

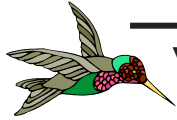
Calliope Crier

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

Christmas Activities

- Dec 4 Christmas Banquet and Silent Auction** at the Yakima Area Arboretum with dinner starting at **6:30 pm**. Contact Alice Nevue (453-7096) to help set up or to decorate a table.
- Dec 14 Toppenish Christmas Bird Count** — Contact Andy Stepniewski (877-6639) for more information or to sign up.
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Other Activities

- Jan 10 2009 Field Trip Planning Meeting** — At Larry and Doris Robinson's house in the Nile at 430 Clover Springs Road (658-2918) at **10:00 am** with potluck lunch afterwards.
- Jan 13 Board Meeting** at Denny Granstrand's house at 2011 S. 47th Ave. (453-2500) at **7:00 pm**.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

ANDY STEPNIEWSKI

The Owl and The Woodpecker: Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds

With

Paul Bannick

Award-winning photographer-naturalist Paul Bannick will take you on a visual journey of 11 key North American habitats (with a NW focus) through the needs of all 41 of North America's owl and woodpecker species. This stunning photographic study will be accompanied by field stories, and rich natural history derived from thousands of hours in the field. His talk will look at the way owls and woodpeckers define and enrich their habitat and how their life-histories are intertwined.

Early reviews include the following:

"The Owl and the Woodpecker is a monumental work of photojournalism by one of North America's top wildlife photographers. The images you'll encounter in this book are the result of an encyclopedic knowledge of birds and their habitats, an intense love of nature, and endless patience. For anyone who appreciates wild things and wild places, each of Bannick's stunning photographs is worth ten thousand words." Ted Williams, Editor-at-Large, *Audubon* magazine.

"What a glorious book! Paul Bannick's photographs reveal the startling beauty and complex survival strategies of the owl and the woodpecker, North America's most charismatic and crucial cavity-nesting birds. These are images to savor again and again." Bruce Barcott, Contributing Editor to *Outside Magazine* and author of *The Last Flight of the Scarlet Macaw*

See sample images and pages from his book and more reviews at www.paulbannick.com.

The Owl and The Woodpecker will make a wonderful Christmas present for any outdoor enthusiast.

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

Christmas Potluck Dinner — 2008 Edition

Just some reminders about our very festive get-together on December 4th. Bring your own table service (plates, cups, silverware) and serving utensils for you dinner, along with your potluck items. Put your name on bowl, serving platters and utensils to ensure return to the proper owner.

The doors will be open at **5:00 pm** at the Yakima Area Arboretum, with the table decorating to be completed, hopefully, by **6:00 pm**. The Silent Auction and wine service will be underway by **6:00**. Allow plenty of time to browse through the Silent Auction items. All foods need to be there by **6:15**, since dinner starts at **6:30**.

Potluck food assignments are by the first letter of your last name: **A-G = desserts, bread & butter; H-P = main**

dish; Q-Z = potatoes, vegetables, salads. 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. Our entertainment this year will be Mitch Weary, who is called back for an encore after his stellar performances of the last two years.

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).

12th Annual Silent Auction

We want to thank the many generous donors and bidders who have made the Christmas Banquet Silent Auction the most important fundraiser our chapter has. We are hoping that tradition will continue this year, so please think about contributing treasures for the auction and help make it a success. 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 listed by November 30th if possible. I will need:

- ◆ 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

All of you who would like to donor items to the auction should call me at 965-5808 or e-mail me at DRENGUIS@aol.com to make arrangements.

— Bill Drenguis —

It's time to plan for the Christmas Bird Counts

The 2008 Toppenish NWR Christmas Bird Count

December 14

Please mark your calendar now for our 26th Annual Toppenish Christmas Bird Count. This nation-wide census of birds in specific 15-mile diameter circles is now undertaken annually by more than 50,000 birders. We will meet December 14 at **7:00 am** at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Toppenish (junction of US-97 & SR-22). If you're interested, please call me at 877-6639 or e-mail me at step-pie@nwinfo.net.

Interest and enthusiasm are key requirements. We will train you! And you don't have to be an expert to participate - just be willing to help by looking, listening or tallying. Following the count we meet at Andy and Ellen's house at around **5:00 pm** 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.

Friendly competition between the two counts has become a tradition. In 2003, which count will win?

— Andy Stepniewski —

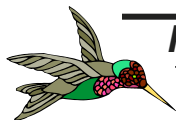
The 2008 Yakima Valley Christmas Bird Count

December 20

Get ready to join us for the 38th Annual Yakima Valley Christmas Count on December 20. The rules are the same as for the Toppenish Count: observers are assigned to a team to cover a specific portion of a 15-mile diameter circle in the Yakima Valley, with the center of our count circle being Sportsman's State Park. It's great fun, and challenging, too, to canvas your designated area.

We will meet at **7:00 am** Saturday, December 20 at the central fireplace in Sportsman's Park. We will then depart for a full day of birding. Meet again for the traditional re-cap and pizza dinner with potluck items at Debie and Ron Brown's house on Meadowlark Lane south of Moxee at **5:00 pm** or so. We need observers, so if you are interested, please call me at 453-2500, or e-mail me at dgranstrand@charter.net for more information.

— Denny Granstrand —



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KERRY TURLEY



The winter months are hard on the old body and the cold seems to make everything we do even harder. But as hard as they are for us, winter can be even harder for the birds that don't migrate south during the cold months and when it snows they are challenged to stay warm, it's also a much more difficult time for them to find food and water.

So why not help out our feathered friends while adding a little joy to your yard in winter? How you may ask? Easy, just add a birdfeeder and water to your yard this winter to give the birds that stay behind one extra place they can go to get something to eat and drink.

Birdfeeders come in all shapes and sizes, and choosing a feeder will depend on what type of bird you're looking to attract and what type of other creatures you want to avoid. Ultimately, any type of birdfeeder will do the job; birds don't have preferences or specific taste when it comes to birdfeeders. They do have taste when it comes to what is in the birdfeeder.

Different birds will be attracted by different foods, so you may want to take some time and research as to which birds stay in your area during the winter and what types of food they like.

Birds also need reliable access to clean fresh water so add water, anything from a simple dish to an elaborate water garden is sufficient. If the water is splashing and/or moving, it's even more of a calling card for birds.

Feeding the birds in winter is not only a nice thing to do for the birds but also for you. The birds act as a reminder of the spring that follows every winter. The longer the birds stay in your yard, the longer you have to observe and enjoy them. So get the most enjoyment out of the time they spend in your habitat by adding a feed station and water.

Ten Laws of Winter Birding

- 1) The older we get, the colder it feels while birding. Global warming is counterbalanced by personal cooling.
- 2) The possibility of seeing a Gyrfalcon is inversely proportional to the listing need.
- 3) Red Crossbills never land. Never. As in nada.
- 4) "It was just here 10 minutes ago." (Note also spring, summer & fall birding rules.)
- 5) Boreal Chickadees respond to pishing. Once a decade.
- 6) Golden Crowned Kinglets have three distinct calls. Except when Brown Creepers are also in the area.
- 7) Cardinals will sing in the winter. Period. This is not an event, but a ruse.
- 8) Walk the snowy winter trail. Miss the bird. Walk back on the winter trail. Miss the bird again. Warm up the car, see the (potential) bird fly by, binoculars fog, until the bird disappears.
- 9) Vagrants always occur in the portion of the state farthest from you. If vagrants do occur in your area, your schedule will



MEMBERSHIP

DEBIE BROWN

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Toppenish: Verna Runberg
Seattle: Dotty Armstrong

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Elizabeth Bohn, Norma Boyer, Charles Crandall, Joyce & Clay Dennison, Jim & Jackie Hertel, Lee Hunsperger, Joyce Lucas, Richard Repp, Leni Skarin, Elizabeth Traner, Rae Woods

Selah: Marcia Shotwell
Naches: Marcella Larson

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

Would you like to read the *Crier* on-line and not receive a printed copy?

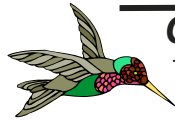
If so, please send an e-mail to Denny Granstrand (dgranstrand@charter.net) and your e-mail address will be put on the list to be notified when the *Crier* is available on the YVAS website.

This will save paper, lessen the amount of snail mail you receive, and make us all feel like we are doing one more little thing to help the environment.



**I want you . . .
to donate items for the
YVAS Silent Auction
at the Christmas Banquet
at the Yakima Arboretum
on Dec. 4 at 6:00 pm**

**Contact Bill Drenguis
(965-5808 or
DRENGUIS@aol.com)
to make your donations**



CONSERVATION REPORT

MICHAEL MARTIN

The Election and Conservation I didn't see a "save the sage grouse" candidate this last election, but I think we should generally expect positive post-election impacts for conservation, particularly at the federal level. The Bush administration has consistently used political appointees to override staff scientists so that decisions required by law to be based on best available science have been instead been made based on political ideology. The courts have been the only avenue to limit this practice, and to ensure that mandated protections are honored.

An example close to home is in the federal court decision requiring the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to reconsider its failure to list the greater sage-grouse under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Part of the court decision focuses on Julie MacDonald, a US Fish & Wildlife Deputy Assistant Secretary and political appointee with responsibility for overseeing FWS operations, including its ESA reviews. The court describes MacDonald's tenure at FWS: "In 2006, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) received an anonymous complaint that MacDonald had "persistently harassed, bullied, and insulted FWS employees to change documents and ignore good science related to the Endangered Species Program." ... The former Director of the FWS Endangered Species Program told OIG investigators "that many of the scientific reports his office has issued have been edited extensively by MacDonald, who has no background in biology, and cited the Sage Grouse Risk Analysis as an example."

The court continues: "MacDonald's principal tactic is to steer the "best science" to a pre-ordained outcome. ... MacDonald's extensive involvement in the sage-grouse listing decision is an independent reason for the Court's finding that the [decision not to list sage grouse] is arbitrary and capricious ..." The Court ordered FWS to reconsider the sage grouse listing. That was almost a year ago – still no revised decision has been issued.

I am trusting that under the Obama administration, we won't need repeated court actions just to make sure the agencies set up to protect wildlife and the environment do what they are required by law to do.

Department of Fish & Wildlife / Department of Natural Resources Land Swap -- Update Back in November 2006, public discussion started on a proposed land swap which would result in consolidated public ownership of large contiguous swaths of land. The swap had two parts – the first a transfer between the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Western Pacific Timber (which had acquired Boise Cascade's timber holdings in Washington State). Before this swap, much timberland in Washington was characterized by checkerboard ownership – a section of public land next to a section of private land next to a public section next to a private section, and so on. This arrangement was

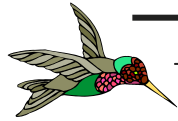
left over from land grants to railroad companies in the 1800s. Much of the Upper Wenas was checkerboard. E.g., to get to the Audubon Campground, one crossed back and forth from private to public land. The DNR / Western Pacific Timber swap, formally approved in November 2007, converted this checkerboard ownership in the Upper Wenas to a big chunk of contiguous public DNR land.

That was the first part. As contemplated back in 2006, in the second leg of the swap DNR would exchange roughly 120,000 acres of shrub steppe for about 50,000 acres of forested land owned by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The difference in acreage is because the swap involves equal value of land, and forest land is worth more economically than shrub steppe. The two-step land swap gets ownership where it ought to be. DNR would end up with timber, which would be harvested to benefit schools and other trustee beneficiaries. WDFW would end up with shrub steppe, which it would protect as habitat. This second part hasn't happened yet.

Two factors have slowed the DNR / WDFW swap. The first is that timber prices fell substantially. This meant that, in a value-for-value swap, the WDFW forest land was not worth as much shrub steppe acreage as originally thought. A more recent development is whether the possibility of leased wind farms on shrub steppe can be considered. If so, the DNR shrub steppe holdings are worth more. Both factors mean that WDFW ends up with less shrub steppe acreage than originally anticipated. The agencies have been in negotiation, and hope to have a draft NEPA/SEPA document out for public review in December. Hopefully, we'll be seeing the final step of this historic land swap soon.

Critical Areas Ordinance – Update: Settlement talks with Yakima County are continuing, and the parties appear to be close to agreement on virtually all the issues raised in the appeals to the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board by Yakima Valley Audubon and others. By the time this Crier comes out, we'll have met yet another time. We are hopeful to reach final agreement then on protections for habitat associated with endangered, threatened and sensitive species, on protections for ephemeral streams and on other issues. A couple sticking points (not issues raised in Yakima Audubon's appeal) can be separated out to go to the Hearings Board for resolution.

Agreement in the talks just means another phase starts. Revisions to the ordinance agreed to by the County's representatives go back to the full board of County Commissioners. Then public hearings will be held, at which time agriculture and development interests and others can oppose the changes or can propose their own revisions. In the meantime, the formal appeals are on hold. If all falls apart, we go back to where we started. Still, it's a time to be optimistic.



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.

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TOP ELEVEN BIRD SIGHTINGS

RICHARD REPP

Fall is merging with winter. The holiday season is at hand. The colors, the smells, and the food! The YVAS Christmas banquet, the silent auction, and of course, the birds.

11. We start off our countdown with a bird attracted to pumpkin seeds, personally I'm attracted to pumpkin pie. Near 36th and Summitview Avenues, a **Steller's Jay** succumbed to the seed offered by Phelps Freeborn. This flashy western blue jay turns up in residential yards only slightly more often than its eastern cousin the Blue Jay, the jay that adorns many Christmas cards. Who among our readers will be the first to report the "star" of the jay family this winter?
10. Michael Martin had barely assembled participants from the Yakima Valley Regional Library's "Big Read" for a walk along the Poppoff Trail to celebrate the chosen classic "To Kill a Mockingbird" when what should fly over but a...**Great Egret**. An actual mockingbird would have been too small to commemorate a "Big Read," hence the Great.
9. Andy and Ellen Stepniewski have been birding Priest Rapids Lake to the "nines" lately. To wit, eight **Red-breasted Mergansers** plus one **Surf Scoter** equals nine on Oct 19.
8. It is also the season of high school homecoming dances and proms. Proms, of course, maybe the closest Yakima gets to grand balls and crashing a ball is probably verboten unless it happens to be a ball of starlings and the crasher is a streaking **Merlin**. Mike Roper viewed such an event over the Yakima River near Union Gap. As royalty, the little prince of falcons felt any European Starling ball was an open invitation.
7. The sparrow genus *Zonotrichia* features two crowned species (Golden-crowned and White-crowned) but recent visits by the regal **White-throated Sparrow** has set the Audubon Society abuzz. Resident paparazzi photogs captured stealthy sojourns to the Terrace Heights residences of Cindy and Jeff Kozma and Alice and Mike Roper. And at the ritzy Sparrow Patch South north of the Poppoff Trail, proprietor John Hebert boasts of patronization by two White-throated Zonos.
6. While enjoying an evening hot tub soak in Parker Heights, the giant of Yakima County birding (Andy Stepniewski) detected the distinctive sneeze of a gnome of an owl, the **Northern Saw-whet**, perched in an Incense Cedar. Bless the little guy; incense sternutation has betrayed many a hippie, large and small. Leave it to Andy to perpetrate a new birding strategy.
5. Taking the aromatic to a completely different level, Andy sniffed out four **Bonaparte's Gulls** at the Grandview Waste Water Treatment Plant on November 7. These diminutive gulls are very rare in Yakima County away from the Columbia



Steller's Jay
Photo by George Vlahakis

Top Eleven Bird Sightings (continued from page 4)

River. Flaunting a French name and considering France's fame for fine fragrances, surely these exquisite specimens were not merely following their noses.

4. On yet another excursion to Priest Rapids Lake, Andy and Ellen used a Canon (camera, not weapon) to document a lone **Snow Bunting** and a **Clark's Grebe**. The Clark's seemed happily paired with the more common Western Grebe. As both of these grebes are creatures of the western U S, didn't taxonomists miss the boat by not naming the latter Lewis's Grebe. Now ol' Meriwether and William may not have been look-alikes but, thanks to the Corps of Discovery, their names are forever intertwined; shame the twin (dead ringers) grebes' monikers are not.
3. Mabton's Bus Road ferried up a **Harris's Sparrow**, the fourth and final member of the *Zonotrichia* genus, to the unremitting wanderings of Andy and Ellen...are these guys on a quest or what? The Harris's is one of our largest sparrows; it prefers to feed on the ground in or near thick cover. A winter visitor that is hard to find in the county.
2. After six summer and fall hikes, the seventh proved to be the lucky one as Andy and Ellen finally spruced up their year list with a **Spruce Grouse** along a logging road in the Cougar Flats area. To celebrate, they car-camped at Clover Flats and coolly called in a **Boreal Owl** as darkness fell. Two Flats, two peaks...too cool!
1. Luck, where preparation meets opportunity. Stopping on Marion Drain Road to scope thousands of blackbirds, an early bird Andy twirled into focus turned out to be a **Tricolored Blackbird**, a county first. It takes dedication to sift through thousands of starlings, cowbirds, and Brewer's, Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds. The reward is finding the one that is different.

Make the upcoming Christmas Bird Counts your opportunity to become more involved in YVAS. Prepare now and perhaps you will be the lucky one to spot a Blue Jay or other rarity. Work off a few of Thanksgiving's pounds while working up an appetite for Christmas dinner.

So how do you tell Clark's and Western Grebes apart?

Clark's and Western Grebes, especially during non-breeding seasons, are sometimes difficult to tell apart. Even in this wonderful photo taken by Ellen Stepniewski the differences are subtle.

One of the main field marks to look for is where the eyes lie in relationship to the black on the head. Western Grebes will have the black on the head extending below the eye, and Clark's Grebes have the black stopping above the eye, as can be seen in this photo. During winter, the black below the eye of Western Grebes becomes diffused, so that it looks paler and Clark's Grebes can get some amount of dark coloration below the eye. This photo shows the area below the eye of the Western Grebe is a little paler than the rest of the black on its head.

The newer field guides show Clark's Grebes having paler sides at the waterline than do Western Grebes. In these two birds, this doesn't show very well. The Clark's does show a pale area just past midway on the side and extending to the tail, though this Western Grebe has a paler area toward the front of the side.

A color version of this photo, which you will be able to see in the colorized Crier on the YVAS website, shows the other main field mark of these two grebes: Clark's Grebes have a more orange bill; Westerns have a yellow-green tint to the bill.



Snow Bunting
Photo by Ellen Stepniewski



**Clark's Grebe (front) with a
Western Grebe (back)**
Photo by Ellen Stepniewski

Photos of some of the other “Top Eleven” Bird Sightings



White-throated Sparrow (above)
Photo by Mike Roper, taken in his yard



Merlin (above)
Photo by Mike Roper



Male Spruce Grouse (left)
Photo by Ellen Stepniewski

In the humor department:

Two vultures were getting on a plane and each was carrying two dead raccoons, one under each wing. The flight attendant stopped them and said, "I'm sorry, but you're only allowed one carrion . . ."

A Wonderful Bluebird Story From Sequim

Sara Blake, a life-long Sequim resident, had always wanted bluebirds nesting in her yard on the east side of Sequim. She had three nest boxes in place for 17 years but only swallows nested in them, until this year...

In February, 2008, a male Western Bluebird showed up. Sara was so excited she put out some mealworms from the pet store to entice the bluebird to stick around. Soon thereafter a female showed up, and Sara continued the mealworms for her as well. Only one other bluebird ever appeared this year, a male early in the spring, but the resident male quickly chased him off and Sara never saw more than one male and one female after that time. Unfortunately the birds weren't banded, but Sara kept close tabs on them and is convinced there was only one male and one female in her yard through the rest of the spring and summer.

Amazingly, with the help of lots of mealworms, these two bluebirds proceeded to lay four clutches over the next five months, laying 20 total eggs and fledging 19 chicks. Sara says she put out about 1000 mealworms per week, eventually setting the worms in a special guard by her back door because other birds (Spotted Towhee, WC Sparrow) also started eating the worms. The male bluebird even kicked at the back window at times if the mealworm supply ran out. The female bluebird, being more shy, never kicked the window, but just sneaked on the porch to pick worms from the bowl, then flew off to feed the chicks. By the end, Sara had to mail order mealworms from Ohio, because the local pet stores all ran out supplying her bluebirds.

Sara kept close tabs on the timing of nesting and suc-

cess: Clutch 1: 4 eggs laid late March, fledged 4 chicks in early May. Clutch 2: 4 eggs laid mid-May, fledged 4 chicks in mid June. Clutch 3: 6 eggs laid mid June, fledged 5 chicks early August. Clutch 4: 6 eggs laid late July, fledged 6 chicks early September.

Interestingly, the bluebirds shifted their clutches between three different closely-spaced nest boxes, which explains the overlap between the chicks of clutch 3 and the eggs of clutch 4. Sara says the male continued to feed the big chicks of clutch 3 in one box while the female moved next door and started the new clutch in another box. Since the adults easily fed mealworms to the big chicks in the boxes, there was apparently no need for the chicks to leave the boxes any earlier than their choosing. Consequently the chicks stayed longer in the boxes, getting fat and sassy.

In the end, the male bluebird took off before the female, leaving her to finish feeding the last chicks to fledging in September.

Sara's project turned into a wonderful experiment about the incredible productivity wild birds could have if food is unlimited. Imagine all the songbirds there might be if wild caterpillar populations continued at high levels for months at a time, rather than spiking in spring for just a few days or weeks. We'd be knee-deep in warblers! It's also curious that Sara's bluebirds continued to lay the last clutch well after the summer solstice, suggesting that in this case food availability was more important than day-length in determining the timing of the birds' nesting.

— Bob Boekelheide —
Former YVAS Member

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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