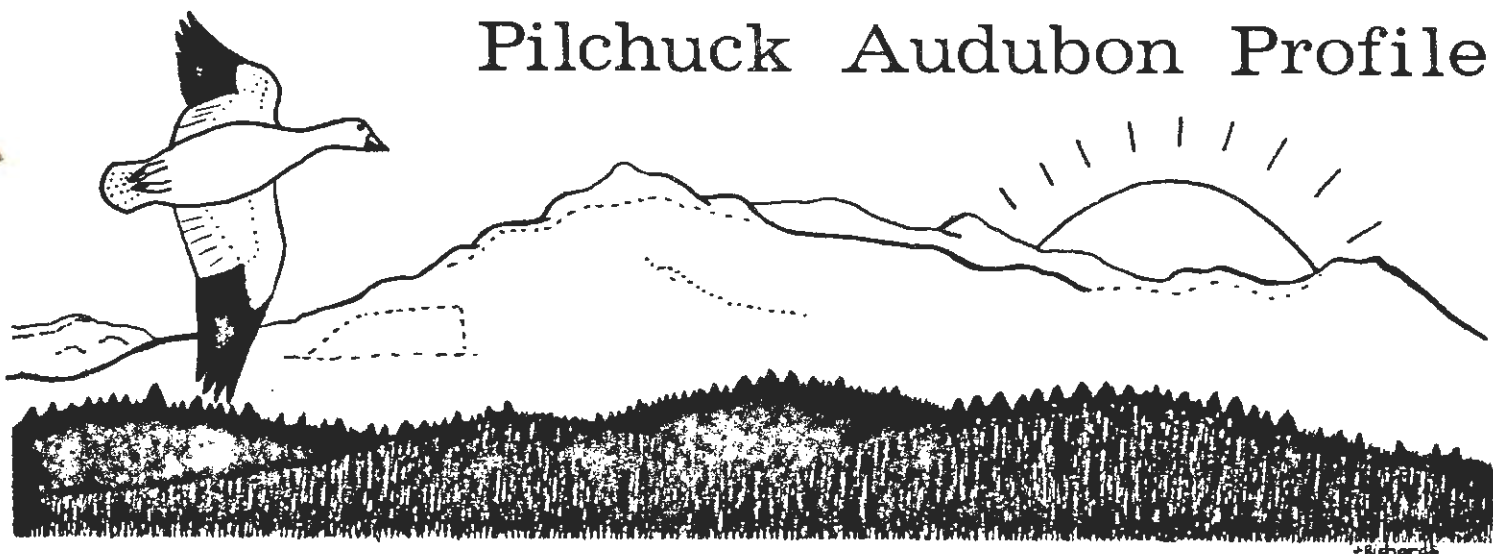


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PILCHUCK AUDUBON ACTIVITIES

MARCH 13th, SUNDAY

Leader: Sally van Niel, 778-7568. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the bank building at Smokey Point, exit 206 off I-5. Come and tour the Breazeale - Padilla Bay Estuarine Sanctuary and Interpretive Center, an exciting new educational center which is available to the public. Following a tour of the center, we will search for the birds of the area which include black brant, shorebirds, bald eagles, and the elusive peregrine falcon.

FIELD TRIP: BREAZEALE/PADILLA BAY

MARCH 18th, FRIDAY

Everett Community College at 7:30 p.m. in room 605. Dan Taylor, from National Audubon Society's Western Regional office, will present two award winning films, "America's Wetlands" and "Project Puffin". "America's Wetlands" reveals the hidden values of wetlands, traditionally viewed as worthless and dispensable. The film conveys a national perspective of wetlands, their natural benefits to humans and wildlife, and the potential impacts of their loss. "Project Puffin" depicts efforts of a NAS biologist to re-establish a breeding colony of Atlantic puffins on an island off the Maine Coast. This film has delightful footage of this endearing bird.

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

MARCH 26th, SATURDAY

Leader: Steve Loerch, 659-6901. A unique opportunity to view sea lions at close range. We will canoe in the Everett Harbor with Jane Lewis, Everett Parks Department, and John Munn, Snohomish County Extension Naturalist. Canoes are available for rent. Space is limited on this trip. To sign up or for more information call the trip leader.

FIELD TRIP: SEA LION CANOE TRIP

APRIL 8th-10th, WEEKEND

All members are encouraged to come to Ellensburg and meet with other Auduboners from around the state. See article on page 5 for more information.

ELLENSBURG MEETING: AUDUBON CHAPTERS

APRIL 15th, FRIDAY

Everett Community College at 7:30 p.m. in room 605. A slide/lecture on wildflowers.

MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETING

APRIL 22nd-24th, WEEKEND

FIELD TRIP: BOWERMAN BASIN/NISQUALLY

MAY 21st, SATURDAY

Field trip to Deering Wildflower Acres and Snohomish Sewage Lagoon followed by a potluck supper at Jennings Park in Marysville. The annual meeting will follow the potluck supper.

ANNUAL MEETING/FIELD TRIP/POTLUCK

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The 1983 session of the Washington state legislature is hard at work...and so are the forces working to do in the environmental gains of the last ten years. There are still many who feel that any restriction of their right to do "business as usual" is unacceptable, even if the long term costs to others are high. These people are working hard to gain their short term ends. (See details in the Growth Management Plan article.)

Fortunately, our National Audubon and state chapters have decided to fight fire with fire and support an educational campaign for the legislators in Olympia. But a program like this costs money. So, as a first step, please respond to the NAS appeal for funds to support this effort. During the last session of the legislature Pam Crocker-Davis became recognized as one of the most effective lobbyists in Olympia. We are indeed fortunate to have her there again. So let's all support her efforts.

Although monetary support is very much appreciated, it is just as important to keep up with the issues and let your representatives know how you feel. Write them each a short letter, one issue to a letter to be most effective, or call the toll free Legislative Hotline (1-800-562-6000) and leave messages for your elected representatives. They need to hear from you. This is a very effective way of being heard.

Jan van Niel

CLEAN WATER ACT By Eileen Loerch

The Clean Water Act is up for renewal in Congress. Enacted in 1972, the act is responsible for much of the progress the nation has made toward improving the quality of its water. Locally, Lake Washington is an example of what the act has helped to do. At one time, much of the lake was off limits to swimming. Today, because of effective water treatment facilities, the lake is enjoyed by swimmers, water skiers, and fishermen.

Even closer to home, Port Gardner Bay has been found to contain serious levels of toxic pollutants. If undertaken, clean up of the bay is expected to cost millions. The Clean Water Act helps prevent such pollution and the costs are much lower.

Nationally, the public is committed to clean water. In a recent Lou Harris Poll,

70% of the American public believe clean water is so important to the quality of life that they are willing to pay more in taxes and higher prices to get it.

However, this does not guarantee that the act will not be weakened during renewal. Last year, the Reagan Administration proposed 15 amendments to the act. These amendments would have extended compliance deadlines and weakened standards. Toxic substances clean up would have been delayed, thermal pollution requirements relaxed, and sewage treatment standards made more flexible. No action was taken on the act last session, so none of these amendments went into effect. However, the same amendments are expected to be introduced this year.

The clean water debate will begin soon in the Environmental Pollution Subcommittee of the Senate. The House is expected to address the issue later in the year.

LORDS HILL UPDATE

The Lords Hill Committee met and hammered out a tentative agreement for the property on Lords Hill. As things now stand, the SE area of the property around Temple Pond will not be logged until 1995. This will give the County and the Department of Natural Resources time enough to determine if the County will again obtain the land for a park, or if DNR will use the land as it deems appropriate (in other words, log it).

The NE section, north of the clearcut, will be logged in a series of cuttings. Some protection will be provided along flowing streams. For additional information, contact Sally van Niel (778-7568).

GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is currently holding hearings on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Growth Management Plan for Snohomish County.

Representatives of the Economic Development Council and business have testified saying that they need more flexibility. Translate that to mean that they want business to continue as usual so we will have additional stress on roads, fire protection and parks, without any additional funds.

If you want Snohomish County to continue to grow randomly so that we can look like Los Angeles, stay home. If not, get informed and express your opinions. For further information, contact Sally van Niel (778-7568).

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Some of the bills discussed in the last newsletter have begun to move through the legislature. In addition, new bills have been introduced. The following is a summary of the legislative action taking place.

SHORELINES

One of the bills, HB 486, would weaken the Shorelines Management Act. This bill removes state oversight of changes in county and city master programs of the shorelines act unless appealed by Department of Ecology within 90 days. In essence then, this bill requires that DOE prove that the amendments are harmful. It also threatens compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

VANITY PLATES

SB 3390 and HB 261 would allow seven digits to be used on personalized license plates rather than six. Both bills have passed out of committee and could come to a vote at any time. You are encouraged to contact your legislators to express support for the bill. Be sure to specify that all money should go to the non-game program only.

FISHERIES & GAME DEPT. MERGER

SB 3505 was submitted by Senators Metcalf and Rasmussen. The bill would merge the Department of Fisheries and Department of Game. Fishing, hunting, and conservation license fees would be combined with the Department of Fisheries general fund money. The mandate of the Department of Fisheries is primarily to protect commercial fishing interests, where as, the Department of Game is concerned with the non-commercial interests of the state's wildlife. It is likely that wildlife interests could not compete for funding with the commercial interests of Fisheries. As a result, wildlife would suffer. Constituents of Senator Metcalf are encouraged to contact him and discuss their concerns.

HYDRAULICS ACT

The Hydraulics Act is extremely important as it specifically protects wildlife habitat including the important riparian habitat. This habitat is only 15% of all available wildlife habitat, yet contains 85% of the wildlife. SB 3154 would amend the act, requiring that hydraulic permits be issued within 15 days. After 15 days, the permit would be automatically granted. At present, the permits are issued within 30 days,

except on those rare occasions when there are State Environmental Policy Act requirements to be met. The State Departments of Fisheries and Game, which issue the permits are already overworked and understaffed. This new requirement would result in issuance of permits for projects harmful to the riparian habitat and a resulting loss of wildlife. The Hydraulics Act is functioning well as it now stands. Hearings will be scheduled soon.

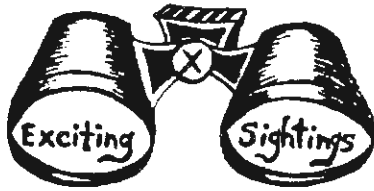
CONTACTING LEGISLATORS

Recently, the state legislative session has been in the forefront of the news. Many issues are dealt with daily, and legislators need to know how their constituents feel. Writing a letter to your legislator can be easy and DOES make a difference. Chris Burke, from the Olympia Audubon office, stated that legislators consider 5 to 10 letters on an issue to be significant. Following a few simple rules can make letter writing simple.

1. Call the toll free Legislative Hotline (1-800-562-6000) and check on the status of the bill you wish to comment on. At times, a bill can move quickly from committee, to the floor, be passed, and move to the other house. This may change who you write to and what you say.
2. Address the letter properly. Your legislator, Legislative Building, Olympia, WA 98504
3. Identify the bill by number and subject. The bill number is available from the Legislative Hotline.
4. State how you feel and why. Be brief and to the point. Your letter should never be more than one page long. If you are an expert on an issue, and would like to list many facts and figures, attach a second page with this information as an appendix.
5. If a bill will effect you personally, let your legislator know. Personal experience is important to legislators.
6. Be truthful at all times.
7. Thank your legislator when he supports or sponsors legislation you support.

Make sure you DON'T:

1. Make threats or promises.
2. Berate your legislator.
3. Try to instruct your legislator on every issue.
4. Be a pen pal.



- Jan. 10 A BARN OWL was regularly seen and heard in the early evenings in a neighborhood in Snohomish. (Joyce Kelley)
- Jan. 19 Nine TRUMPETER SWANS were reported on Lake Cassidy. (Lorena Havens)
- Jan. 21 A COOPER'S HAWK and a HOODED MERGANSER were seen at the Snohomish Sewage Lagoon. (Joyce Kelley)
- Jan. 27 From a tree near the Skagit overlook near Marblemount two BLACK-BILLED MAGPIES scolded Libby Mills, Nature Conservancy's Sanctuary Steward for the Bald Eagle Natural Area.
- Jan. 28 A SHORT-EARED OWL was sitting on a fencepost along Highway 530 west of Arlington. (Terri and Allen Spencer)
- Jan. 29 A special treat for a group of people returning from the Skagit Bald Eagle field trip was a field of 140 TRUMPETER SWANS between Mt. Vernon and Sedro Wooley.
- Jan. 29 In another field near Mt. Vernon 70 TRUMPETER SWANS were spotted. (Joan and Evan Lucas)
- Jan. 30 Two BALD EAGLES were perched in a tree on Jim Creek Road near Highway 530. (Steven Howard)
- Jan. 31 While driving south on I-5 a PEREGRINE FALCON was seen diving on a smaller bird. (Marianne McKnight)
- Jan. 31 While spending the weekend at a cabin on the south fork of the Skykomish River near Baring, many close encounters happened with three BALD EAGLES that were keeping watch over the river. (Ken and Edith Countryman)
- Late Jan. Six BALD EAGLES were reported seen along the Skykomish River near Goldbar. (Gary Wold)
- Late Jan. A BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON was observed perched in trees for half an hour near Anthony's Homeport Restaurant, Edmonds dock. (Judy Atkins)
- Late Jan. A DOWNY WOODPECKER was reported in front of a Snohomish home. (Noah Carraher)
- Late Jan. Two RAVENS and a KINGFISHER were seen at the Leckvold Tree Farm. (Paula Wellnitz)
- Feb. 1 Perched in a tree at the Ricville Farm near Snohomish was an adult BALD EAGLE. (Steven Howard)

Feb. 1 A day trip to the Skagit Wildlife Refuge and Brezeale Interpretive Center was highlighted by several BALD EAGLES many ROUGH-LEGGED and RED-TAILED HAWKS, a NORTHERN SHRIKE and many species of ducks. A MERLIN was hunting successfully in a flock of DUNLINS. An injured TRUMPETER SWAN was spotted near the Edison cutoff. Attempts to rescue it were futile as the bird had enough energy to fly, though not very well. The swan's behaviour caused observers to believe that it was poisoned, probably by lead shot consumption, which is always fatal. The incident was reported to the local game warden. It has since been learned that a call to the WSP giving the location of the injured bird, would have brought the Game Warden to the rescue. (Jan Richards, Marge Wiltfong, Eileen Loerch, Marianne McKnight)

Feb. 2 A MERLIN was observed attacking a RED-TAILED HAWK perched in a snag near Island Crossing. (Steven Howard)

Feb. 4 A ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK was sitting on a fencepost in a field just north of the Everett Sewage Lagoon. (Terri Spencer)

Feb. 6 A BALD EAGLE was flying south over residential areas near Silver Lake. (Marianne McKnight)

Feb. 8 A TOWNSEND'S WARBLER in winter plumage was seen at a residence in the Silver Lake area. (Marianne McKnight)

Feb. 11 A BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE was viewed near Admirals Cove, Whidbey Island. (John Hopkins)

Feb. 12 An EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL has been observed and SWALLOWS heard at the Montlake Fill near the U.W. campus. (Seattle Audubon Hotline)

Feb. 13 A pair of HARLEQUIN DUCKS were observed preening and swimming near some rocks at Camano Island State Park near North Beach. (Steve and Kathleen Sallee)

Feb. 13 A TREE SPARROW has been seen frequently at Discovery Park near the ponds at the Indian Center. (SAS Hotline)

Send your sightings to:

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

Or report your sightings to:

Terri Spencer/Steve Howard	652-6481
Fred Bird (Arlington Times)	435-5757
Jan Richards	334-2781

'TAILS OF THE UNEXPECTED

By Eileen Loerch

One of the great gifts nature offers us is the unexpected. While scanning a salt marsh for ducks, a snowy owl reveals itself. Around a bend in the trail, a mule deer is encountered and returns our gaze. A walk through the neighborhood can become an adventure. Betty Kinyon can attest to that.

Betty was taking her daily walk, accompanied by her two dogs. About a block from her home, she heard the screech of a red-tailed hawk. A pair of the hawks flew from their perch on a snag. One of them dropped a piece of meat, much to the delight of Betty's dogs. She kicked the meat into the ditch along the road, much to the disappointment of her dogs.

Continuing on her way, she was soon distracted by other thoughts. Apparently, the red-tailed hawks weren't. As she reached the opposite side of the lake, a flash of brown caught her eye. She turned to see a red-tailed hawk within a few feet of her. As it dove at her, the hawk emitted an ear-splitting scream. It swooped away, soaring until it was high above her, still watching. She continued her walk, with no further "hawk harrassment". However, she was left with ringing ears for several hours.

We can surmise why the hawk reacted this way. Apparently, when Betty kicked the meat into the ditch, the hawk believed either she or the dogs had taken it. The hawk felt it could frighten the "thieves" into dropping the meat.

The hawks are frequently seen on their favorite perch, not flying away as Betty and I pass by. I hope they remain nearby and continue to provide us with the thrill of the unexpected.

FREEWAY COFFEE

By Susie Schaefer

Next August PAS will again be serving coffee at the northbound Smokey Point rest stop on I-5 as a chapter fund raiser. Last summer we did this for two 12 hour days of a weekend and cleared over \$450 in contributions plus had a good time talking to people from all over the world.

We have reserved the rest stop for the weekend of August 19th - 22nd. Because of a change of regulations we must serve coffee from 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon through 2:00 a.m. Monday morning (or 60 hours continuously). We will need many, many

volunteers. Mark those dates (August 19, 20, 21, and 22) on your calanders and plan to work a shift or two. Watch for more information in the coming newsletters.

DUES, DUES, DUES

Have you received a renewal notice for your annual dues from National Audubon Society? Are you contemplating joining National Audubon Society? Do you live outside our service area (Snohomish County/Camano Island)? Have you recently moved? Do you know...?

All renewals should be returned to National Audubon Society using the renewal form provided with your renewal notice. A company called Neodata now processes all membership records. It is very important that the renewal notice be sent in with your renewal check for proper credit.

New memberships should be sent to Pilchuck Audubon Society using the membership form provided in the newsletter. We will add your name to the Profile mailing list and forward your application.

Pilchuck Audubon Society is one of more than 400 chapters of National Audubon Society. Approximately, one-third of your National dues are returned to us for our operations. This applies to renewals and chapter generated new members. Dues are not split for new memberships generated from National's direct mailing or cards from the magazine which are mailed directly to National. Dues are split for renewals, however, in all cases.

If you live outside our service area you might want to join your local chapter in order to receive information on local activities. You must specifically request that your membership be transferred after moving. Contact your local chapter or our membership chairperson for details. We hope you will want to continue receiving our PROFILE. Subscriptions are \$5.00 per year. For membership information contact Marge Wiltfong (353-1847).



BOARD BRIEFS
By Eileen Loerch, Reporter

At the February 7th board meeting the treasurer reported a balance of \$747.38 in our operations account.

Pilchuck will attempt to get a weekend at Smokey Point Rest Area to serve coffee. (See article on page 6.)

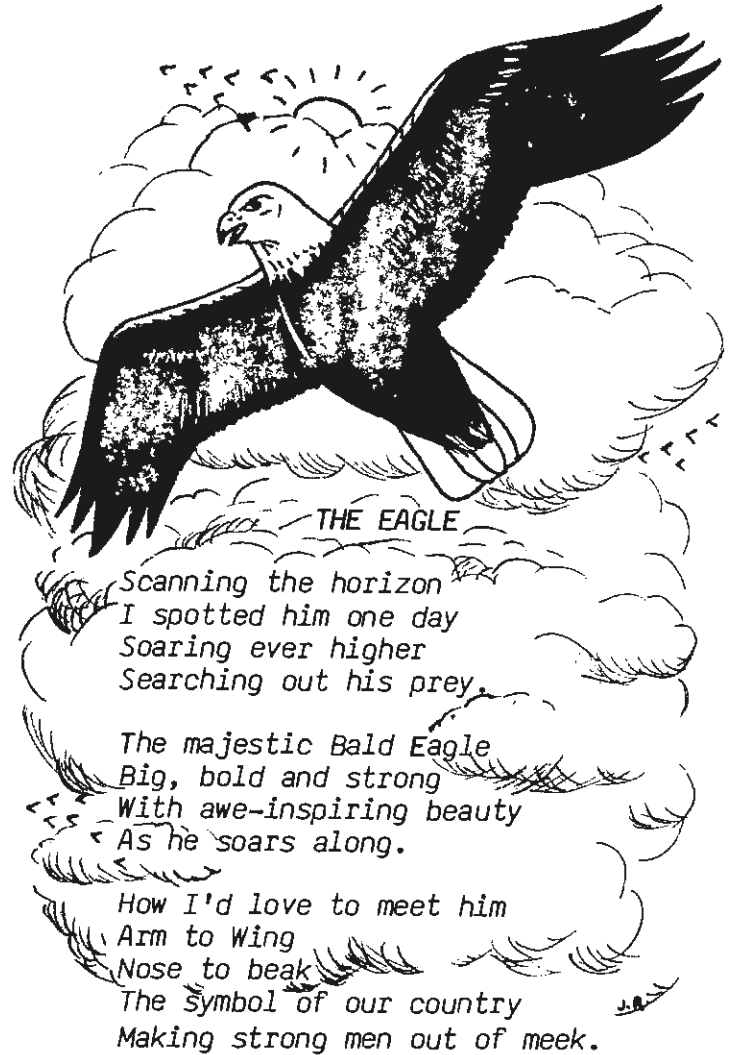
A representative of the chapter will testify before the Edmonds Planning Commission about the proposed ordinance to allow cutting of trees which block resident's views. The representative will stress the importance of the trees to wildlife.

The chapter will sponsor its own bird-a-thon this year. The entire proceeds from the bird-a-thon will be retained by the chapter.

Two work parties were announced. One was scheduled at the Corson Wildlife Recreation Area following the field trip to Paul Dye's Northwest Waterfowl Game Farm. Areas were to be cleared for the planting of Sitka spruce trees. Another work party is to be scheduled at the Skagit Wildlife Recreation Area. The date will be determined later.

THANKS TO THE WORK PARTY

Many thanks to all the people who braved the weather and helped on the work party after the field trip to Paul Dye's Farm. Because of so many helping hands the land has been cleared and made ready for the planting of the Sitka spruce trees.



Terri Spencer

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* I will receive the Pilchuck Audubon PROFILE and AUDUBON magazine for one year. *

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 9th, "Discover Natural Alaska" will be presented at the Wade James Theater, 950 Main Street, Edmonds at 7:30 p.m. This presentation will include the film "Alaska...Beyond Expectations" and a slide/lecture "Alaska Wilderness Travel" by Hayden Kaden. There will be a small admission charge.

The weekend of March 12th and 13th, PAS will have a booth at Everett Parks and Recreation Department's Recreational Resources Weekend at Everett Mall. Feel free to drop by and visit.

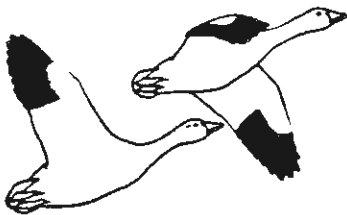
Sunday, March 27th, Pilchuck Audubon will be sharing a booth with the County Extension Service, 4-H, and the Department of Game at the Good Earth Exposition at the Monroe Fair Grounds. A slide show, "Audubon - We're Not Just for the Birds Anymore" will be shown at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6th, "Marine Mammals of the Pacific Coast Including Everett Harbor's Sea Lions" will be presented by Bob DeLong, Research Biologist for the National Marine Mammals Laboratory. It will be held in the County Courthouse Auditorium, County Administration Building, Everett at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 9th, a Wildlife Photography workshop will be held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. Lee Mann will be leading the workshop from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pre-register with Judith Brown, Assistant Director, by calling 1-428-1558 Wednesday through Sunday.

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Seattle Audubon Hotline 1-624-2854
Swan sightings 775-0137

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Dr. Yearout, D.V.M. 353-3814
Kaye Bailey 337-6900
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