

Pilchuck Audubon Profile

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PILCHUCK AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 17TH, FRIDAY

Everett Community College, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 605. Come join us for a special program by one of Seattle's finest nature photographers, Dr. R. L. Kothenbeutel!!! See the article on page 3 for more information.

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18TH, SATURDAY

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point exit 206 off I-5 or at 10:30 in the parking lot at the south end of Deception Pass Bridge. Expect to see shorebirds, ducks, and eagles. Seals are also common in the area. Bring binoculars, coat, picnic lunch and join us for a day by the water. A POTLUCK will follow at Dorothea & K.C. Jones residence, 1265 South Halsey, Admiral's Cove starting between 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

FIELD TRIP: PENN COVE, WHIDBEY IS.

OCTOBER 2ND, SATURDAY

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point exit 206 off I-5. Enjoy ducks, geese, woodpeckers, hawks, shorebirds, and songbirds as we walk along a picturesque boardwalk, over a marsh, and beside the lake shore. Bring a sack lunch.

FIELD TRIP: LAKE TENNANT

OCTOBER 9TH, SATURDAY

Leader: Steve Howard, 652-6481. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Coast to Coast store in Frontier Village on Highway 9. Enjoy a unique opportunity to walk around privately owned Ricvil farm, which is bordered by the Snohomish River and a pond. A trip to the Snohomish sewage lagoon will follow. Expect to see migrating songbirds and waterfowl. Bring boots, coat, binoculars, and a sack lunch.

FIELD TRIP: BIRD WALK

OCTOBER 15, FRIDAY

Everett Community College, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker to be announced.

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

OCTOBER 30TH, SATURDAY

FIELD TRIP: WASHINGTON PARK

NOVEMBER 7TH, SUNDAY

FIELD TRIP: MOUNTLAKE HILL

NOVEMBER 19TH, FRIDAY

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

NOVEMBER 20TH, SATURDAY

FIELD TRIP: REIFEL ISLAND (B.C.)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to a new season with PAS. If the past year has been any indication, this next year should be a very exciting one.

Our reorganizational efforts, begun last year, will continue to improve the chapter's ability to cope with the ever increasing amount of information coming in, numbers of our members and demands for our services. In the last year for the first time we had two major fund raisers—our spring Recycle Fair and free coffee to all comers at the Smokey Point Rest Area. Fund raising efforts will have to continue.

In July we hosted the National Audubon Ark at the Alderwood Mall for 5 days. The exhibit drew nearly 3,000 visitors during its stay, one of the larger numbers in the one year history of the Ark.

Our outstanding field trip program will continue to offer a wide variety of experiences to all interested.

As you may have noticed our newsletter has been getting better as we explore new approaches.

In conservation our efforts to save Protection Island will continue until it becomes a National Wildlife Refuge. We have also worked toward improving the habitat for the Trumpeter Swans of our area. An Atlas of Environmentally Sensitive Areas for the county has been started. These will be major continuing activities for the coming year.

All of these will only be possible because of the continuing hard work of many of our members.

I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Curt Howard, Gerry and Marianne McKnight, Susie Schaefer, Terry Spencer, Steve Howard, Eileen and Steve Loerch, Joan Lucas, Joyce Kelly, Carolyn Ringer, Jan Richards, and Sally van Niel for their dedication to our cause during this last year.

I hope that many more of you will find one of our activities attractive to you and become further involved with us. Do come out and participate in our activities and bring a friend. All of our activities are open to non-members as well as members.

Jan van Niel

FREEWAY COFFEE

On the weekend of August 21st and 22nd PAS sponsored a fund raiser by serving refreshments at the Smokey Point Rest Area on I-5. About 15 PAS members helped hand out coffee, tea, punch, and cookies to travelers from all over the world.

Our guest book shows that we had guests from almost 20 states and 10 foreign countries including Canada, New Zealand, Australia, England, Germany, Switzerland, Japan, Norway, Holland, and Sweden. We talked with many fellow Auduboners and conservationists plus helped to educate others about Audubon by answering questions about birds and wildlife.

Lots of volunteer time and effort went into the planning and purchasing of supplies for this fund raiser and everyone's help was greatly appreciated. During the two 12 hour days we served approximately 2500 people and netted (after expenses) \$475 in donations for our treasury.

Susie Schaefer, Chairman



MONROE: Wanda Herston. EDMONDS: Karen Kane. ARLINGTON: Betty L. Wilson, Jay F. Goodwin, Warren S. Quam, Roger C. Jenkins. LYNNWOOD: Elsie Anderson, The Frame Game, Pamela S. Lamb, Shirley K. Stoltz, Joyce C. Jolly. EVERETT: Mary Smithson, Carl E. Clever, Susan Crouse, John Dickensheets, Raenelle A. Stavro, J. M. Guffey, S. Gwinn, Pam B. Morgan, Susan H. Westerlund, Mary J'Mel Gallagher (Transfer). MUKILTEO: Janice Ernst, Nancy Lee. MOUNTLAKE TERRACE: Linda R. Wiegmann, James D. Condon Family, Alston Moffett Family, T. J. Vrchota. BOTHELL: Baehr Family. CAMANO ISLAND: Dennis Willard. SNOHOMISH: Irene F. Davis.

R. L. KOTHENBEUTEL



His art work, both paintings and photographs, has been published widely. He has graced the pages of AUDUBON, NATIONAL WILDLIFE, PACIFIC NORTHWEST, DUCKS UNLIMITED and many other books and journals, with many covers to his credit.

His paintings have appeared on Christmas cards of the National Wildlife Federation, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Izaak Walton League of America. His striking painting of mountain quail was selected as the winning design for the 1981 Washington State Upland Bird Stamp.

He presents slide lectures on wildlife, photography and other topics to interested groups and organizations. Despite all this he has maintained his position as Medical Director of a large community clinic in Seattle. He will be the first to admit, however, that he feels most at home in a marsh with a camera hanging from his neck.

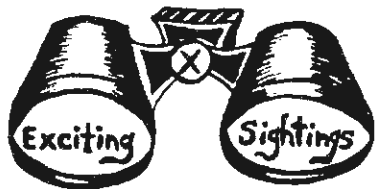
Come join us for this special program by one of Seattle's finest nature photographers, September 17th, 7:30 p.m., Everett Community College, Room 605. Hope to see you there.

The guest speaker at the September 17th program meeting is a unique individual able to pursue three separate and distinct careers all at the same time. Bob Kothenbeutel is this individual. He is a physician, an accomplished wildlife artist, and a widely published nature photographer. Add to that a touch of journalism, an enthusiasm for the culture of rare rhododendrens, a wife and two children and you have a man with very little spare time on his hands.

In both his photographs and his paintings he places a high value on composition with the bird or animal as the dominant element. His work appeals to both sportsmen and naturalists alike, a feat that many artists have been unable to accomplish.



"Wood Duck"
Watercolor painting



May 10 On a three day trip to Malheur Wildlife Refuge in Oregon, Steve and Eileen Loerch saw more than 120 species of birds. Highlights included many **PRAIRIE FALCONS**, **BURROWING OWLS**, **FERRUGINOUS HAWKS**, **GOLDEN EAGLES**, **GREAT HORNED OWLS**, **AVOCETS**, **WHITE-FACED IBISES**, and nine types of warblers. The most unusual sighting, a **COMMON GALLINULE**, was seen on several different occasions, and is one of a very few ever seen in Oregon. The water levels at both Harney and Malheur Lakes were very high and areas of sagebrush were underwater.

May 30-31 The Memorial Day Campout at Wenas Creek was memorable to 17 representatives of Pilchuck Audubon. Birding highlights included the very elusive **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT**, **LEWIS and WHITE-HEADED WOODPECKERS**, **GREAT-HORNED OWLS** with young, and numerous **WESTERN and MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS**. (Bob and Freda Loerch and the McKnights were so impressed by the bluebirds, they decided to sponsor bluebird boxes and another group sponsored a box on Pilchuck's behalf.)

June 7 An **ALBINO HOUSE FINCH** was seen by Maynard Haland in a flock of normal **HOUSE FINCHES** at his feeder near Everett.

June 27 On the Heart Lake field trip at Mt. Erie exciting sightings included a **NORTHERN THREE-TOED WOODPECKER**, **OSPREYS**, and **YOUNG WOOD DUCKS**. (Steve and Eileen Loerch)

July 8 Two **PILEATED WOODPECKERS**. (Jan Richards residence)

July 10 **BLACK and VAUX'S SWIFTS** were sighted on the Ashland Lakes field trip. (Steve and Eileen Loerch)

July 21 Two **BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES** were reported to be making alot of noise in some cottonwood trees at the residence of Maynard Haland near Everett.

July 25 Highlights of a field trip to

the North Fork Skagit included sightings of **CASPIAN TERNS** and many **RINGED-BILLED and BONAPARTES GULLS**. There were many early shorebird migrants including **LONG-BILLED DOWITCHERS**, **GREATER YELLOWLEGS**, **BLACK-BELLIED PLOVERS** and **RUDDY TURNSTONES** in breeding plumage, **DUNLIN**, two **BALD EAGLES** attempting to catch shorebirds, and ducks in eclipse plumage.

July 28 A single **BLACK SWIFT** was flying high in a flock of **VAUX'S SWIFTS** in Darrington around 1 p.m. (Steve Howard). [Black Swifts reportedly have some nesting colonies on Mt. Pilchuck. (Eileen Loerch)]

Aug. 2 A **BOBCAT** crossed the road near Arlington in front of Fred Bird's car.

Aug. 5 Una Paloma Blanca? A **WHITE SWALLOW** was seen flying with two other swallows near Lake Stevens. (Fred Bird)

Aug. 5 Jan Richards was visited at her outdoor shower by two pairs of **WILSON'S WARBLERS**, **CEDAR WAXWINGS**, **WESTERN TANAGERS**, **SWAINSON'S THRUSHES**, and a baby **ROBIN** (all at the same time!).

Aug. 9-14 On a trip to California --- **BLACK-NECKED STILTS**, **CASPIAN TERNS**, **BLACK TERNS**, **GREAT and SNOWY EGRETS**, **LOGGERHEAD SHRIKES**, **BLACK-CHINNED HUMMINGBIRDS**, **BROWN TOWHEES**, **BLACK PHOEBES**, a **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**, **SCRUB JAYS**, many **MOCKINGBIRDS**, **MORNING DOVES** and **TURKEY VULTURES** were a change of scenery. (J. Richards)

Aug. 12 An **OSPREY** was observed fishing in Steamboat Slew just west of Highway 99. (E. Loerch)

Aug. 14 Near the summit of Sauk Mt. a **MERLIN** surprised birdwatchers on their field trip. (E. Loerch)

Aug. 17 An **AMERICAN KESTREL** found itself trapped and scared after flying down the chimney and into the fireplace of Bob and Freda Loerch in Marysville. Freda opened the glass fireplace doors and the kestrel then flew behind some furniture, but she was able to direct it towards the door where it escaped to freedom. Freda suspects that the kestrel was either looking for a warm cozy place to rest or it may have been after some swallows that have shown interest in the chimney also.

EXCITING SIGHTINGS CONTINUED

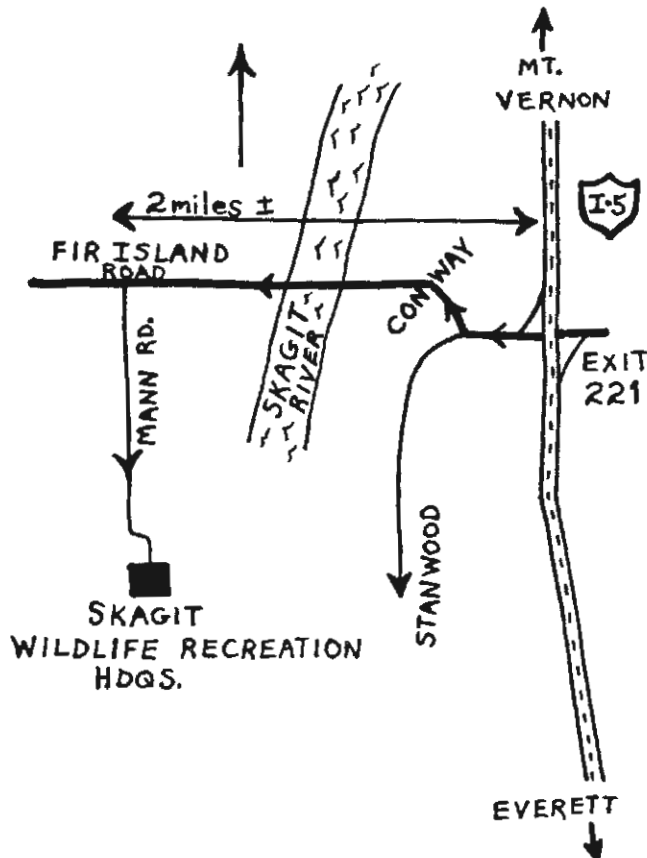
- Aug. 18 A COYOTE was spotted in a field near Marshland Road on the way to Snohomish. (G. and M. McKnight)
- Aug. 19 Approximately one dozen **YELLOW WARBLERS** in fall plumage and two **WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS** were seen on Finn Settlement Rd. on the Snohomish/Skagit county border. (Fred Bird)

Please report sightings to:

Terri Spencer/Steve Howard	652-6481
Fred Bird (Arlington Times)	435-5757
Jan Richards	334-2781
Seattle Audubon Hotline	1-642-2854

Or send your sightings to:

Terri Spencer/Steve Howard
2431 SR 530
Arlington, WA. 98223



EXPLORING

By Steve Loerch

The Skagit Wildlife Recreation Area Headquarters located near Conway is a rewarding place to visit. Birdwatchers, hikers, picnickers, and photographers may all pursue their interests. Although no camping is allowed it's distance from any point in Snohomish County makes it an easy day trip.

In winter, the fields are white with more than 25,000 snow geese from Siberia. The sight and sound of a big flock landing in a field is very impressive. Watch for ducks in the ponds and eagles or hawks soaring overhead. Look carefully for the short-eared and snowy owls that are often seen there in winter. Spring and fall migration brings shore birds and terns. Summer is a good time to see beautiful wood ducks in the ponds. Coyotes, deer, muskrat, weasels, and otter are also present but rarely seen.

If birdwatching is your main interest, avoid the hunting season. For the best viewing, go during a high or incoming tide. During low tides, the birds are often far out on the flats and hard to see.

The easy two mile loop hike on dikes, starts next to the river then wanders past fields and ponds to the flats. It is very popular in late winter. The area is large enough that crowds are not a problem. During summer, it is a nice walk on a cloudy day when the mountains are socked in by rain and fog. Few people use the area in summer.

As you leave the area, look for the sunset shining across the water and Mount Baker turning to pink to the north.

THE ARK DEPARTS

The Ark Committee wishes to thank the many people who donated their time calling volunteers and the 30 people who worked at the Pilchuck booth at the Alderwood Mall. Everyone's effort made the Audubon Ark's stay very successful. We hope everyone had a chance to see the excellent, informative exhibit.

Again many thanks to all who participated.

**BREAZEALE - PADILLA BAY
INTERPRETIVE CENTER OPENS**

The Washington State Department of Ecology has announced the opening date of the Breazeale - Padilla Bay Interpretive Center near Bayview, Washington. The center will be completed September 1, 1982 and dedication is scheduled for September 18, 1982.

The center will be part of the 11,600 acre Padilla Bay National Estuarine Sanctuary. The sanctuary was established September 1, 1980 through a 2.25 million dollar grant to the Washington State Department of Ecology by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Coastal Zone Management.

The Interpretive Center, in addition to housing sanctuary offices, will include interpretive displays and exhibits, research facilities, classrooms, and a reference library. The upland part of the sanctuary will include nature trails, wildlife feeding areas, and ponds. Padilla Bay, which is being purchased by the Department of Ecology will be available for research projects by the private sector, colleges, universities, and governmental agencies. The center will also be available for environmental learning and wildlife observation classes for kindergarten through 12th grade school programs and the general public. No charge will be made for use of sanctuary facilities.

Ronald J. Kendall has been selected as the sanctuary's first manager. Dr. Kendall is an environmental toxicologist. He has degrees in Biology and Wildlife Ecology in addition to a doctorate in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences. He is currently at Western Washington University where he has been working to establish a combined teaching and research program in environmental toxicology at Huxley College of Environmental Studies. We wish Dr. Kendall the best of luck as director.

Watch for more information about the center in future "Profiles". It is hoped that a field trip can be scheduled to the sanctuary soon.

COLOR-BANDED SANDERLINGS

The Sanderling Project at Bodega Marine Laboratory has color-banded some 700 Sanderlings at Bodega Bay, California during the last 7 years. This fall (1982) they will start a companion program color-banding Sanderlings in Peru and Ecuador, along the west coast of South America. This work is part of an international project sponsored by the Wader Study Group to map shorebird migrations between North and South America.

They need your help in a network of observers searching for color-marked Sanderlings. They want to determine how far away from Bodega Bay their locally marked birds travel, and to find out whether any of the South American birds migrate northward along the Pacific Coast. If you want to participate as a regional coordinator or a local observer, please contact them soon.

And if you see a color-banded Sanderling north or south of Bodega Bay, please tell them. Each bird has two color bands on the left leg and one or two color bands on the right above an aluminum band. To find out where your bird is from, send them its color-combination: which colors are where, top and bottom, right or left legs. But even if you cannot read the bands precisely, tell them where and when you saw a color-marked Sanderling.

The Sanderling Project, Bodega Marine Laboratory, P.O. Box 247, Bodega Bay, CA 94923. Phone: (707) 875-2211.

FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE

For those interested in keeping abreast of current Federal environmental legislative action, National Audubon Society's Washington, D.C. office offers a hotline number. It describes environmental issues being addressed in Congress and what action Audubon members can take to influence legislation. The hotline number is 1-202-547-9017.

DOVE'S DILEMMA
By Jan Richards

Before moving to a small farm outside of Snohomish two years ago, my home was an apartment in Renton. Watching birds there would have been very boring had I not kept my feeder filled. The finches did much to cheer the atmosphere. Occasionally a sharp-shinned hawk would spy on the Jack-in-the-Box dumpster waiting for a fattened house sparrow. But I never believed I would become so interested in the flocks of rock doves. I came to know each one's color variations, habits, and handicaps. I also became aware of what rock doves face in their efforts to co-exist with man in the city.

High-rise apartment owners paint the railings and roofs of their buildings with chemicals to burn and cripple the bird's feet and prevent them from roosting. The local fast food drive-ins added to the injuries by leaving vats of used cooking oil outside, uncovered, tempting the doves to try to grab at floating french fries, etc. Inevitable, some of the birds would fall in and become coated and incapable of flight. One such dove managed to crawl up the hill to my door so that I could take it to the Seattle Wild Bird Clinic for it's six weeks of lemon juice and vinegar baths before being returned to the environment. I was informed that many such birds, both crippled and oiled, are brought to the clinic.

I printed fliers and distributed them to the apartment owners, tenants, and the restaurants. I even added excerpts from Bird Watcher's Digest concerning the U.S. Navy's use of rock doves for search and rescue operations at sea. The doves have good eyesight, color memories, and can spot the colored life-preservers from greater distances and sooner than the pilots who carry them aloft to search.

If only they could use their memories to remember whose buildings are dangerous and that it's better to stay hungry and search for a safe feeding place, for example, at a bored birdwatcher's feeder.

NEW RESIDENTS

By Harvey J. Brown, Everett Tribune

Three new arrivals from California stepped out of the specially built box that had been their home for seven days and into the dangers of the real world high atop Beacon Rock near Skamania near Bonneville Dam recently. In making that big step, they increased this state's population of wild peregrine falcons by as much as 30 percent.

The newly released 42-day old peregrines---two males and a female---were reared in captivity by the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group and released on Beacon Rock because it is an historic nesting area for peregrines. The group has carried out similiar peregrine releases in California and Oregon, but this is the first time it's been done in Washington State.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

For those of you who have never joined us on our trips here are a few guide lines:

1. We go rain or shine so come prepared for changing weather.
2. Plan on carpooling from the meeting place whenever possible.
3. Bring a sack lunch.
4. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope if you have them. If you don't, we will happily share ours.
5. All trips are free and open to the public so bring your family and friends.
6. For field trip information call Steve Loerch, 659-6901.



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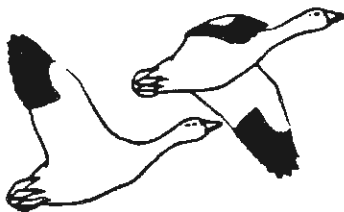
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