

# 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

- Sep 25 **Chapter Meeting and Ice Cream Social** at the Yakima Area Arboretum at **7:00 pm.**
- Oct 14 **Board Meeting** — at Andy and Ellen Stepniewski's house at 291 Windy Point Dr. (877-6639) at **7:00 pm.**

### Field Trips

- Sep 25 **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 18 **Fort Simcoe and Medicine Valley** — Meet leader Kerry Turley (837-6930) at the parking lot on the west side of IHOP at the Valley Mall at **8:30 am** for this half-day trip.

### Upcoming Activities

- Oct 10-12 **Fall ACOW** — See article on page 2.
- Dec 14 **Toppenish Christmas Bird Count**
- Dec 20 **Yakima Valley Christmas Bird Count**  
Because of rules changes with National Audubon, we have to do our CBCs on separate weekends. Be sure to get them on your calendars.

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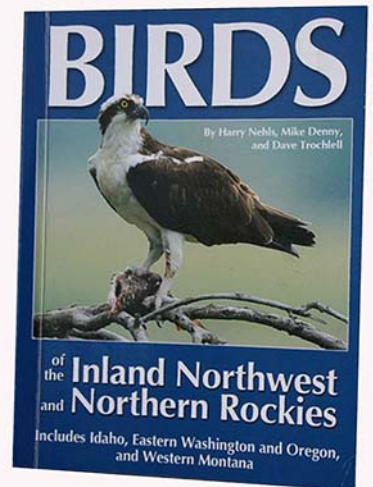
## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM ANDY STEPNIEWSKI

### Birds of the Inland Northwest and Northern Rockies

with

**Mike Denny**

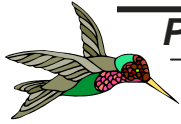
Our September program features Mike Denny, who recently co-authored a new bird identification guide on the local birds entitled *Birds of the Inland Northwest and Northern Rockies*. Why another field guide to birds? The authors of this handy pocket guide felt there was a need to give the general public a photographic guide to birds that includes the species a beginning or intermediate birder is likely to encounter in the Inland Pacific Northwest. This book is the result of their efforts. Sharp color photographs are used throughout. Photos depict various plumages a beginning birder is likely to see whether it be male or female, adult or immature, or summer versus winter. The text is very succinct and includes brief paragraphs on description (with key marks in bold), similar species, voice, where to find the bird, behavior, and interesting tidbits in "did you know?"



Mike Denny was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Mike took up birding at the age of eight while living in southeastern Africa where he was in awe of all things living. Returning to the U. S. he studied biology, met his wife MerryLynn and now lives to bird in College Place, WA. Mike has written many articles on birds for Northwest birding publications. He is the Riparian Habitat Coordinator for the Walla Walla County Conservation District.

This book is available for purchase at the meeting and Mike will be happy to autograph your copy.

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



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KERRY TURLEY



As summer turns to fall the days are getting shorter and the nights growing longer, there's a chill in the night air, and flocks of birds are winging their way south for the winter. The arrival of fall means different things to different people. For some, it's the beautiful autumn colors, for others it's the mild temperatures, the World Series, or every couple of years the campaign season excites some.

While brilliantly colored leaves are impressive, and all those other things interesting, for me it's the migrating birds that are fall's real signature event. You may have to travel to find autumn foliage and your team may not make the playoffs, or your candidate may lose, but you can probably find a place to observe migrating birds close to home, if not right in your backyard.

September brings waves of long-distance migrants and the return of the warbler flocks. And while identifying migrating shore birds can be a bit taxing, for me it's even a bigger challenge identifying fall warblers. Many have molted into a basic plumage that is often duller and seemingly devoid of field marks! Couple that with the density of the foliage in which they forage, this makes finding and identifying these birds much more difficult in the fall. Add to that the fact that their songs, which we enjoy during spring migration and would most likely aid identification, are for the most part non-existent. All this helps make identifying birds in fall migration challenging and confusing to birders, yet it can be rewarding as well.

Birds migrate not because the weather becomes too cold, but because they run out of things to eat. As winter approaches, insect life dies down, snow covers the ground, and water freezes over. In other words nature's cupboard is becoming bare. Birds that can find something to eat will frequently stay put, those who can't migrate.

How do you find a good spot to observe the fall migration? Three words: habitat, habitat, and habitat. Birds will congregate where they can find something to eat and protection from predators. If you want a challenge, then get out and work at identifying fall warblers; there are probably a few in your backyard right now. And don't be surprised if you find yourself enjoying autumn in a new way.

## Its time to think about the Christmas Banquet Silent Auction

Where did you get that beautiful quilted wall hanging of the Great Blue Herons? At the Christmas Banquet Silent Auction! It's true, some amazing items are available every year at the auction, and you make it possible. It's not too soon to think about your tax-deductible donations. I will be helping to run the auction this year, so if you have any questions drop me a line. Please e-mail me at [drenguis@aol.com](mailto:drenguis@aol.com) or call 965-5808 for a more personal conversation.

— Bill Drenguis —



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DEBIE BROWN

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

## Fall ACOW in Long Beach hosted by Discovery Coast Audubon Society of Pacific County

October 10 through 12

Discovery Coast Audubon Society of Pacific County will host the fall Audubon Council of Washington (ACOW), October 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held at Chautauqua Lodge Resort located in Long Beach, Washington.

Friday evening's events will include a reception followed by a State of the State report from Nina Carter. The evening will also include a shorebird photography presentation by Neil Main. For those interested, Burt Guttman, a recently retired faculty member from The Evergreen State College, will present a workshop in the afternoon entitled "Helping People Get Started with Bird-Watching". Burt is the author of the new book, "Finding Your Wings: A Workbook for Beginning Bird Watchers". This promises to be an interesting and informative presentation!

Saturday's agenda includes opportunities for local field-trips. Workshops and discussions will focus on urban forestry, chapter grants, chapter building and Trumpeter Swan habitat in Washington. The evening will close with a presentation given by a representative from NOAA.

The conference will conclude Sunday morning with chapter reports and a summary of the weekend's events. An opportunity for a field trip to Heins Marsh will follow.

For more information and registration, please visit the Discovery Coast Audubon website at [www.discoverycoastaudubon.com/events.htm#ACOW](http://www.discoverycoastaudubon.com/events.htm#ACOW). Please note that registration payment is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. A late registration fee will be assessed after October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We hope to see you there.



## CONSERVATION REPORT

MICHAEL MARTIN

Tracking conservation issues is a lot like birding (stick with me here). In birding, we pay attention to detail. It's how we tell apart all those little brown jobs, and how we learn new vocabulary words, like "variegated." Often, we have to take the long view, looking far afield to spot our objective. We have to seize the opportunity, like when someone posts on BirdYak seeing an ancient murrelet that's blown into our area from a Western Washington storm, and taking action to capture that penguin-like bird and put it in a bathtub until it can be hand-carried back to salt water.

A lot of conservation is taking a step back and seeing what's resulted from past actions and thinking about what might occur from future acts. Generally, we've seen that a number of species need more habitat than we thought, a larger ecosystem in which to operate, to sustain themselves. Historically, we have often preserved smaller areas with the hope of providing habitat for some one species. And often, we have guessed wrong, and the species has gone into decline. What we've found over time is that large tracts of land encompassing many ecosystems and particularly including transitions of ecosystems is what's needed to sustain species at risk.

With this long view, conservation efforts have led to partnerships between private and public entities. For example, the Oak Creek Wildlife Area was significantly expanded because The Nature Conservancy stepped up to tie up land with purchase options while government grants could be pursued and obtained. The long-term opportunity of a significant, unified ecosystem along the Tieton River was spotted, and action was taken to make it happen. It took years, but was worth it.

Likewise, the historic land swap between the Washington Department of Natural Resources and Western Pacific Timber (which had acquired all the Boise Cascade timber holdings in Washington State) replaced the checkerboard ownership of land left over from railroad robber baron days with unified public ownership and access in the Upper Wenas. That too, took years to accomplish. And it was worth it.

Paying attention to detail also informs our actions regarding conservation. Part of my job as conservation chair is to track issues in many local and regional newspapers, and to follow what's happening with local governments. For example, in the last couple of weeks, I noticed proposed changes to Yakima County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. One proposal would change how off-road vehicle use is addressed. Currently, off-road vehicle facilities (motocross courses) are generally prohibited, and require special permitting. The County receives complaints, usually based on noise, and issues citations where ORV tracks have been set up without permitting. The proposal points out that families with land might want to set up a track for their kids, and the current ordinance makes it difficult to do that. That seems like a reasonable concern, but thinking thru the possible (maybe unintended) consequences and details gets a little sticky. In an

area with one-acre lots, we probably don't want our next door neighbor running ORVs. And we probably don't want ORVs in a remote area disturbing wintering elk, or nesting ground birds. So the problem is pretty easily stated – how to allow some reasonable, personal ORV use on your own land. But how to do this in a way that attends to comprehensive, holistic issues – that's harder.

### Appeal of Yakima County Critical Areas Ordinance

As described in the Crier over the last many several months, Yakima Valley Audubon, along with other parties, including the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), the Yakama Nations, FutureWise (an environmental group) and property owners in the Upper Wenas, appealed Yakima County's adoption of a Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) for failing to adequately protect critical species and their habitat, as required by Washington State law. The appeal has been in a timeout over the summer while the Attorney General's office (on behalf of WDFW) and the County have tried to settle the underlying issues. As that timeout came to end, the County requested an additional three-month extension to try to reach a settlement. Yakima Audubon and others responded that any additional extension would have to include all the petitioners, particularly since communication with us over the summer was totally lacking. A compromise was reached, and it looks like we will have settlement talks with a mediator by early October.

The County has acknowledged that it needs to protect habitat associated with endangered, threatened and sensitive species – this is a change. The negotiations will be over how to accomplish this. The general framework for critical areas ordinances is not that they prohibit all activity and development; rather, if development is planned in a critical area, before permits are granted, there is a look at whether critical species habitat actually exists on the property. If critical species are present, conditions would be imposed on the development permits to work around areas to lessen negative impacts. If no critical species are in fact associated with the property, the development would go ahead without change. Imagine finding a sage grouse lek on a 40-acre parcel. A CAO would require that plans to, say, put in a road would not disturb the lek. That's the protection we're aiming for. Not a prohibition on activity or development, but a presumption in certain areas that there might be negative impacts on critical species, and in moving forward with development, we need to ensure we aren't leading to the elimination of a species in our county. Generally, this is not going to be in urban areas or areas that have been used agriculturally. What we're aiming for is added protection if development and subdivision was planned in the Upper Wenas area, as an example.

— Michael Martin —  
Conservation Chair



## FIELD TRIPS

### LARRY ROBINSON

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



- Sep 25 Thursday Morning Bird Walk** — Meet the group at the parking lot at the east end of Valley Mall Blvd. at **8:00 am.** to search for migrants close to home.
- Oct 5 Chinook Pass Hike** — A half-day trip returning by mid-afternoon. The 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. A one-mile extension to Pickhandle Gap for more migrants is optional. This trip is great for Mountain Goat viewing, too. Meet leader Andy Stepniewski at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at **7:00 am.**
- Oct 18 Fort Simcoe and Medicine Valley** — Journey out to this marvelous grove of Oregon White Oaks at historic Fort Simcoe where Lewis's Woodpeckers, surely one of the most charismatic of its can, can be numerous. Look for other birds of oak woodlands such as White-breasted Nuthatch and Western Scrub-Jay. Meet leader Kerry Turley on the west side of IHOP at the Valley Mall at **8:30 am** for this half-day trip.



## TOP ELEVEN BIRD SIGHTINGS

### RICHARD REPP

What do hockey moms and birders have in common? Adoration of the objects being viewed in the respective sports! Of course, with birders, lipstick is definitely optional. While moms cheer, whistle, and boo, birders pish (mimic bird calls), twitch (race to the location where a sought bird is reported), and tick (check off species on a list.)

11. The best bird of the Aug 21 YVAS field trip to Wenas Lake was not a shorebird. In fact, it wasn't even at the lake. On the ride home, Jeanne Crawford mentioned a small owl on a wire near Chestnut. Muddy footprints left on 44<sup>th</sup> Ave by Denny Granstrand and John Hebert led to the real chestnut, a **Western Screech Owl**, flitting through Jeanne's mammoth maple, a tree with a silver lining.
10. An Aug 23 visit to Wenas Lake found Andy and Ellen Stepniewski hanging out with rednecks. Naw, not your obnoxious neighbors, but a fiery **Red-necked Grebe** sharing the soothing water with seventeen sprightly **Red-necked Phalaropes**. Admit it, we all love rednecks!
9. Sevens was the operative word for John Hebert's sojourn to the Satus Wildlife Area where seven **Great Egrets** stalked carp. An earlier stop at the Grandview Sewage Treatment plant flushed seventeen **Greater Yellowlegs** evidently climbing for fresher air as they gave their trademark flight call...pew, pew.
8. Kerry Turley recently remarked that fall warblers are especially hard to find, let alone identify because they never stop moving. Mike Roper double debunked this twitching theory by photographing a seemingly motionless **Townsend's Warbler**... at home, no need to twitch!
7. Sevens in play once again with our seventh rated sighting. In four hours of viewing migrants at her Konnowac Pass home on Sep 10 (72 hours after Sep 7), Debbie Brown ticked forty-seven species including yard bird **number 177, a Common Yellowthroat**.
6. Gray is not necessarily mundane. Consider Andy and Ellen garnishing one **Black-throated Gray Warbler** at the Moxee Experimental Station along Hwy 24 with a second one flitting about their Parker Heights home days later.
5. What could be uncommon about late summer **Common Nighthawks**? How about **279** of them in a single furious feeding flock near Scott Ray's home on the eastern end of Mieras Road?
4. What is becoming more common is the fluidity of the **Eurasian Collared Dove**. Consider Jeff Kozma's Tampico area treks...twice touting this once unseen species in Yakima County. A national birding guru (Pete Dunne?) recently remarked that a trip to Southern Florida might have provided a glimpse of the future. Could it come to pass that the most numerous bird species in the U S will be Eurasian Collared Dove, European Starling and Rock Pigeon? Anyone spot a native North American species in that trio?



**Great Egret**  
Photo by George Vlahakis

## Top Twelve Bird Sightings (continued from page 4)

3. A bout of extended pishing south of White Swan on Pom Pom Road left Andy Stepniewski a little red-eyed and bushed. Then Ellen broke out the pom poms and led the cheers as a pompous **Red-eyed Vireo** and a bashful **Bushtit** emerged from the tunnel of roadside bushes.
2. At the top of Bethel Ridge, who should be presiding over tree top cones? None other than Bruce Eder. No wait, the former Tree Top VP was on the ground with Andy and Ellen, squeezing squints at tree top **White-winged Crossbills**. Deja vu...after last month's column, several lucky birders' lists have sprouted white wings.
1. The place, Wenas Lake, Aug 15. Once again shorebirds elude a birder, this time Jeff Kozma. The consolation prize - two male **White-winged Scoters** in breeding plumage, drifting in the middle of the lake. These eye-popping Scoters are very rare in Yakima County away from Priest Rapids Lake.



**White-winged Scoters**  
Photo by Denny Granstrand

As one who reads Bird Lists from areas beyond Yakima County, numerous unusual birds are being reported both east and west of us. Fall migration is far from over. Should you or any of your friends encounter a species of note, please make a prompt report to the YVAS hot line (248-1963) or send an email to me, [Rich712@aol.com](mailto:Rich712@aol.com). If you are interested in keeping up with the latest sightings in/near Yakima County, venture to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/birdyak/> to check on recent posts. If you like what you see, joining is fast and easy...instructions at the site. Currently there are 177 BirdYak members.



## Photos of some of the other "Top Eleven"

### Townsend's Warbler (left)

Photo by Mike Roper  
This photo was taken in Mike's yard in Terrace Heights.



### Red-necked Grebe (above)

Photo by Denny Granstrand  
This Red-necked Grebe spent several days on the pond to the south of the parking lot at the Valley Mall Blvd. entrance to the Yakima Greenway Pathway.



### Red-necked Phalarope (left)

Photo by Denny Granstrand  
This bird was resting at Wenas Lake.

## Vredenburg Trail, Late Start but...WOW!!

The Vredenburg Bluebird Trail is a string of nest boxes beginning at the end of the pavement on North Wenas Road and stretching 13 miles to the intersection of Durr Road just above Ellensburg. Established by YVAS members in 1982, the trail now consists of 132 boxes. In 1994, the trail was named in honor of Virginia and Harold Vredenburg to recognize their years of tireless devotion to help bluebirds flourish in Yakima County.

Our cool spring weather seemingly delayed many insectivores, including bluebirds, in laying clutches of eggs. However, trail monitors in early June found the nest boxes jammed with nestlings. The surge continued with many parents laying eggs into mid-July and successfully fledging second clutches.

Western Bluebirds fledged 74 young in 2007 along the first quarter of the trail; this year those same boxes produced 157 young Westerns! The Trail smashed the 1998 record (550) for most bluebirds fledged with an astounding total of 569 this season. Look for out annual recap for each box in the October Crier.

— Richard Repp —



**Juvenile Western Bluebird**  
Photo by George Vlahakis

|              | WEBB*       | MOBB*       | BB sp*     | BB total     |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1982         | 72          | 54          |            | 126          |
| 1983         | 125         | 66          |            | 191          |
| 1984         | 144         | 133         |            | 277          |
| 1985         | 115         | 82          | 17         | 214          |
| 1986         | 259         | 150         |            | 409          |
| 1987         | 299         | 209         |            | 508          |
| 1988         | 311         | 151         |            | 462          |
| 1989         | 319         | 148         |            | 467          |
| 1990         | 304         | 118         |            | 422          |
| 1991         | 204         | 87          |            | 291          |
| 1992         | 211         | 147         |            | 358          |
| 1993         | 267         | 125         |            | 392          |
| 1994         | 310         | 167         |            | 477          |
| 1995         | 258         | 128         |            | 386          |
| 1996         | 319         | 152         |            | 471          |
| 1997         | 413         | 120         |            | 533          |
| 1998         | 347         | 141         | 62         | 550          |
| 1999         | 276         | 118         | 7          | 401          |
| 2000         | 383         | 115         | 44         | 542          |
| 2001         | 347         | 105         | 6          | 458          |
| 2002         | 315         | 81          | 59         | 455          |
| 2003         | 283         | 93          | 19         | 395          |
| 2004         | 332         | 90          | 17         | 439          |
| 2005         | 320         | 16          |            | 336          |
| 2006         | 235         | 66          |            | 301          |
| 2007         | 334         | 91          |            | 425          |
| 2008         | 518         | 51          |            | 569          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>7620</b> | <b>3004</b> | <b>231</b> | <b>10855</b> |

\* WEBB—Western Bluebird, MOBB—Mountain Bluebird

## Fall Raptor Migration — Chelan Ridge is Washington's Best Spot

Fall is raptor migration time. There are many spots in the eastern United States that have been doing raptor migration studies for many years. Hawk Mountain in Pennsylvania is the most famous and the oldest. Hazel Bazemore Park in Corpus Christi, Texas, gets incredible numbers of raptors every year. In September 2006, over a three-day period, the hawk watchers at Hazel Bazemore Park counted over 500,000 hawks!

In the western United States, there are no raptor migrations with the numbers found in the east. The best one in Washington is at Chelan Ridge, which is northwest of Chelan and runs from about August 24 through October 27 each year. This watch has been going on since 1998 and usually counts 17 species with between 2000 and 3000 individual raptors a season. If you are interested in helping help, visit their website at:

[http://www.hawkwatch.org/home/index.php?Itemid=35&id=74&option=com\\_content&task=view](http://www.hawkwatch.org/home/index.php?Itemid=35&id=74&option=com_content&task=view)

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.

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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*.

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

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