Photo By
Denny Granstrand**

Not all birds need to be seen to be appreciated. In Parker Heights, **Andy and Ellen Stepniewski** were awakened on July 26 by a singing **Swainson’s Thrush**. Andy is a meticulous keeper of bird records and this is by far the “earliest fall” visitation of this species to their yard. The thrush continued to sing as the temperature soared to 96 degrees at mid-day. Why this individual chose to audition its attraction song in fall migration well away from its breeding habitat is a bit mysterious. As thrushes’ songs are judged by many to be among the most enjoyable of bird vocalizations, perhaps less thought and more indulgence is in order.

Sites listed in YVAS’s Yakima Area Wildlife Viewing Guide again facilitated feathered frissons. Near the intersection of Lateral C and Toppenish Creek, **Greg and Elizabeth Bohn** ogled two **Great Egrets** standing in a nest apparently feeding young. It appears that the county’s first documented nesting attempt by the egrets has been successful. On a July 16 pre-fire visit to Snow Mountain Ranch, **Denny Granstrand** verified that the **Ash-throated Flycatchers** that were using a nest box alongside the Cowiche Mountain Loop Trail had fledged three young. The box location was just west of the fire’s swath and it is assumed that this family was able to move away from the smoke to suitable foraging habitat. The abandoned tunnels in the Yakima River Canyon touted a very cooperative **Canyon Wren** that shadowed **Joe Schons** for a half-hour of tail pumping song and companionship on August 2.

We are now in the middle of Yakima County’s prime shorebirding season. On July 30, **John Hebert** opened the chute for all mudders with five **Red-necked Phalaropes** and a **Solitary Sandpiper** at the Grandview Waste Water Treatment Plant. A **Semipalmated Sandpiper** forced **Denny** to give a palms-up rating to the containment pond at the 64th Avenue Walmart complex a week later. High water level at Wenas Lake on Aug 8 sent **Scott Downes** up the creek (without the proverbial paddle) to find soaked soil suitable to shorebirds. Probing the goo while maintaining impeccable white vests were a **Solitary Sandpiper** and a **Lesser Yellowlegs**.

The **Long-billed Dowitcher** will hit its annual peak population in September. Before the politicians’ mud slinging depletes this valued habitat, be a slime seeker. Somewhere among those Dowitchers is a Stilt Sandpiper or a plover not named Killdeer. Old shoes and fresh patience are highly recommended for this taxing pursuit.

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High School of Huntington Beach, CA). Students volunteered a total of 236 hours. There was good diversity among students including an exchange student from Beijing China. There were 14 adult volunteers "mentors" to the students: nine were YVAS members.

Thanks go to Bill Drenguis, Jan Gano, Kelly and Colleen Kindelspire, Richard Repp, Mike Roper, Andy Stepniewski, and Kerry Turley. Leslie Wahl, did public outreach at Treaty Days where we had a booth explaining the project and Bobolink natural history. The project this year concluded with a celebration barbecue at Bob Tuck's home.

Audubon Washington's Great Washington State Birding Trail includes Bobolink sites on both its Sun and Sage, and Pa-louse to Pines loops at http://wa.audubon.org/birds_GreatWABirdingTrail.html .

About TogetherGreen

Audubon and Toyota launched the five-year TogetherGreen initiative in 2008 to build the promise of a greener, healthier future through innovation, leadership and volunteerism. Nearly 90 projects totaling more than \$2.5 million have received Innovation Grants to protect land, water, and energy resources nationwide. For more information, visit www.togethergreen.org .

Adapted from a press release by **Hilary J. Hilscher, Communications**
The Great Washington State Birding Trail

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Priority 3 Objective: Improve where needed the condition of focal area grazed lands and riparian areas

Strategic Action 1: Assist landowners in implementing incentive programs available for habitat protection, restoration, and maintaining ecosystem services.

Strategic Action 2: Facilitate incorporation of wildlife concerns in farm bill programs. Support practices that retain and improve natural shrub steppe and riparian area production while meeting habitat objectives

Strategic Action 3: Help the Yakama Nation locate financial resources and build public support for a cost-efficient and sustainable long-term management program for its shrub steppe/rangelands and associated wild horse population.

Strategic Action 4: Work across boundaries to ensure that big game populations are managed for sustainable shrub steppe/rangelands and recreation.

Additional Objectives:

- Greater Sage-Grouse related actions
 - Prevent the spread of invasives and restore degraded areas where feasible
- Ensure that rare plant communities and rare species in the focal area are conserved
- The next steps for the Partnership are to garner resources to implement the strategy, including prioritization of actions.

Andy and I have recommended to the Board that we become a partner in the South Central Washington Shrub Steppe/Rangeland Partnership. We are currently waiting for a vote – we will report our decision at the next monthly Audubon

Thank you for all those who helped at Folklife!

A big thank you goes to the volunteers for the YVAS booth at Folklife Festival, Vera Backstrom, Chris Reid, Denny Grandstrand, Richard Repp, Larry Robinson, and Bob and Leslie Wahl. New additions to the booth this year were wood bird models purchased by YVAS for educational purposes. These bird models, with display stands made by Jan Gano, are very realistic and were a big hit. The models can be removed from the stands and have metal pegs under their feet that can be inserted in pre-drilled holes on tree limbs in natural habitat at other events.

Another popular item at the Folklife booth continues to be the Wildlife Viewing Guide. Because the booth was combined with the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy, the Viewing Guides are a good companion to the trail maps for Cowiche Canyon and Snow Mountain Ranch. These two areas are listed in both the Yakima Area Wildlife Viewing Guide and the Washington State Birding Trail Sun and Sage Loop.

Additional thanks should be given to Larry and Doris Robinson for representing Audubon the following weekend at Nile Valley Days

- - Bob Wahl - -

YVAS Recognized!

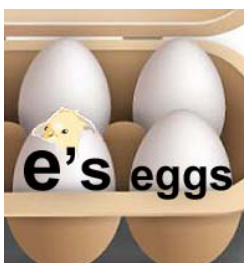


Andy and Ellen Stepniewski attended the Yakima Area Arboretum's annual meeting (see invitation below) and accepted the award depicted above.

"The Yakima Area Arboretum Board of Directors would like to thank the Yakima Valley Audubon Society for your support and dedication to the Yakima Area Arboretum...we would be honored if you would join us for our Annual Membership Meeting May 18. One of our favorite parts of the evening is acknowledging all our wonderful volunteers, contributors, and sponsors. **The Yakima Valley Audubon Society is being recognized with a special award.**"

Audubon Membership

If you are interested in joining the Yakima Valley Audubon Society, membership forms can be found on the YVAS website at: <http://www.yakimaaudubon.org/>. Just click on the "Join YVAS" link. Not online? Call Debbie Brown @ 248 - 3878.



Birders make lists of the birds they see; if they don't, they should.

Roger Tory Peterson


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