

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

- Sep 27 Chapter Meeting** at the Yakima Area Arboretum in the **Jones Center** at the north parking lot at **7:00 pm**.
- Oct 9 Board Meeting** at Andy and Ellen Stepniewski's house, 291 Windy Point Dr., Wapato (877-6639) at **7:00 pm**.

Field Trips

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Other Activities

- Oct 19-21 Fall ACOW — Restore and Protect**
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Woodpecker Wonderland: Oregon's Eastern Cascades

with

Stephen Shunk

Inside a 10-mile square on the east slope of Oregon's Cascade Mountains, 11 species of woodpeckers annually raise their young. The region's extreme rainfall gradient and the resultant habitat diversity set up perfect conditions for these cavity-nesting carpenters. Three-toed Woodpeckers reside permanently among the subalpine forests. Three sapsucker species nest among mixed coniferous and riparian aspen stands, with Red-naped and Red-breasted hybridizing freely at lower elevations. Black-backed and Hairy Woodpeckers dominate recent burns, with White-headed especially common at the fringes of burned forest and ponderosa pine woodland. And the woodpecker king, the mighty Pileated, can be found scrapping through decaying, bug-killed timber throughout the region. Add Downy along the creeks, Lewis's in burned and open pine woodland, and an abundance of flickers, and you have a wonderland of woodpeckers.

Join Oregon naturalist, Stephen Shunk, as he leads a virtual tour of Woodpecker Wonderland, from the Cascades Crest to the Deschutes River and from Mt. Jefferson to the Three Sisters. Steve will cover the natural history and identification of the region's woodpeckers as well as conservation issues faced by a few particularly sensitive species. The scenic backdrop of volcanic peaks offers additional inspiration.

Steve Shunk leads birding tours across Western North America through his company Paradise Birding, and he is currently writing the Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America. He co-founded the Oregon Birding Trails program and coordinated the development of its flagship project, the Oregon Cascades Birding Trail. Steve also co-founded the East Cascades Bird Conservancy, through which he leads numerous field studies in Central Oregon's East Cascade Mountains.

September Chapter Meeting is in new location

The September Chapter Meeting will be in the Jones Center at the Yakima Area Arboretum, due to a scheduling conflict with the main Arboretum building. The Jones Center is on the north side of the north parking lot at the arboretum. Follow the road past the main Arboretum building about 100 yards. The parking lot at the Jones Center is gravel, so wear appropriate shoes.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



THE WASHINGTON STATE BIRDING TRAIL – Southeast LOOP

I am pleased to tell you that the Board of Directors is working on many exciting things this year. There are several top priorities that we have identified as a board for 2008. One of these priorities is the "Washington State Birding Trail - SE Loop".

On June 12th the members of the board met with representatives of "Audubon Washington" to discuss the creation of the SE Washington Birding Trail loop.

To date, four of the seven Birding Trail loops have been completed: Cascades Loop, Coulee Corridor, SW Loop and the Olympic Loop. A Federal Grant has been received to help pay for the remaining trails, to hopefully be completed by the 2010 Olympics.

The goal for the coming year is to complete the SE (or Columbia River) loop. The Blue Mountain, Lower Columbia Basin, Palouse, Central Basin, Kittitas and Yakima chapters will be involved in the process.

The Birding Trail is expected to achieve two important goals:

- To identify and conserve wildlife and birding areas as economic assets for local communities, and
- To contribute to a sustainable economy through nature tourism.

Birding Trail Program Director Christi Norman has asked the chapter to form a Birding trail Committee of at least three members. There duties are to:

- ◆ Collaborate with Audubon WA to draft a trail route.
- ◆ Work with Audubon WA to raise funds for the map.
- ◆ Meet periodically with other chapter representatives to review progress and discuss Birding Trail details.
- ◆ Brief stakeholders in the local community.
- ◆ Host public meetings to discuss the Birding Trail.
- ◆ Visit nominated sites, select sites, edit map and layout.
- ◆ Identify existing tourism programs and amenities that enhance the trail.

The first task of the committee is to identify the stakeholders in the communities. Stakeholders are elected officials, business leaders, civic leaders, environmental agencies and policy makers who are influential in these communities.

Once the list has been completed the six or "key stakeholders" (those considered most influential community leaders) should be identified. They can be a tremendous help in rallying the rest of the community to the cause. Washington Audubon has developed a set of tools that can be used in briefing key stakeholders.

Volunteers to serve on the committee are greatly needed. If you would like to be a part of this exciting project, contact me or Andy Stepniewski.

— Kerry Turley —

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Toppenish: Melvin Rigdon
Naches: Marcella Larson
Yakima: Jennifer Lee

Thank You for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Elizabeth Bohn, David & Becki Hartwig, Lee Hunsperger, Dan Kinney, Kay Marsh, Jenifer Parsons, Charlotte Pfeiffer, George & Susan Vlahakis, Robert Zarembo
Naches: Harold Frantz
Selah: Bob & Maia Mittlestaedt, Bev Olsen, 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.

— Debbie Brown —

Notice of Up-coming Election

At the October Chapter meeting, our bylaws require an election for the following offices:

President
 Vice-President
 Directors (all three positions)

As the Chapter was unable to elect a President-elect in October 2006, finding qualified candidates for the offices of President and Vice-president is somewhat essential to ensure that our chapter continues to function at established levels. The Board is endeavoring to solicit candidates for all of the positions due for election. If you, or someone you know, would be able to capably serve YVAS for a two-year term, please contact any member of the Board. All nominees must agree to serve if elected. Candidates for the office will be listed in the September and October Criers. As it is your Chapter, please reflect on whom you wish to assist in guiding YVAS and then take action.

Writers, Contributors Needed for Crier

After five years of wonderful writing on the bird sightings column, Richard Repp is in need of a vacation. We are hoping to find a replacement writer for that column before Richard takes a hiatus. Richard will be a hard act to follow. His delightful recounting of the birds sightings every month have been a popular part of the Crier.

We are looking for a replacement writer who has a way with words and a good knowledge of birds. If you think you are interested, please contact me at: dgranstrand@charter.net.

The bird sightings column can be done in any form desired: a

recounting of the bird sightings for the previous month (as has been done in the Crier for many years), a "bird-of-the-month" article, the "Top Ten Sightings" as you will see on page 4, or any other style that fits.

We are also looking for people interested in contributing an article as one comes to mind. If you have a fun birding story, a close encounter with a bird that you would like to share, or any other bird or birding related story, please send it to me.

— Denny Granstrand —

CONSERVATION

Grazing on WDFW Shrub Steppe Lands

On September 26 from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Yakima Convention Center, the Washington Native Plant Society is sponsoring a forum on "Livestock Grazing on State Lands: What Are The Consequences?" This free, public forum is an opportunity to learn more about what exactly shrub steppe is, and to hear and comment on a wide variety of views about cattle grazing on publicly owned shrub steppe. Andy Stepniewski will present a visual introduction to the shrub steppe prior to panel presentations and audience participation. Cattle grazing either results in substantial negative impact or provides public benefits, depending on one's point of view. We at Yakima Valley Audubon see cattle grazing on shrub steppe, and on Washington Fish and Wildlife Department (WDFW) lands in particular, as the most critical current threat to conservation of wildlife habitat in Yakima and Kittitas Counties. The forum itself should be lively. There is no consensus and positions are far and wide and contradictory:

- ◆ Cattle grazing can always be a benefit.
- ◆ Cattle grazing should be allowed to create a return to the State on State-owned lands.
- ◆ Cattle grazing should be allowed to establish a relationship with the Cattleman's Association.
- ◆ Cattle grazing done properly enhances elk grazing.
- ◆ Any grazing on public land is evil.

Our position at YVAS is that, first, cattle grazing impacts other than game animals. It is limiting and short sighted to measure ONLY impacts to deer or elk caused by cattle grazing. There are a host of non-game animals, so-called shrub steppe obligates, present in these areas. Some – like sage grouse – are State-designated threatened species with mandatory protection standards. We think what's needed FIRST is detailed and comprehensive baseline studies to determine what species are actually present, what do they need to survive and thrive, and a rigorous monitoring regime has to be in place to measure any negative impact, with a meaningful ability to pull back grazing in the event on a negative impact. One important question is whether any determination of a negative impact would be too late to correct the impact.

All parties agree that past grazing on shrub steppe was overdone. The phrase that occurs time and again is "severely overgrazed." Most people experience shrub steppe at 70 mph and miss quite a bit. Shrub steppe consists of three distinct levels – grasses at the bottom, shrubs at the top, and forbs in between. A forb is a flowering plant with a non-woody stem that is not a grass. In overgrazing, only shrubs remain. Cows eat everything they can. In addition, in overgrazing there is substantial introduction of invasive weeds such as cheatgrass. Cattle need and want water, so all these impacts are concentrated along riparian ways, where ever there is water. In the Whiskey Dick area east of Ellensburg, which is currently proposed to be grazed after 25 years of recovery, the shrub steppe has returned to near pristine condition on the hillsides, while cheatgrass still

remains everywhere water was present.

To help resolve these issues, the WDFW established a pilot program at two sites in southeastern Washington to measure and monitor cattle grazing on WDFW lands and to establish what parameters need to be established and how monitoring needs to be conducted to protect habitat values in the shrub steppe. This pilot program regime has failed in two fundamental ways.

WDFW has already presumed that cattle grazing at Whiskey Dick is shrub steppe "management" without any of the data from the pilot program to support that conclusion. There is clearly political pressure to allow grazing, without concern for impact or consequence. It was only threat of lawsuit that had WDFW agree to go thru the kind of environmental review this decision should merit.

Second, the pilot program has been a disaster. I have been in correspondence with Mike Marsh of the Washington Native Plant Society, who has visited the Asotin County pilot project site. This project involved a "responsible" grazer and focused monitoring. Here's what happened. Twice as many cattle were put on the site as designated. The cattle haven't stayed where they were supposed to, in this case, getting into a salmon spawning creek. Cattle don't eat the correct percentage down – they eat all they can. While cattle eat existing cheatgrass down, they then defecate the seeds to other areas, creating a net increase in invasive weeds. There has been no baseline monitoring before grazing, to establish initial conditions.

It looks like cattle grazing on shrub steppe is detrimental in nearly all cases. If land has been previously severely grazed, there probably aren't many rare species present to protect. However, there should be a distinction between lands in recovery – lands ungrazed for 20 or 25+ years – and lands just acquired that have been heavily grazed. For land in recovery, resources should be applied to remove remaining invasive weeds and to create the most intact native habitat possible. Those habitats should be linked with other protected areas. This is the plan for sage grouse – an ecosystem extending from the Yakima Training Center thru the Whiskey Dick to the Skookumchuck into Douglas County.

I think that two factors are driving cattle grazing on public shrub steppe – the desire for nearly free grazing of cattle, and attention to elk and where they feed (that is, "not on my land"). There is NO attention to any other species – plant, animal or bird. Since these are public lands held by the Fish and Wildlife Department, it is their mandate to know what species are there, and to preserve and protect the habitat all these species need. That's our goal.

— 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.



Sep 27 Thursday Morning Bird Walk — Meet the group at the parking lot at the east end of Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am.**

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Oct 21 Fort Simcoe and Medicine Valley — Journey out to this marvelous grove of Oregon White oaks at historic Fort Simcoe

where Lewis's Woodpeckers, sure one of the most charismatic of its clan, can be numerous. Look for other birds of the oak woodlands such as White-breasted Nuthatch and Western Scrub-Jay. Not far away is Medicine Valley, which can be excellent for birds of prey. This is a half-day trip. Meet leader Kerry Turley (837-6930) at the west side of IHOP in the Valley Mall parking lot at **8:30 am.**

Oct 25 Thursday Morning Bird Walk — Meet the group at the parking lot at the east end of Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am.**

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 August-September Bird Sightings **TEN** in Yakima County

10) A **Gray Catbird** was the cat's meow amongst a more colorful litter of warblers at the Parker Heights' home of Andy and Ellen Stepniewski on Aug 16.

9) A pair of **Solitary Sandpipers** that posed no oxymoron for John Hebert at Wenas Lake.

8) A rare fall **Semipalmated Plover** that fell to the Wenas Lake mud to be digitally mugged by Denny Granstrand.

7) Seven September Seventh Satus Wildlife Area **Great Egrets** whiting out John Hebert's survey sheet.

6) Three **Western Scrub-Jays** cited for jay talking in a heavily treed area near 5300 Scenic Drive by Bruce Eder.

5) Two **Western Scrub-Jay's** crashing Stan Isley's 18th avenue yard list on Labor Day. Phelps Freeborn found a **Western Scrub- Jay** in his yard a few days later. Need we mention that Scrub Jays are laboring to expand their range into Yakima County?

4) A pair of **Pine Grosbeaks** calling above the aptly named Tree Phones Campground on the North Fork of the Ahtanum dialed in by Scott Downes.

3) The **Peregrine Falcon** a galloping Mike Roper lassoed at Palouse Falls State Park. Only a Gyr could have shifted Mike into a higher gear.

2) The snow white coverts under a teeny-tiny tail tipped Scott Downes to the identity of a **Tennessee Warbler** waltzing through the tree tops near Sentinel Bluffs

1) On Labor Day, Fort Simcoe gave birth to a mother lode of warblers. Panning the flock, a touch of gold in front of the eye of one allowed Kerry Turley to extract a **Black-throated Gray Warbler**. On Sept 13, the YVAS morning walk mined another Black-throated Gray Warbler along the Poppoff Trail.

Two of our top ten sightings this month, while outside of Yakima County, were seen on a YVAS field trip. I selected the **Black-throated Gray Warbler** for the number one slot, in part, because of the scarcity of fall sightings in Yakima County. It is likely that this warbler may breed in the county but its favored habitat, for the most part, lies within the closed portions of the Yakima Nation. Two fall records of this beautiful study in basic black and white tones are indeed remarkable.

Migrant search field trip misses rarities but finds lots of birds

Nine excited birders joined me at a bright and early 6 am yesterday to head east and find migrants. As dawn broke the day looked sunny, little to no wind and the temperatures weren't forecast to be overly high. A promising day ahead. To cut to the point, no rarities were found, however many good birds were observed. Our first stop was at Washtucna. Here we found a YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT, numerous Wilson's Warbler. Also present were decent amounts of Yellow, Townsend's, Yellow-rumped, Nashville and Orange-crowned Warblers. Present among the sparrows were White-crowned, Golden-crowned (3 immature birds), 3 Lincoln's and a handful of Juncos. Flycatchers were represented by 2 Olive-sided Flycatcher, numerous Western Wood-pewees, many empids all of which could be IDed turned out to be Hammond's and Dusky except for one GRAY FLY-CATCHER. The group also located a LEWIS' WOOD-PECKER, at least 4 Eurasian-collared Doves, 2 Wild Turkey, numerous Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 5 Townsend's Solitaire and Warbling Vireos.

Next a stop at Lyon's Ferry produced more warblers, several Cassin's Vireo, more empids (Dusky and Hammond's again), 2 golden-crowned kinglet, Cedar Waxwings and a distant soaring PEREGRINE FALCON over the river.

Stopping at Palouse Falls State Park produced only a handful of migrants including a couple more Cassin's Vireo, a MacGillivray's Warbler. The biggest draw here was an adult PEREGRINE FALCON being harassed by a youngster that appeared as if it had just fledged. Mike Roper got some great photos and is examining them to



Juvenile Peregrine Falcon at Palouse Falls
Photo by Mike Roper

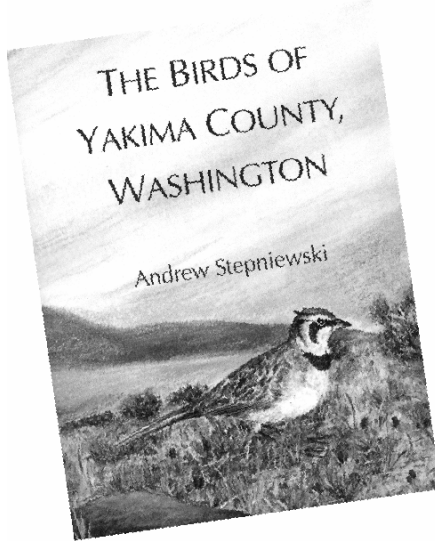


Juvenile Peregrine Falcon in a dive
Photo by Mike Roper

see if he can determine if this was in fact a late fledge. The youngster kept returning to the nest site and putting on a great show for all. A quick stop at Hatton Rest Area produced one more Townsend's Warbler and 5 Baird's Sandpiper. Next a quick stop at County Line ponds produced a handful of shorebirds including 3 Baird's Sandpiper, 5 Western Sandpiper, 2 Semipalmated Sandpiper, 1 Red-necked Phalarope and 1 Black-necked Stilt.

Stopping at Ginkgo overlook at Vantage produced a half dozen Townsend's Solitaire, 6-7 Red-breasted Nuthatch, numerous Yellow-rumps, Juncos and handful of Orange-crowned, Townsend's and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. On the river a Common Loon in its stunning breeding plumage was seen. The trip wrapped up at Sentinel Bluffs where Cedar Waxwings, mostly Yellow-rumps and only a handful of other warblers were present. A great day, no rarities unfortunately. One of my regrets is that participants weren't able to get long looks at the Empids and be able to look at the comparative differences between Dusky and Hammond's. For the day by my count we tallied 70 species, not too bad for not working

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The Birds of Yakima County, Washington by Andy Stepniewski

The Birds of Yakima County, Washington, by Andy Stepniewski, is available in its second printing. This is a book every birder in Yakima County and the surrounding area should have in their bookcase.

Twenty years of serious birding in this area by the author served as the catalyst for this in-depth study of birds and birding in Yakima County. It ranks with the best books ever written about the birds of one county in the United States.

The Birds of Yakima County, Washington is available for purchase at the Yakima Valley Audubon meetings. For those who can't wait that long, it is also available at Inklings Bookstore at Chalet Mall, the Yakima Area Arboretum or the Yakima Valley Museum. It will make an excellent gift for anyone interested in birds.

Important News From Audubon Washington

September 17, 2007

Dear Friends of Audubon Washington,

I am writing to keep all of you, valued partners and friends, briefed on news we're certain you'll find of interest. Many of you have already heard about some changes at Audubon Washington, but I wanted you to have our "Fall '07 Update."

First, the Audubon Washington Board of Stewards and National Audubon have retained me as Executive Director to carry us forward to implement our Strategic Plan. I am delighted to join you in making this plan succeed! If you have not seen our plan, I've attached a copy. The plan is designed to protect the birds and the habitat of the Pacific Flyway – Alaska to Argentina. For example, we completed our FY07 *State of the Birds Report* showing the status of Washington's 20 common birds. We are also working with two chapters (Gray's Harbor and Pilchuck) to restore Snowy Plover habitat and protect habitat in Port Susan Bay – both key stopover spots along the Flyway. So, whether your heart beats faster at the sight of a "hummer" outside your window or a red tail hawk in flight - we'll be working together in the coming years to save habitat for the birds we all love and cherish.

Second, a key part of the Strategic Plan is the "One Audubon" initiative. We'll be working closely with our chapters around the state to identify ways to (1) strengthen our science, education and conservation programs and (2) increase local community involvement in habitat and bird conservation. We want to find synergies and common ground between chapters and the Audubon state office to make us even more effective conservation activists and educators. We have started discussions with chapters on shared opportunities and organizational efficiencies to increase our conservation work. I will report progress as we build "One Audubon" in our state.

Third, for business efficiencies, on September 17th, Audubon Washington has consolidated business operations in Olympia. Our policy staff in Olympia is now joined by our administrative, development and nature tourism staff. One office location makes our staff and office functions more efficient and we will reduce our carbon footprint by lowering the number of driving trips to downtown Seattle! This efficiency also makes our "donor dollars" go further in support of our mission while we are doing our part to reduce global warming.

Some have asked us if we will disappear from Seattle. Not a chance! We are excited about our successful capital campaign to build the Seward Park Environmental and Audubon Center slated to open in January, 2008. (Be sure to watch for invitations to the Grand Opening.) We look forward to bringing families and kids to our Center to open their eyes to nature. Furthermore, we will continue to host regular events in Seattle (like our Global Warming lecture earlier this year at REI), our Board meetings, and our annual dinner in the Seattle area. **Please do join us on October 6th** at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) to see **John James Audubon's** original paintings of birds and celebrate our conservation work.

Very best regards,

Nina Carter
Executive Director
Audubon Washington

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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

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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

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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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