



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

- Dec 6** **Christmas Banquet** at the Yakima Area Arboretum at **6:30 pm** .
Jan 8 **Board Meeting** at Dan Kinney's house, 207 Santa Rose Dr. (452-3260) at **7:00 pm**.

Field Trips

- Dec 13** **Thursday Morning Bird Walk** — meet the group at the Valley Mall Blvd. parking lot for the Poppoff Trail at **9:00 am**.
Dec 15 **Yakima Christmas Bird Count** — meet the group at **7:00 am** at the fireplace in the middle of Sportsman's State Park off S. 33rd St.
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Dec 27 **Thursday Morning Bird Walk** — meet the group at the Valley Mall Blvd. parking lot for the Poppoff Trail at **9:00 am**.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

"Cougarwise" with Gary Koehler

Two hundred years ago, much of the Pacific Northwest was a virtually untrammled wilderness with an abundant and varied flora and fauna, including large predators such as the grizzly bear, cougar, gray wolf, fisher, and wolverine. White settlers quickly reduced the numbers of these big "toothy" predators until now only the cougar remains in any number. For many decades, the modest number of cougars remaining in the landscape were shy due to hunting pressure. Then, hunting of these magnificent cats with the aid of dogs became unlawful, and it appears they have increased. An estimated 3-4000 of these huge cats now roam the state. Conflicts with humans and their livestock and pets may become more likely.

Project CAT (Cougars and Teaching) began in 2000 as a research investigation into cougar behavior and movements in response to the quick pace of residential development in upper Kittitas County. While the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife led the research effort, the Cle Elum-Roslyn School district incorporated aspects of the field research into their curriculum as a 'hands-on' learning experience. While Project CAT includes students from K through 12, 8th to 12th grade students get real world experience with cougars by participating in cougar captures and marking, inspections of dens and marking kittens, and documenting predation data. The 8th grade science class has had the most exposure to this research. Under the supervision of science teacher Trish Griswald, they have been working with professionals in wildlife biology to conduct real scientific research in upper Kittitas County. Each year the students have helped develop a research question pertaining to the cats and their habitat and then conduct a community outreach known as Cougarwise. Now in its 7th year, Project CAT has touched students of almost every grade level, some participating in cougar captures led by WDFW's Ben Maletzke, where animals are collared so their patterns can be monitored. This program has inspired and instilled hands-on environmental science to countless students in upper Kittitas County.

Gary Koehler, WDFW biologist, promises to bring an exciting program to us tonight. What's more, this is the annual Yakima Audubon Christmas banquet plus the annual Silent Auction. Make plans to attend!

— Andy Stepniewski —

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Christmas Banquet Dec. 6

Just some reminders about our very festive get-together on December 6 for the Christmas Banquet. Bring your own table service (plates, cups, silverware) and serving utensils for your potluck items. Put names on bowls, serving plates and utensils to ensure return to the proper owner.

The doors will be open at 5:30 pm at the Yakima Arboretum. Dinner will be served at 6:30, so please get your food there before then. Also allow plenty of time to browse through the Silent Auction items.

Potluck food assignments are by the first letter of your last name: **A-G = main dish; H-P = potatoes, vegetables, salads; Q-Z = deserts, bread & butter**. Dishes need to serve about 12-14 people. We will be providing ham and turkey. Coffee, hot water for tea, and punch will also be served. Wine will be available to purchase by the glass or bottle. Our entertainment this year will be Mitch Weary, who is called back for an encore after his stellar performance last year.

If you are a member who hasn't been coming to the monthly meetings, this is a great time to get acquainted with some wonderful people, enjoy a great meal, and maybe pick up a real treasure at the auction.

If you have any questions, please call Alice Nevue (453-7096).

— Alice Nevue —

The 2007 Yakima Valley Christmas Bird Count

Join the group for lots of fun!

Please mark your calendar now for our 38th Annual Yakima Valley Christmas Count. This nation-wide census of birds in specific 15-mile diameter circles is now undertaken annually by more than 50,000 birders. And you don't have to be an expert to participate—just be willing to help by looking, listening or tallying. It's great fun, and challenging too, to canvas your designated area.

We will meet at 7:00 a.m. Saturday December 15 at the central fireplace in Sportsman State Park. We will then depart for a full day of birding. Meet again with the traditional re-cap and no-host pizza dinner at Debie and Ron Brown's house at 240 Meadowlark Lane south of Moxee at 5:00 p.m. Directions will be available on the morning of the count.

The top species found over the 37 previous Yakima CBCs reads like Richard Repp's most-wanted species for his Yakima County list: Long-tailed Duck, Gyrfalcon, Northern Mockingbird, American Tree Sparrow, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch and White-winged Crossbill, great additions to anyone's county list!

We need observers, so if you are interested, please contact Denny Granstrand at 453-2500, or e-mail him at dgranstrand@charter.net for more information.

11th Annual Silent Auction

Maia Mittelstaedt has done an elegant job of gathering donations and running the Annual Silent Auction at the Christmas party for many years. This year she has other responsibilities and I have volunteered to coordinate it. Thanks to many generous donors and bidders, the Auction has been an important fundraiser for Yakima Audubon, so please bring treasures for the auction and helps make it a success once again. I will gather donations and information ahead of time so the auction will be ready to go by the time you all arrive at the party. Please give me the information below by November 30th or as soon as possible..

- ◆ Your name and phone number
- ◆ A description of your item
- ◆ How much you think it should go for, and whether or not you wish to have a minimum bid on it

Donors could drop off items prior to the banquet at my office at 11th and Tieton, at Vera Backstrom's office off 40th near Fred Meyer, or the Stepniewski house in Parker Heights. Please contact me at steppie@nwinfo.net, or call me at home at 877-6639 to make arrangements.

— Ellen Stepniewski —

The 2007 Toppenish NWR Christmas Bird Count

Will your group spot the "bird of the count"?

Coming a day after the Yakima Count is the 25th Annual Toppenish Christmas Bird Count. We will meet December 16 at 7:00 a.m. at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Toppenish (junction of US-97 & SR-22). The rules are the same as for the Yakima Count: observers are assigned to a team to cover a specific portion of a 15-mile diameter circle in the Lower Valley. If you're interested, please contact Andy Stepniewski at 877-6639 or e-mail him at steppie@nwinfo.net

Interest and enthusiasm are key requirements. We will train you! Following the count we meet at Andy and Ellen's house at around 5:00 p.m. in Parker Heights to go through the tally, warm up with a bowl of soup and hot (and cold!) drinks and recount the day's experiences. Directions will be available the morning of the count.

The rarities list of the Toppenish NWR CBC include Snow Goose, Long-tailed Duck, Ruffed Grouse, Glaucous-winged Gull, Northern Mockingbird, Swamp Sparrow and White-winged Crossbill. Maybe your group will find a bird that will be a new addition to the Toppenish NWR CBC list.

Friendly competition between the two counts has become a tradition. In 2007, which count will win?

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



There's no denying that we've seen the last of summer as Daylight Saving Time has been shelved for another six months and you can smell it in the air - the season is definitely changing. For me the declining light in the fall can usher in the winter blahs and I begin to experience the all-too-predictable symptoms of cabin fever.

Fortunately this time of year is also the beginning of a very busy time for the chapter. The holiday season has its usual assortment of festivities and family-related commitments to look forward to as well as the annual YVAS Christmas Potluck and Silent Auction and yes folks, it's almost Christmas Bird Count season! I find that participating in the Topenish and Yakima Christmas Bird Counts help make it a little easier to get through these short gray days of winter.

I know that my perspective - and energy - is likely to pick up with the return of light and of warm spring weather, but I have also found that it can help to get out and try to enjoy winter activities, such as the field trips and bird walks put on by YVAS.

So, if you suffer from the winter blues, think about joining us as we get into this busy season that promises to be exciting on many fronts. I extend the best of holiday greetings to all of you, stay warm and cozy and good birding.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Welcome New Members!

Yakima: Angie Begosh
Selah: Connie Rockwell

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Grace Anderson, Jean Chott, Beatrice Cook, Denny Granstrand, Jim & Jackie Hertel, Don Joy, Nancy Lust, Sheryl Morris, Mary Lou Rozdilsky, Janet Shaw, Bettie Soden, Bob & Leslie Wahl, Rae Woods

Selah: Cathy LeCompte

Seattle: Victoria King

Anacortes: John O'Connell

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

— Debie Brown —

Memorial for Gloria Dumas Lawrence

Yakima Valley Audubon Society would like to thank the "Lunch Bunch" friends of Susan Talbott for their generous donation in loving memory of her mother, Gloria Dumas Lawrence. Gloria, of Waitsburg, Washington, was a lover of all things living, but she especially loved our Feathered Friends.

Exciting news from Konnowac Pass

Over the last couple years, we have been reading about a huge proposed resort development on Nightingale Road east of Konnowac Pass in the Lower Yakima Valley. This development promises to radically alter a large chunk of rangeland on Elephant Mountain in the area. Landowners in this area are a patchwork of private, BLM, and state. One landowner, wishing to preserve their historic way of life contacted the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife seeking an agricultural easement that would provide some tax relief down the road as property values in the area climb. Typically, marginal range or farmland owners in such situations eventually sell and these lands become developed. In exchange for tax relief, a type of conservation easement is established, prohibiting development, but in this case allowing grazing, a long-established land use here.

Michael Livingston, biologist with WDFW contacted me to see what data Audubon might have on this area to aid in grant applications. I mentioned Debie Brown, longtime Yakima Valley Audubon member and resident of Konnowac Pass, who submitted data proving the importance of that area for migratory and resident birds. Her yard list is No. 2 in Washington state! Debie has observed 174 species there, behind only Pt. No Point on the Kitsap Peninsula. Debie's many years of data provided important justification that this area deserves to remain in open land. Michael wrote:

"Good news! Our grant proposal to purchase 50% of an agricultural easement on the private land in the Rattlesnake Hills (near Konnowac Pass) was approved for funding. If you

remember, we applied for a Farmland Preservation Program grant through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). Funding for 1229 acres of private land was approved for a permanent agricultural easement. Almost 2500 acres of public land (mostly BLM) interspersed with the private will be buffered from future development as well. So, our project in total will be protecting over 3700 acres.

The easement will preclude future development of the private property, but the landowner will retain the right to graze livestock and/or farm. This is one of the kinds of projects our partnership was developed to accomplish; it promotes open space and wildlife habitat, while at the same time promoting working rangelands.

A number of our partners contributed to this first step in securing the easement including: Betsy Bloomfield (TNC; key to our success), Mike Tobin (NYCD), John Marvin (Yakima CO), Sarah Troutman (NRCS), Neal Hedges and Dana Peterson (BLM), Andy Stepniewski (Yakima Valley Audubon), and Mike Greg (USFWS). Thanks to all of you!

The next step is to secure the other 50% of the funding. The nice thing is we have already accomplished the most difficult step by securing non-federal funding that can be used as seed money to secure federal funds. Our intent is to apply for a NRCS Farmland and Ranchland Protection grant and a WDFW Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) grant."

— Andy Stepniewski —

Attention Backyard Birders — We need to you help with our Christmas Bird Counts

Want to ensure that the birds visiting your feeders are included in the upcoming Christmas Bird Count? Wish you could participate in the CBC but are unable to devote a whole day to the task? Well, if you live within a 7.5 mile radius of Sportsman Park, we have a deal for you. We are looking for individuals willing to spend a little time watching their feeders or walking their immediate neighborhood on the date of the CBC.

Your efforts will both expand and improve the accuracy of the data gathered and reported during the CBC. Please contact Denny Granstrand by Dec 15 to enable him to coordinate your efforts with others censusing nearby to avoid overlaps. The Yakima Valley CBC will be held on Saturday, Dec 18. If you live in the Lower Valley within a 7.5 mile radius of the intersection of Larue and South Wapato Roads, contact Andy

Stepniewski to participate in the Toppenish CBC on Sunday, Dec 19. E-mail addresses and phone numbers for Denny and Andy are listed on the back page of the Crier. If you aren't sure if you live within the boundary of either circle, contact Andy or Denny to find out for sure.

The rules are fairly simple: count all of the birds that show up at your feeder. You shouldn't submit the total of all of every species seen at your feeder throughout the day because birds will be visiting it more than once. You will have to make an estimate to arrive at a somewhat accurate total for each species.

Denny or Andy will answer any questions you have about the participating in the Christmas counts in this way.

— Richard Repp —

Photo Quiz

Guess the names of each of these birds and how many times they have been seen on the 34 Yakima Valley CBCs. Answers are on page 7.



CONSERVATION

Wenas Land Swap Wins Final Approval!

On November 6, the Washington State Board of Natural Resources approved exchanging 21,000 acres of state trust lands for 82,000 acres of land owned by Western Pacific Timber. This final approval is great news for those interested in preserving habitat and ecosystems in Yakima County. Western Timber had previously acquired all the Boise Cascade land in Washington State, and had indicated a willingness to do some kind of swap with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that would move forest land to DNR and grant back more developable parcels to Western Timber. This fit in with DNR's wishes, since it held substantial areas broken up in "checkerboard" ownership.

Checkerboard ownership meant DNR's land was divided, management practices were automatically scattered, and access virtually always entailed getting permission to cross private land, which could be revoked at any time. Also, over time DNR had ended up with scattered smaller parcels which held some potential development value but didn't fit in with a management plan to generate an ongoing return to the trust recipients – public schools, universities, and other state institutions. In addition, instead of continuing sustained logging practices as Boise Cascade had, Western Timber planned on selling off much of the land it owned for development into vacation cabins, exclusive ranchettes, and so on. Brought into local focus, this could mean that Western Timber could have sold off land in the Upper Wenas for summer retreats that would cut off public access to the Audubon campsite. The final approval for the DNR land swap prevents this scenario. But more important than our access to a campsite is that we need to maintain large tracts of viable ecosystems if we want to preserve the species of birds, animals and plants we currently have. And this the DNR land swap accomplishes.

In this column in January 2006, I wrote: "The Upper Wenas is nearly 100 square miles ranging from Manastash Ridge to Mt. Cleman. The swap will mean that a substantial, large tract of habitat will be managed for the public benefit – the Upper Wenas connecting Wenatchee National Forest land to the west and L.T. Murray to the east. Large, uninterrupted tracts of habitat are required for species preservation. The stewardship by DNR and WFDW will continue public access and multiple uses in the Upper Wenas while adding a prime focus of preserving habitat, birds and other wildlife." This is still true.

The timing on this came together quickly, in terms of State action. To pull off a swap of this extent, large tracts of public land somewhere else in the State have to be traded out for development. Those living in counties with a net loss worried about continued public access to hunting areas. Western Timber has developed exclusive ski resorts, and some worried about the placement of those in the Wenatchee area. It has been a difficult balancing act, but there can be no question of the value of preserving public ownership and public access of one of the few remaining wide swaths of transition ecosystems from shrub steppe to Ponderosa pine forest that we have here in Yakima County.

This land swap is the only the first. The next -- between DNR and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) would seek to generally transfer forest land to DNR and shrub steppe to WDFW. In theory, this would mean that while timber land would be harvested (on a sustainable basis), shrub steppe would not be converted to wheat farming or other agricultural use, but would be preserved. Since we've already lost substantially all the prior shrub steppe in Central Washington to agriculture and development, WDFW ownership seems like the desired outcome. Complicating this, however, are WDFW's recent moves to open up WDFW holdings like the Whiskey Dick to cattle grazing as "management" of the shrub steppe. Some of us believe that allowing grazing is merely a political bone thrown to the Cattlemen's Association which will degrade shrub steppe habitat and will result in a loss of species here.

This is the underlying question that should inform our actions: Will we be the generation that halts the decline in Washington State of species dependent on shrub steppe for their existence? Or will we be the generation that watches shrub steppe species decline and disappear because our focus was on fleeting political or private economic concerns?

Comments sought on revised listing for Bald Eagle. The federal government removed the Bald Eagle from "endangered species" listing last August, acknowledging the bird's incredible recovery since the prohibition on use of DDT. On the federal side, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act continue to protect bald eagles and their nests.

At the Washington State level, WDFW is seeking public comment on a proposal to change the Bald Eagle's status from "threatened" to "sensitive". "Endangered species" are those threatened with extinction. "*Threatened species*" are those "likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future ..." State "*sensitive species*" are those "likely to become endangered or threatened throughout a significant portion of its range within the state without cooperative management or removal of threats." So it's a somewhat loose continuum. See <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/diversty/soc/concern.htm> for a status report on the Bald Eagle in Washington State.

On the one hand, we want to applaud recovery efforts, even though, as to the Bald Eagle, recovery is more a result of outlawing DDT than conscious habitat protection and restoration. On the other hand is a concern that without substantial financial and prison penalties that enforce protection, the same jerks that currently muddy streams with off-road vehicles, knock down fences and trash property will also shoot Bald Eagles just for fun. Let WDFW know what you think of the proposed change – either by mail or thru their website.

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



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- Jan 12 2008 Field Trip Planning Meeting** — Meet at Larry and Doris Robinson's house at 430 Clover Springs Rd. in the Nile (658-2918) at **10:00** with a potluck lunch to follow.

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 — \$6.50 each; 150 miles — \$9.50 each, 200 miles — \$12.50 each; 250 miles — \$15.50 each; 300 miles — \$18.50each. Please pay your share; if drivers have to pay most of the gas bill, they may quit driving.



TOP October - November Bird Sightings **TEN** in Yakima County

10. **White-headed Woodpecker** – **Larry and Doris Robinson**. Although normally a stable at their suet feeders, these woodies took a powder to higher elevations before returning to favored Nile nectar.
9. **White-throated Sparrow** – **John Hebert**. Defying global warming, this swanky sparrow returned to the Poppoff Trail Sparrow Patch on Oct 23.
8. **Northern Saw-whet Owl** – **Andy Stepniewski**. Stepping outside his Parker Heights home for an evening stroll, Steppie paused to whistle. A tooting response confirmed the small one's presence.
7. **Western Scrub Jay** – **Kerry Turley**. Leading a YVAS field trip in Medicine Valley, our president magically extracted color from the Corvidae family.
6. **Eurasian Collared-Dove** – **Phil Mattocks**. The collared-one's range continues to expand with this sighting along Lateral C.
5. **Harris's Sparrow** – **John O'Connell**. A member of the local chapter who resides in Anacortes, John shared the pathway behind the Greenway offices with this rare winter visitor to our fair state.
4. **Blue Jay** – **Pam and Sherry Morris**. Scathing vocals, a bright blue crest and white markings on the wings and tail left no doubt that the rakish one reconnoitered residential Yakima.
3. **Common Poorwill** – **Larry Martin**. His small pooch sniffed out the Poorwill hidden under a bush at Sarg Hubbard Park. The nightjar's hiss was sufficient to redirect Larry's leash in another direction.
2. **Boreal Owl** – **Keith Brady** (from Olympia). An audio-visual dual delight near Darland Mountain for an Ivory-billed Woodpecker searcher on a home-state sojourn.
1. **Clark's Grebe** – **Ellen Stepniewski**. Plucked from a small flock of Western Grebes on Rimrock Lake on November 11...our treasurer strikes gold!

Once again I chased Clark's Grebe and came away empty. Well, not exactly empty. I did consume an array of granola bars and snacks. Hey, is the season. And at the end of my grebe debacle, a turn onto Bethel Ridge Road brought me eyeball to snood with fourteen Wild Turkeys. Yes, it is the season! And no offense to dogs, but every turkey has his day! Good eating.

— Richard Repp —

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)

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

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

Answers to the photo quiz (go to page 4 first)



1.

Anna's Hummingbird — was a count-week bird in 1997; 2006 was the 3rd year it was seen.



6.

Gray Jay — has not been found on a Yakima Valley CBC yet, though this could be its year!



2.

Bald Eagle — has been seen on the count 24 times including every year but one since 1983.



7.

Great Gray Owl — this is the kind of bird we dream about finding the night before the count. It has yet to be seen.



3.

Fox Sparrow — has also been seen on the count 24 times and was one of 36 species found on the first count in 1970.



8.

Song Sparrow — the only species on this quiz, and one of only 14 species, that has been seen every year.



4.

Evening Grosbeak — has been found on the count 11 times but only twice in the last ten years.



9.

Vesper Sparrow — they have all headed south by the last week in October, so it has not made an appearance.



5.

Golden-crowned Kinglet — last year was its 31st appearance on the count list.



10.

Yellow-headed Blackbird — 1996 and 2005 were the only years we have found it on the count.

Birds to watch for on our Christmas Bird Counts

Cackling Goose — Much smaller than Canada Goose, with which it is frequently seen; look for the tiny bill as a key field mark.



Gyr Falcon — much larger with a less distinct mustache line than Prairie Falcon; its long tail extends well beyond its wingtips; in flight has much bulkier wings than the other falcons.



Bohemian Waxwing — Larger and grayer than Cedar Waxwing; the rusty undertail coverts are the field mark that definitely separates the two species.

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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