

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

Sept 23 Chapter Meeting at the Yakima Area Arboretum at **7:00 pm**.

Oct 12 Board Meeting at **7:00 pm**. Location to be announced.

Field Trips

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

ANDY STEPNIEWSKI

“Heart of the Cascades Project”

With

William Meyer

Remember the Tieton Project? A few years back The Nature Conservancy (TNC) spearheaded a major drive to preserve an entire township in the lower Tieton River drainage (Rimrock Retreat area). Now, TNC and WDFW has undertaken another similar project, of equal magnitude. This time it is another township of checkerboard ownership to the north along the Naches River (centered on Bald Mountain in the upper Wenas Creek drainage).

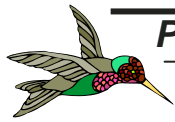
William Meyer, WDFW biologist will present a program on the varied natural features of this 36-mile parcel called the "Heart of the Cascades Project." On its west side are wet mixed-conifer and subalpine forests and streams with Mountain Goats, Tailed Frogs, Coho Salmon, Steelhead, and nesting Spotted Owls and Peregrine Falcons. To the east are dry forests of Ponderosa Pine, shrub-steppe, and rugged canyons. Bighorn Sheep, White-headed Woodpeckers, Brewer's Sparrows, and Dusky Flycatchers typify this zone.

Make plans to attend this program and learn of this important project. Learn how you can support/create awareness of this important conservation initiative along the Cascades east slope.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BILL DRENGUIS



Gosh the days are getting short!! Keeping a pair of gloves next to my binoculars is a sure sign of the seasonal change. It is fun to live in an area with distinct seasons. I still get a kick out of birding at Wenas Lake on a hot evening and knowing that those recently arrived shorebirds are a sign of Fall. The lack of breeding plumage with this transitional season makes bird identification hard for me, but soon those brown ducks will be putting on their fancy feathers.

Autumn also means its time for the ACOW meeting. This is not about large bovines, but stands for Audubon Council Of Washington. It will be held on October 16th at Padilla Bay National Marine Reserve. This will be a big pow wow of all the state chapters to determine the course of Audubon's presence in the state, especially in Olympia. If you have any thoughts on our need for things like paid advocates (lobbyists) please let me know.

Well, I think I will go get my down vest on and see about those roosting Swifts! (See the article below.)



MEMBERSHIP

DEBIE BROWN

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Selah: Joan Matson

Yakima: Pam Judd

Thank you for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Yakima: Bob Dolphin, Joyce Hernandez, Connie Hughes, Alvin Larson, Susie Lattomus, Jennifer Lee, Ken Meier, Diane Murphy, Mike Roper, Vi Whitmire

Selah: Mary Vance Strate

Zillah: Bill Hudson

Naches: John & Peggy Euteneier, Katherine Vornbrock

Wapato: Ruth Kendrick

Goldendale: Ralph Rogers

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

Vaux's Talk

In the Sept/Oct issue of Bird Watchers Digest magazine, birding guru Kenn Kaufman reflects upon Chimney Swifts and Common Nighthawks. Kenn ruminates on how the Chimney Swift was adaptable enough to switch its nesting location from hollow trees to manmade chimneys to the extent that "...today it would be a rare treat to find Chimney Swifts nesting in a natural site."

Kenn notes that with the shift away from coal and wood as heat sources, new construction rarely incorporates brick chimneys. A further complication is the capping or covering of existing chimneys. However, Kenn finds solace in the fact that small, older towns have a conservation value by providing abundant nesting sites.

West of the Rockies, the Chimney's cousin, the Vaux's Swift, may be in trouble. Consider a citation in Birds of North America Online: "Hollow trees are its favored nesting and roosting sites (chimneys are used on occasion), making this swift vulnerable to loss of old-growth forest. Indeed, recent declines in Vaux's Swift populations have been documented in the Pacific Northwest where mature forest is dwindling. Its nest, an open half-circle of loosely woven twigs, is glued together and to the inside of a hollow tree or chimney with the bird's sticky saliva"

For several years, Vaux's Swifts have swarmed to chimneys as roost sites in both their north and southbound migrations. The Sawyer Mansion is one of the favored roosts with hundreds of swifts pausing each year. This year, two "new" locations in the Valley (the Yakima Herald Republic Building and the Old Parker Heights School) were found to be active roost sites. On seven occasions, observers estimated flocks exceeding 1,000 individuals entered the chimneys at these new sites. To date, the largest event occurred at the Herald on Sept 5, when Greg Bohn counted 3, 141 swifts. On Sept 6, John Hebert witnessed 2,100 drop into the school chimney.

But the question remains. Will loss of habitat endanger the Vaux's? Will they adapt, as the Chimney Swift has, to nesting in manmade chimneys?





Update on the South Central Washington Shrub Steppe/Rangeland Partnership:

Last month I reported on the goals and purpose of the South Central Washington Shrub Steppe/Rangeland Partnership and the potential for us to become official partners within the group. I brought the proposal before the Yakima Valley Audubon Board and members voted to become full partners. We submitted our logo and a signed addendum to the Partnership's Memorandum of Understanding, and we will be joining organizations such as the Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife, the Nature Conservancy, Cowiche Canyon Conservancy, the Kittitas County, North Yakima, and Grant County Conservation Districts, Yakama Nation, WDFW and others in active discussions about how to conserve, protect, and restore our remaining shrub steppe habitat

Exciting Partnership with Cowiche Canyon Conservancy and the Cascadians

On September 1, Andy Stepniewski and I were invited by Betsy Bloomfield of the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy to meet with her and Ted Gamlem of the Cascadians to take part in an exciting restoration and monitoring project. As most of you are already aware, in July there was a 6,300 acre fire that started on Snow Mountain Ranch, owned by the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy. The fire was a human-caused ignition and spread beyond the capacity of the local fire district to contain it. Although surface vegetation was consumed over about two thirds of CCC ownership, this fire was within the expected return interval, creating a mosaic of different severity levels, and will "reset" much of the habitat back to a grassland/forb dominated system. A history of moderate grazing on the landscape created patches of shrub-dominated overstory, leading to high fuels build-up in patches. The Conservancy is currently working to identify the areas most severely damaged by fire. The main goal of this specific restoration effort is to target the threat of invasive weeds colonizing new, open patches of soil by treating and restoring the high-risk vector areas, and prioritizing high severity patches for restoration. The project target area for this phase of the Conservancy's overall restoration plan is the ten acre field adjoining a small county road and the parking lot and land adjacent to trails. The total estimated land area slated for restoration is approximately 40 acres.

Yakima Valley Audubon will play a major role in post fire monitoring efforts. Not long before the fire, CCC member David Hagan took photographs at specific locations along the trail system at Snow Mountain Ranch marked by GPS waypoints. After the fire, he returned to these locations and took post-fire photographs. Over the last several years, Audubon has been collecting valuable data on bird presence at Snow Mountain Ranch during the annual Birdathon each May. CCC is going to map their coordinates for us so we can correlate this bird data to each specific location where photographs were taken pre and post fire. This will be a great Citizen Science project to document bird presence now and in the future, and how bird populations may change after a fire, enhanced by photographs of the evolving landscape. CCC will also be coordinating butterfly data recorded by David

Cowiche Canyon Juried Exhibit – Now on Display

The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy (CCC) is celebrating 25 years of public land conservation this year. Honoring this milestone and celebrating our unique land heritage, the Cowiche Canyon Juried Art Exhibit opened September 9, at the Allied Arts Center, 5000 West Lincoln Avenue.

The show features 39 pieces submitted by a total of 33 artists inspired by nature at CCC's 2,000 acres at Cowiche Canyon and Snow Mountain Ranch. In addition to paintings, sculpture, fine-art prints and mixed-media works are represented. Juror Gail Gibson, owner of the G Gibson Gallery in Seattle, selected pieces for the exhibit from 76 submissions.

"It is such a privilege to be able to celebrate nature through the arts. The Cowiche Canyon Conservancy is an asset to the community that should be treasured, much like a piece of fine art," says Jessica Moskwa, Executive Director of Allied Arts.

Proceeds from art sales will benefit Allied Arts as well as the CCC. The exhibit will run through October 28, 2010. Allied Arts is open Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A tour of the exhibit will undoubtedly heighten your appreciation of a local treasure and likely reveal facets of nature you have heretofore overlooked.



FIELDTRIPS

DENNY GRANSTRAND

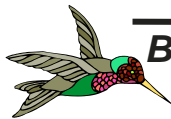


Please call the leader before the trip to let him/her know you are interested in going. That way, if plans need to be changed, he/she can call you. Also, if no one calls, the leader will know to cancel the field trip and won't be sitting around at the meeting place all alone! Be sure to wear clothing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

- Sep 19 Chinook Pass Hike** – A 2-mile easy hike to Sheep Lake is great for migrating hawks, eagles, and falcons. Songbirds such as sparrows and finches (Pine Grosbeak is possible) flit in the trailside thickets. An optional one-mile extension will go to Pickhandle Gap for rosy-finches and more raptors. Great for Mountain Goat viewing, too. Fall colors can be superb! We will return by mid-afternoon. Meet leader Andy Stepniewski (877-6639) at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at **7:00 am.**
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- Oct 16 Rimrock Lake and Clear Lake** – This trip should find many mountain species that haven't migrated to the lowlands. There should also be many gulls and terns feasting on the Kokanee Salmon that spawn in the creek between the lakes. Meet leader Kerry Turley at the 40th Ave. Bi-Mart parking lot at 7:30 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 — \$5.00 each; 150 miles — \$8.00 each, 200 miles — \$10.00 each; 250 miles — \$13.00 each; 300 miles — \$16.00each. Please pay your share; if drivers have to pay most of the gas bill, they may quit driving.



BIRDS & WORDS, PHOTOS & KUDOS

RICHARD REPP

It is not often that our column features a sighting that constitutes a Yakima County mega-rarity. This month however, not one but two observations have amended the county's bill of sights.

On August 14, a rambling **Wandering Tattler** torched a cool waterfall north of Warm Lake west of Conrad Meadows. On hand to witness this epic landing were backpackers **Lori and Stan Isley**. While our campers may have possessed a lantern, light of this landing took two days to reach our colony of birders. Back in 1775, our country's most revered wandering tattler, young Paul, was able to borrow a horse to timely deliver the day's most pressing message.

Author Kenn Kaufman, in [Lives of North American Birds](#), sheds light on the origin of the Wandering Tattlers name. "Wandering refers to the to the wide distribution of this species: in winter it is found along Pacific coastlines from North America to Australia, including innumerable islands. If an observer approaches too closely, the bird gives a "tattling" call and flies away spooking the other shorebirds on the rocks." [The Birds of North America Online](#) notes that "this medium-sized shorebird is essentially solitary, occurring as individuals or in groups of 2 or 3... the Wandering Tattler remains one of North America's least known birds." Records in interior Washington State are extremely rare.



Wandering Tattler
Photo by Denny Granstrand

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The county's other shocking declaration came on September 3 at Wenas Lake. **Scott Downes** was scoping shorebirds when what should march across his lens but a **White-rumped Sandpiper**. As the White-rumped foraged with other sandpipers, the bird's feathers appeared as close as Thomas Jefferson's quill was to his ink well when he penned, "We the peeps..." A call to arms brought a half-dozen rag-tag militia to the lake's shore but, alas, the sun's fading glare gave no proof that the White-rumped was still there. This sighting is a county first; records west of the Rockies are only slightly more common than red coats were in George Washington's wardrobe.

Earlier the same day, **John Hebert** skirmished with migrant species quartering at the Grandview Waste Water Treatment Plant, a locale that might not be everyone's cup of tea. Although he was unable to relocate a **Semipalmated Plover** taxed a day earlier by **Denny Granstrand**, John bagged three **Sanderlings**.

A YVAS field trip to Wenas Lake had barely deployed when leader **Andrew Stepniewski** volleyed with a **Black Tern**. Andy comments in his book, [The Birds of Yakima County, Washington](#), that this graceful tern once bred at Byron Ponds. A week after the field trip, Wenas Lake provided a brief reprise for a not-so-common **Common Tern** paired with an adult **Bonaparte's Gull**. The later draws its name from a distant cousin of Napoleon: for the emperor himself, a more appropriate species would certainly be Napoleon's Water-Loon.

Denny Granstrand salvaged seven **Solitary Sandpipers** slogging in the mud at the 64th Avenue Walmart containment pond on August 14, seemingly in conflict with their first name. Also with a nose for numbers, **John Hebert** again braved the malodorous Grandview Waste Water Treatment Plant to waft a baker's dozen **Red-necked Phalaropes**. At his home near 48th and Englewood Avenues, **Scott Downes** is also playing the numbers game with four species of hummers...let's see, there is the H2H Hummer that Arnold Schwarzenegger drives...no wait, we are talking birds not vehicles so the hummers would be **Anna's, Black-chinned, Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds**.

What could be a more boring commute for a birder than driving Yakima Avenue between Third Street and Third Avenue, a paved canyon? Oh sure, an occasional **Rock Pigeon** might wing by but it is not the environs that inspires thoughts of the wild forces of nature. But think again. **Greg Bohn** routinely drives that canyon and recently eyed a **Peregrine Falcon** sharing the habitat. The falcon evidently has a few favored facades at the top of the Larson Building on Second Street. Those pigeons? None could be located for comment.

In our June column, the colonization of the mainland United States by the **Eurasian Collared-Dove** was mentioned. **Agnes Badgley**, who lives just east of



Semipalmated Plover
Photo by Denny Granstrand



Peregrine Falcon
Photo by D. Granstrand



Peach-faced Lovebird
Photo by George Vlahakis

Yakima Valley College, is now hosting this opportunistic species. Frequently tagging along are two smaller, whiter doves that almost certainly must be **Ringed Turtle-Doves**, a common caged bird that has yet to establish a breeding population in the wild. Speaking of exotics, a **Peach-faced Lovebird** has taken up residence at the home of **George and Susan Vlahakis**. My theory is that this delusional dreamboat desires a film career and needs a good photographer for promotional stills.

On Sep 7 **John Hebert** popped the Poppoff Trail for 35 species on a late morning foray. Six obvious lowland fall migrants buttered his bag topped by an elegant **Black-throated Gray Warbler**. The next five days underscored this movement throughout members' yards. In Parker Heights, **Andy Stepniewski** skewered a fine list with five **Orange-crowned Warblers**, three **Purple Finches** and a single **Nashville Warbler**. **Scott Downes** has added a water attraction to his Englewood Avenue abode and was rewarded with a yard first, a handsome **MacGillivray's Warbler**. But no one does yard birds on the same scale as **Debie Brown** out on Konnowac Pass. In less than two hours on the morning of Sep 10, Debie ticked four dozen species! That is not a typo, that is a Type A list – **48 species!** Included were a morning **Barn Owl**, 2 **Yellow Warblers** and an **Olive-sided Flycatcher**.

Global Glimpse

Boreal Breakthrough – adapted from the Autumn 2010 Nature Conservancy magazine

Canada's Boreal – a vast, 1.4 billion-acre swath of spruce, pine and aspen- extends from the Canadian prairies north to the edge of the Arctic Circle. The forest is home to woodland caribou and wolverines, and about a third of it is covered by wetlands that provide critical habitat for migratory waterfowl. It is also a huge source of timber and pulpwood for global markets. Hundreds of millions of acres of the Canadian boreal are leased to logging companies, which use the trees to make everything from lumber to tissues.

Efforts to protect the boreal got a huge boost in May, however, when The Nature Conservancy and eight other environmental organizations – including Greenpeace and Forest Ethics – signed a conservation agreement with a group of Canada's largest logging companies, including Weyerhaeuser and Abitibi Bowater. The deal calls for a three-year moratorium on logging and road building in more than 70 million acres of prime caribou habitat and for the development of a long-term strategy to balance timber harvest and environmental protection throughout the boreal.

The 178 million acres covered by the agreement – an area larger than Texas – spans the continent from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

Ultimately, the land will be managed under a spectrum of levels of protection: Some land will be completely off-limits to logging; other areas will be sustainably logged.

The Conservancy has been working with several of Canada's First Nation indigenous groups to help create a network of protected areas in the Northwest Territories. The new agreement will allow for expanded cooperation with First Nations – whose members live in some 600 towns and villages across the boreal – in determining how to manage forestlands into the future.

The Conservancy has helped broker several data sharing agreements that will lead to the consolidation of scientific information from both logging companies and environmental organizations to create a database that can be used for conservation planning throughout the boreal.

One big focus of the planning effort is an attempt to encourage forest practices that will help in the fight to slow climate change. Scientists estimate that boreal forests are the second-largest pool of stored carbon on the planet after the oceans, and that they hold 11 percent of global carbon.

–Article by Matt Jenkins –

Election at October Chapter Meeting

At the October chapter meeting we will be having an election of officers, as specified by the YVAS bylaws. Here is the current slate of candidates for positions to be filled this year:

President-elect: (no candidate yet – your opportunity??)

Secretary: Vera Backstrom

Treasurer: Ellen Stepniewski

Angie Begosh assumed the Chair of the Conservation Committee, one of YVAS's most time consuming positions, in July. Angie also is one of our three Directors and chair of the Publicity Committee, both appointed positions. Understandably, she is willing to relinquish both of these. Should you be interested in any of the above elective or appointed positions, contact President Bill or any board member. YVAS could use your help and talents!

Vredenburg Trail, Wet Spring Cools Production

The 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.

The Valley's prolonged wet spring may have done wonders for plant life sharing habitat with the trail but it apparently hindered the nesting success of the bluebirds. After two consecutive record setting years for fledged bluebirds (569 and 578 respectively), this year's total was down to 378. Over the most recent 25 years, the trail has averaged 417 fledged bluebirds per year.

The monitor sheets used to tally weekly activity divide the trail into four sections. All four sections suffered this year but the last leg of the trail fared particularly poorly, producing only 63 fledglings compared to last year's 131.

A bright spot for the year occurred at Box 39A, sponsored by Maia Mittlestaedt, where monitors documented a progression of House Sparrow nests and eggs from early May through June 26 when four bluebird eggs appeared in the slightly altered sparrow nest. Western Bluebirds went on to fledge two young. In my fifteen-odd years of monitoring, this is the first time I have seen any species out compete House Sparrows for control of a nest box.

Weather permitting, we hope to see the trail rebound back into the 500 club.

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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First time members can use the following form for an introductory membership that includes membership in **both** the Yakima Valley Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society. You will be assigned to your local chapter when you join National Audubon. Please use this form so that Yakima Valley Audubon will receive the full first year dues. After the first year, a separate membership renewal will be required for the Yakima Valley Audubon Society or for you to continue to receive the *Calliope Crier*. After the first year, you will need to use the renewal form sent to you by the National Audubon Society to renew your membership with the National Audubon Society.

INTRODUCTORY NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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Introductory Membership\$20

Introductory Senior (62+)/Student Rate\$15

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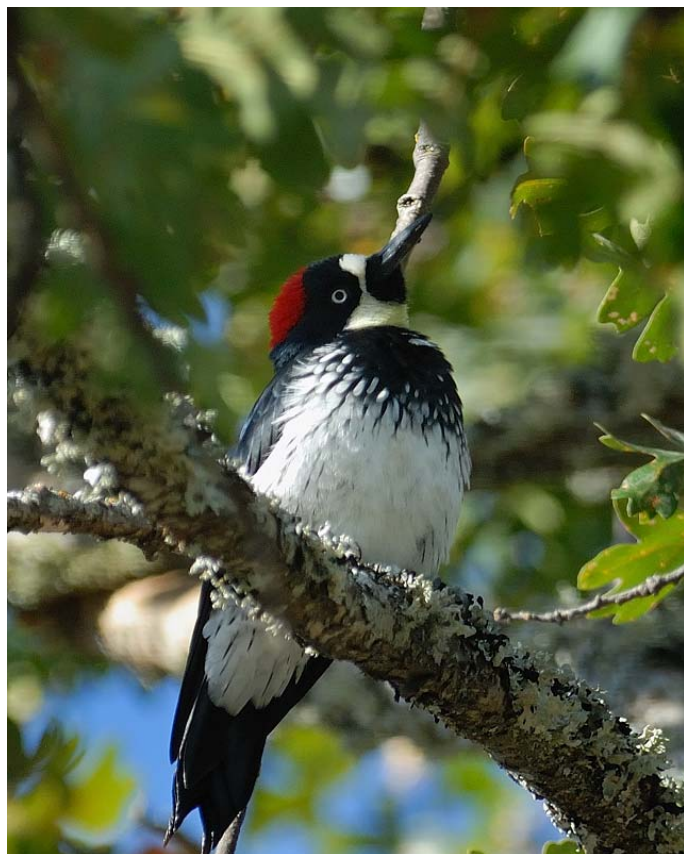
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Send the form and your check to :
 YVAS Membership
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 Yakima, WA 98907-2823

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

Mike Roper's photos from the Columbia River Gorge field trip on Sept. 11



**Black-throated Gray Warbler (above)
near Lyle**

**Acorn Woodpecker (left)
near Lyle**

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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