

Pilchuck Audubon Profile

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SUMMER FIELD TRIPS

JUNE 12TH, SATURDAY

FIELD TRIP: REIFEL ISLAND (B.C.)

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point at Exit 206 off I-5. If you wish to meet further north, call trip leader. Reifel Bird Sanctuary is for the birds and you can expect to see large numbers. A wide trail winds through the large game range past ponds filled with numerous species of ducks and geese with their fuzzy young. Songbirds flit through the trees, while hawks and eagles soar overhead. \$1.50 entrance fee. Bring lunch and I.D. for crossing the Canadian border.

JUNE 27TH, SUNDAY

FIELD TRIP: HEART LAKE & MT ERIE

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point at Exit 206 off I-5, or in the parking lot by the boat launch at Heart Lake at 10:15 am. Enjoy an easy two mile hike around this lowland lake through old growth forest. See woodland wild flowers, great blue heron, osprey, pileated woodpeckers, and wood ducks. After lunch, we plan to drive to Mount Erie to enjoy the magnificent view. Be prepared for a muddy trail. Bring boots and a sack lunch.

JULY 10TH, SATURDAY

FIELD TRIP: ASHLAND LAKES HIKE

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Limit: 15 people. Call trip leader for reservations and meeting location. An easy day hike through old growth forest to three beautiful lakes. Come see this area threatened by logging. Bring lunch and drinking water. Boots recommended, the trail can be muddy in spots.

JULY 25TH, SUNDAY

FIELD TRIP: NORTH FORK SKAGIT

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point exit 206 off I-5. Enjoy a walk along the river through fields of butterflies to the bay. A small hill will give views of the area and is a good place to stop for lunch while looking for hawks and eagles that hunt in the area. Bring a lunch. Boots recommended.

AUGUST 14TH, SATURDAY

FIELD TRIP: SAUK MOUNTAIN HIKE

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point exit 206 off I-5. Fields of wildflowers, marmots, songbirds, and hawks are some of the things you may see on the 1.5 mile hike up to the Sauk Mountain lookout. While eating lunch at the lookout enjoy breathtaking views of Mount Baker, the North Cascades, and the Sauk and Skagit river confluence. Bring lunch and drinking water.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

By October 1, the Endangered Species Act must be reauthorized or Federal protection for endangered species will no longer exist. Opponents of the act include developers, utilities and irrigation interests who say that protection of endangered species places an undue economic burden on themselves.

According to the Council on Environmental Quality, there are at least three species of organisms becoming extinct every day. By 1990, there will be one species per hour. There will be over one million species lost in our lifetime. This includes 10 percent of the world's plants that are endangered. As these species become extinct, they, in turn, affect the entire ecosystem and the available species become more limited. Since President Reagan took office, one species has been listed on the Endangered Species List (endangered species are those in immediate danger of extinction such as the peregrine falcon and the crocodile). Seventy-four met the criteria but were bottled up by Reagan. There is also pressure to remove the provisions in the act for protecting critical habitat.

The other difficulty occurs with a redefinition of terms. Endangered species are being redefined to include birds and mammals, but not amphibians, reptiles or the many kinds of fish. In addition, the invertebrates are not being considered as endangered.

Senator Gorton is a member of the committee which has jurisdiction over the Endangered Species Act. Let him hear from you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 7TH, MONDAY ATLAS OF SENSITIVE AREAS Meet at the van Niels, 4404 - 222nd St. SW at 7:30. Committee meeting.

JUNE 18TH, FRIDAY PROPAGATING SEMINAR & CUTTING EXCHANGE From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Jenning Barn, Jennings Park in Marysville. \$1.00 donation. Further information in article on page 5.

JULY 7TH THROUGH JULY 11TH AUDUBON ARK AT ALDERWOOD MALL National Audubon Society sponsored traveling mini-museum devoted to informing Americans about our endangered birds and animals. The extensive exhibit pictures and describes the plight of imperiled American wildlife. See article page 5.

AUGUST 21ST AND 22ND, WEEKEND REST STOP FREE COFFEE Pilchuck Audubon will serve coffee, punch, and cookies to weary northbound travelers at the Smokey Point Rest Area north of Marysville.

AUGUST 28TH, SATURDAY BOARD WORKSHOP Time, location to be determined.

STATE LAND USE PERMIT

Remember you must have either a valid hunting or fishing license or a State Land Use Permit (Conservation License) to park on such state property as wildlife refuges. If a Game Warden catches you without one, you may be fined. You may buy a permit anywhere fishing and hunting licenses are sold. The State Land Use Permit costs \$5.00. It is only fair that we pay some money to help protect the habitat of wildlife, particularly when statistics show that non-consumptive wildlife users spend more hours at the refuges than hunters and fishermen.

PILCHUCK AUDUBON will serve coffee, tea, punch, and cookies to northbound travelers at the Smokey Point Rest Stop on August 21 and 22. We need cookies donated and volunteers to chat with the weary travelers while serving them refreshments.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The annual membership meeting and potluck dinner has come and gone. The food was excellent, the company better than that and the slide show was much fun. My thanks to all who contributed.

At this meeting, the officers for the next year were elected: Curt Howard, Vice-President; Joyce Kelley, Secretary; and Gerald McKnight, Treasurer. After the next board meeting it will be time to select the new chairman of standing committees. I would like to thank all of this year's board members for their hard work for the chapter.

With these items out of the way, we can now relax for the summer - right? WRONG! There is much to be done. Although we will not have membership meetings, a lively schedule of field trips has been organized. There will undoubtedly be several conservation issues which will surface during the summer.

We have two exciting local events coming for which we will need membership help. July 7th, the National Audubon Society Ark display on endangered species will be in the Central Plaza of the Alderwood mall for five days. We need to man an information table at the display during business hours of the mall. See article on page 5. Terri Spencer is chairman of the Ark committee (652-6481).

We have obtained permission from National headquarters to have the movies, "The Last Stronghold of the Eagles", "Time for Survival", and "Wild America - Who Needs It" made into video tapes to be shown during the display.

Another big event and first for Pilchuck Audubon, is a chance to serve free coffee at the Smokey Point Rest Area the weekend of August 21 and 22. We will need cookies donated and volunteers to serve coffee and punch.

As you can see, it will be a busy summer for the chapter. I hope to see you at these activities.

Jan van Niel

DO YOU KNOW the living bird with the longest wingspread? (Wandering Albatross over 11.5 feet)

BIRD SIGHTINGS

A few birds were sighted and reported to the newsletter this month.

Vaux's swifts have been sighted in the Snohomish Public Library Chimney.

Dubuque Heights had a black-throated grey warbler visiting the vicinity. Nashville (unconfirmed), Townsend's, and Audubon's warblers were seen in the same locality.

Olive-sided flycatchers were reported.

An osprey was observed near the Machias store on the Pilchuck River.

SWIFT ADAPTATIONS

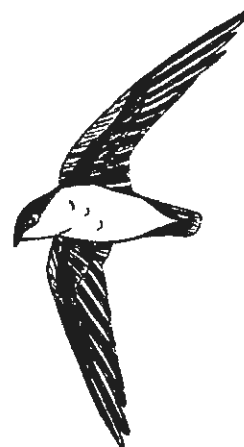
By Jan Richards

As forests disappear, expect to see more birds making adaptations to man's structures.

Some Vaux's swifts use of the chimney on the old part of the Snohomish Public Library is a comparatively recent adaptation.

Still a wilderness bird, the swift more commonly nests in the hollow of a tall dead tree. But the sight of the swifts circling into the library's chimney at nightfall is very cheering.

Anyone interested in seeing the swifts arriving or departing from the chimney should go to the library at nightfall or dawn.



Vaux's
Swift

J. Richards

REPORT FROM THE ELLENSBURG COUNCIL

The spring Washington Audubon Council was held May 1 and 2 in Ellensburg. Open to all Audubon members, the spring and fall meetings provide an opportunity to meet and exchange information with "Auduboners" from throughout the state. Various national and regional Audubon staff members are in attendance at each meeting and are available to answer questions about Audubon.

It is also a veritable clearing house of information on both state and national environmental issues. Knowledgeable speakers discuss the topics with many pamphlets and handouts available. If you want to learn more about the environmental cause and get "turned on" about Audubon, don't miss the next council this fall.

Friday night, early arrivals were treated to an excellent slide program on bluebirds and their utilization of nesting boxes presented by the host chapter, North Cascades.

Saturday, the conference got under way with Dr. Richard Martyr, Western Regional Vice-President, announcing the top conservation priorities selected at the Western Regional Audubon Conference (Asilomar): WILDLIFE & ITS HABITAT, and WATER. Our chapter, along with many others, had suggested wildlife and its habitat.

Pam Crocker-Davis, Washington State Audubon Lobbyist, reported on her experiences as a first year lobbyist at the state legislature. She discussed what went well and how future lobbying efforts could be more effective. As Audubon's lobbyist, she concentrated on how legislative action would effect wildlife and its habitat. There was much discussion on whether Audubon would support a lobbyist for another year and in what capacity - all year, six months, or just during legislative sessions. The issue is unresolved at this point. Watch for more information in future "Profiles."

Amos Enos, Director of Wildlife for National Audubon, presented a scathing indictment of the Reagan administration's anti-environmental view. His charges were backed by an impressive array of facts and figures.

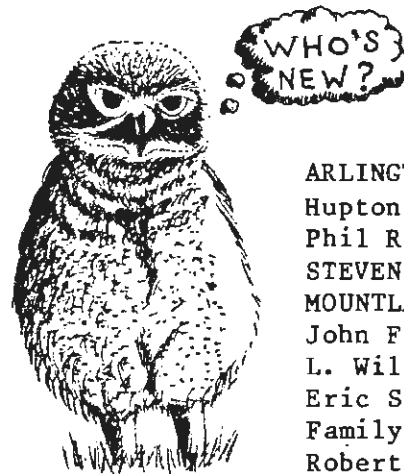
Next, Dr. Ruth Weiner of Huxley College of Environmental Studies gave a slide show and talk on the Clean Air Act.

A truly professional presentation, the show is highly recommended to anyone who would wish to have it shown to their organization. For more information, contact Sally van Niel.

Other speakers included: Les Line, Editor of Audubon Magazine, presented a slide show on the history of Audubon Magazine; Brian Boyle, State Commissioner of Public Lands, discussed his role in administering state trust lands; and each state Audubon chapter reported on what activities they had undertaken during the past six months.

Sunday's agenda was full, with speakers on specific environmental issues, including Northern Tier, Mount St. Helens, and Protection Island.

As you can see, many topics were covered. Unfortunately, because of space constraints we are unable to fully cover each topic in detail. In future issues of "Profile" we will try to have detailed articles on upcoming issues. Better yet, go to the fall Audubon Council and learn about them first hand.



ARLINGTON: Robert C. Hupton. MARYSVILLE: Phil R. Jahn. LAKE STEVENS: Greg Moore. MOUNTLAKE TERRACE: John F. Lincoln, Nancy L. Wilde. LYNNWOOD: Eric Strickland Family. STANWOOD: Robert Roth Family. EVERETT: Daniel Murakami Family. MONROE: Ron Manoske.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 04-30-82 the PAS treasury balance was \$1153.75. One year earlier our balance was \$886.34. For the fiscal year receipts were \$3929.19 and disbursements were \$3661.78. A complete report for the fiscal year is available from the Treasurer.

PROPAGATING SEMINAR & CUTTING EXCHANGE

By Curt Howard

This 2 hour seminar will be for "soft wood" cuttings of just about any woody shrub. It is an easy non-complicated, low cost method.

Each person wishing to obtain plants (cutting) must bring cuttings to exchange. Try to get at least three of each kind. Take new growth (this year's) from the side of the plant early in the morning. While not always possible, aim for growth 3-4 inches long, medium diameter, healthy plants only. Write name on tag, wrap rubber band snugly around cuttings and tag. Pop into a plastic bag along with a damp paper towel. Place in refrigerator until the last minute.

Bring plastic bags, rubber bands, tags, pencil, and damp paper towels to Jennings Barn, Jennings Park in Marysville on Friday, June 18th at 7:00. There will be a \$1.00 fee which will be donated to Pilchuck Audubon Society.

Some examples of cuttings to bring:

rhodies - names please (small leaved ones are best)
azalea - names please
camellia pyracantha
styrax cotoneaster
heather hardy fuchsia
clematis ceanothus
viburnum witch hazel
davidia andromeda
deutzia stewartia
weigela ect.

CLEAN AIR ACT

The Clean Air Act continues to be under attack. The so-called Dingell Dirty Air Bill (HR 5252) passed the House Subcommittee. Floor action on the bill could come any day now. This bill doubles auto pollution, increases pollution in the National Parks, keeps unhealthy air healthy for up to a decade and ignores acid rain and cancer producing pollutants completely. Let Representative Swift and Senator Gorton know if you, like 80 percent of Americans, prefer Clean Air.

THE ARK NEEDS YOU

The Ark Committee is formed and working hard to arrange everything for the Ark's visit.

It is said that time is the most valuable thing a person can give and we are asking for some: only two or three hours of your summer from July 7th-11th. We are to man a booth for Pilchuck Audubon at the Alderwood Mall during the Ark display. The booth will be manned by two people at a time.

This job involves sitting at the information desk, distributing information and promoting chapter activities. A fact sheet will be provided along with a phone list of experts for answering questions. Two environmental educators accompany the Ark exhibit and answer all questions and inquiries about it.

A potluck picnic is being planned for Saturday, July 10th at the Edmonds Park at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own meat (hamburger, weiners, steak, salmon, etc.), table setting, and a potluck dish (salad, relishes, chips, dessert, etc.) for all to enjoy. Beverages and hopefully hot barbecues will be furnished.

If you would like to help, please call a member of the committee listed below:

Terri Spencer, Chairman, 652-6481.
Eileen Loerch 659-6901
Marianne McKnight 337-4777
Sally van Niel 778-7568

CHAPTER REORGANIZATION PROCEEDS

To forward the chapter reorganization, two new committees are being formed.

A task force on Bylaws will study changes needed in the current Bylaws to deal with new needs brought on by chapter growth. Committee members to be announced.

A standing committee of Finance will include acting chairman Gerald McKnight, Jan van Niel, Curt Howard, Hal Hanson, and Martha Jordan.

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For additional information contact Eileen Loerch at 659-6901.

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