



## **PAS Smart Growth Report**

*by Kristin Kelly, Director*

Springtime is definitely here...warmer, longer days, more time outside planting gardens, tilling the soil, enjoying nature, rain or shine. It also means more land use disturbance from development activities, such as filling, grading and building.

While Snohomish County and its cities adopt regulations and codes to help ensure protection of critical areas, shorelines, and water/air quality when land disturbing activities occur, there is certainly no guarantee that these regulations will be followed. It is this time of year especially that I start receiving more phone calls from folks upset about land disturbances, whether they notice more erosion because bare earth is not protected properly from rain and wind, whether it is filling and grading that appears to be disturbing streams and wetlands, or whether it is because of clear-cutting of all the significant trees and understory. Certainly there are going to be different levels of code violations. Some people just don't know, others know and don't care, and some know and care but still make mistakes.

People who care about the land and the environment are fairly astute when they see development occur that doesn't look right. Some know to call the planning department and code enforcement divisions but many don't know what to do.

Unfortunately, sometimes bad land use activities happen late at night or on the weekends when county/city offices are not open. Taking photographs of the activity as soon as it occurs is important documentation. When contacting the Snohomish County Planning Department Code Enforcement Division (suffering from budget cuts and limited personnel), my advice always is to be persistent and vigilant. Call everyday. Ask for follow-up. And if no one helps you...call me!

If you live in farmlands or in the unincorporated urban growth areas of Snohomish County, you need to know that each city also has their own code enforcement division and procedures. You will need to visit the

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## **May Program Meeting Friday, May 10, 7 PM**

### ***Constance Sidles Book Reading & Signing: Montlake Fill***

In her newest collection of essays about the relationship of human nature to wild nature, Constance Sidles brings to life the daily dramas and joys to be found at her favorite place on Earth, the Montlake Fill. Come with her as she introduces you to the characters she finds there every day: the Fill's most intrepid Killdeer, the fiercest goose, the most skilled vocalist, and dozens more. Connie is a master birder and board member of Seattle Audubon. For more information, call 425.252.0926.

### ***Special Pre-Meeting Training***

We will be holding a special training at 6 PM, right before the program meeting, for birders interested in using more technology. Terry Nightingale will cover the basics of birding with your smart phone, including:

- How to use field guides like iBird and Sibley
- Finding birds near you with BirdsEye
- Recording and submitting your observations directly to eBird with BirdLog

For demonstration purposes, we'll use an iPhone but the Android phones are very similar. Bring your questions, and if you have them, answers. This will be an interactive session.

**Everett Firefighters Hall  
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett**

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# Hummingbirds at Home – Audubon’s New Citizen Science Project

Hummingbirds visit our yards each spring to breed, looking for nectar from our gardens and feeders. Fascinating to watch, hummingbirds captivate us with their magical feats of flight and their showy colors. The continental US is breeding home to 14 species of hummingbirds, with a few other species making rare appearances.

Recent science reports that flowers are blooming earlier and earlier due to climate change. Some flowers are blooming as many as 17 days before the migrating hummingbirds arrive. The impact for migrating and breeding hummingbirds is unknown.

Building on our Christmas Bird Count (CBC) legacy and the more recent success of the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), Audubon is launching a new program called Hummingbirds at Home.

Through this new program Audubon’s goal is to gather data that will help document the hummingbirds’ journey, and better understand how changing flowering patterns and supplemental feeding by people relate to

hummingbirds’ migration and breeding success, and also climate change. Since nectar is critical to hummingbirds, we’re asking people to document which flowering plants hummingbirds are feeding on in their backyards as well as whether hummingbird feeders are supplied and used. The Hummingbirds at Home program will provide an opportunity for citizen scientists to help us learn how these changes in the environment are impacting hummingbirds.



In this family-friendly program, participants will log hummingbird sightings and the flowering plants or feeders they visit, with free mobile technology or on desktop computers. Participants can also view hummingbird sightings online in real time. Scientists will use the data to better understand how hummingbirds are impacted by feeders, non-native nectar sources in gardens, shifting flowering times, and climate change.

Do you enjoy watching hummingbirds and want to become involved in this program? You can participate at a level that fits your schedule – from one sighting to watching hummingbirds over several weekends throughout the program. To learn more about this exciting citizen science project, go to [www.audubon.org/citizenscience](http://www.audubon.org/citizenscience).

## About Pilchuck Audubon Society



The Pilchuck Audubon *Profile*, official newsletter of Pilchuck Audubon Society, is published monthly.

Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) is a grass-roots environmental organization with members throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island, Washington.

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife for the benefit of earth’s biological diversity.

Through education, advocacy, and community activism, PAS is committed to bringing people closer to wildlife in order to build a deeper understanding of the powerful links between healthy ecosystems and human beings, and to

encourage the involvement of our members in efforts to protect the habitat this wildlife depends upon for survival.

We serve as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. PAS is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

### Newsletter Submissions

Submit articles to [newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org) or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290-1742.

Submissions must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

**To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.252.0926.**

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# Trip Calendar

Check our calendar at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org) for the latest information

## Sunday, May 5

### Kopachuck State Park

Meet at 8 AM at Everett Mall, in the back, near the transit facility by LA Fitness. Kopachuck SP is about five miles south of Gig Harbor in westernmost Pierce County. This trip can follow a plan we have used previously for our numerous marine state parks. We can walk the beach, there's a marine sanctuary. Then we can stroll along a nature trail through the uplands. Afterwards we may gather for a little socializing over a late lunch, possibly in picturesque Gig Harbor. Round trip Galloping Gertie toll is \$10. One-day pass to the state park is \$10. An annual Discover Pass can be purchased for \$30.

Trip Leader: Jonathan Blubaugh, 425.244.7633, [aracfi@msn.com](mailto:aracfi@msn.com)

## Tuesday, May 7

### Snoqualmie River Valley

Meet at 7:30 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the Fairgrounds. Expect a fun time and exciting birds. This trip will mostly cover the area between Carnation and the Monroe Area. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Saturday, May 11

### Nisqually Wildlife Refuge

Celebrate Prairie Appreciation Day with Pilchuck Audubon! Meet at 8 AM in the back of the Everett Mall near the transit facility by LA Fitness. Upon arriving at Nisqually, Marine Biologist Sue Miller will talk about the ecology of the Nisqually area, and then we'll search for birds as we walk on the wide, accessible trails and boardwalks. As an optional second half of the trip, we'll stop for lunch and then tour the Mima Mounds and learn about the only prairie habitat in western Washington.

Pack a lunch if you plan to join us for the second half of the day's activities.

Trip Leader: Terry Nightingale, 206.619.2383, [tnight@pobox.com](mailto:tnight@pobox.com)

## Tuesday, May 14

### Cle Elum Area

Meet at 6:30 AM at the Monroe Park and Ride, on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the fairgrounds. An all day trip. Different birds: Red-naped Sapsucker, Northern Goshawk, Calliope Hummingbird, Western Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Magpie, Vesper Sparrow, and Cassin's Finch possible. Experience Cle Elum. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Tuesday, May 21

### Seattle's Discovery Park

Meet at 8 AM at the Lynnwood Wal-Mart lot at 1400 164th St SW (I-5 Exit 183). Park at the edge of the lot away from the store, to the west. Some 230 bird species have been recorded here. The park has salt water, beaches, meadows, and mixed forest and is a walking trip. Nearby are possible additional areas such as Ballard Locks and Golden Gardens Park. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Tuesday, May 28

### Leavenworth Area

Meet at 6:30 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the Fairgrounds. Many species rarely seen around home. We will go up Icicle Creek and certainly try for the Calliope Hummingbird and Lazuli Bunting in Camas Meadows. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

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## Report ...

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appropriate website to find out procedures for code enforcement.

For all information about Snohomish County Code Enforcement, visit the county's website at [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org). Click on "County Services", then click on "Complete A-Z County Services Guide." Click on C, and scroll down to Code Enforcement. There are more complete instructions on my PAS Smart Growth webpage.

Code Enforcement responds to complaints regarding building, zoning, land use and nuisance code violations. They investigate complaints and determine if there is a violation, the extent of the violation and the appropriate action required. They work with all affected parties to resolve or mitigate violations. The Code Enforcement

Officers cover all unincorporated property of Snohomish County. They respond to over 1,300 code violations a year.

Violations of Snohomish County Code are reported by citizens, other regulating agencies and County field personnel. The Code Enforcement Officer will make a site inspection, usually within 3-5 days to confirm an actual violation. Contact will be made with the property owner to discuss the violation and actions that will remedy the violation. They strive to obtain voluntary compliance within a reasonable timeframe. They work with citizens to resolve violations before further enforcement actions are necessary and educate property owners about the benefits of code compliance, such as safer and more attractive neighborhoods. With the improving economy and increased building, we can all work together for neighborhoods which safeguard our water, our slopes and wildlife habitat.

## Community Events, Classes and Festivals



### International Migratory Bird Day

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Event sponsored by Pilchuck Audubon Society**

Founded in 1993, IMBD is celebrated in Canada, the US, Mexico and Central America through bird festivals, bird walks, and education programs. We invite you to join us in this important celebration.

8 AM – ALL DAY

#### **Field Trip to Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge and Mima Mounds**

Meet at 8 AM at the rear of the Everett Mall by the Everett Transit Center and L.A. Fitness. Pack a lunch and bring binoculars. Carpooling will be encouraged.

9 AM – 11 AM

#### **Birding Walks**

Walk locations at Edmonds Marsh, North Creek Park, and Langus Riverfront Park

10:30 AM – 12:30 AM

#### **Beginning Backyard Birding Class**

Class at the Mukilteo Library is presented by Dr. Alan and Bonnie Mearns

8:00 PM – 8:30 PM

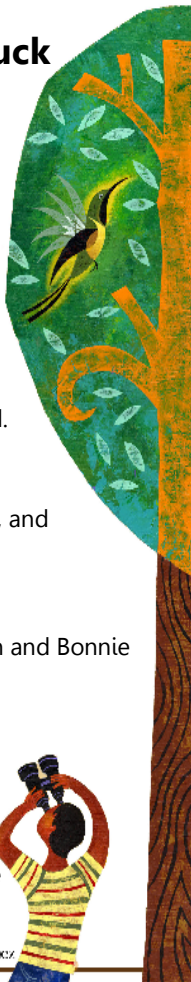
#### **Vaux Swift Watch at Frank Wagner School**

639 West Main Street, Monroe  
 Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and binoculars

Events are free and families welcome. For more information, call 425.252.0926 or visit the online calendar at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org).



Art by Rafael Lopez



**JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>**

# BARN DANCE!

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# SUNDAY JUNE 9

# Craven Farm

**13817 SHORT SCHOOL RD, SNOHOMISH**

#### **Batty in May** **May 17**

**Edmonds**

Barb Ogaard, also know at the Bat Lady, will be giving a special presentation at the Demo Garden from 7:30 – 9:30 PM. People of all ages are welcome to come and learn about bats.

More information about the Demo Garden can be found on the PAS webpage, under "Programs."

#### **State Audubon Campout**

**May 25 – 27**

**Wenas Creek Campground**

Every Memorial Day Weekend, members of Washington State's Audubon Chapters and their friends gather in the Wenas Valley, located on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains between Ellensburg and Yakima. With a variety of natural history and recreation opportunities, the Wenas Valley is a beautiful area that supports a fascinating assortment of spring flora and fauna. Everyone, whether members of Audubon chapters or not, is welcome on this outing which is attended each year by around 200 people and a large number of birds.

For more information, visit [www.wenasaudubon.org](http://www.wenasaudubon.org).

#### **Native Plant Ground Covers for Gardening Naturally** **May 4** **Edmonds**

Nancy Moore's program gives you a special opportunity for learning what native plants are useful as ground covers. Plants on display can be purchased. Event will be held at the Demo Garden in the conclave building of the lower garden from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

#### **Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest**

**May 16 – 19**

**Leavenworth**

The Leavenworth area features spectacular habitats ranging from snow-capped mountains to sunny ponderosa pine forests, to lush riparian zones, to shrub-steppe. Field trips are led by experts and professionals; for birders of all skill levels.

For more information, visit [www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com](http://www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com).



## President's Message

*by Kathleen Snyder, Pilchuck Audubon Society President*

Pilchuck Audubon now has a new Vice-president and a continuing Treasurer. Susie Schaefer, after many years of PAS board service, stepped down from the Vice-presidency and Terry Nightingale stepped up to take the position. You might know Terry from his leadership on our weekend birding trips. Carolyn Lacy started as PAS Treasurer in 2004 and has agreed to stay a little longer in a position which is essential to the smooth running of our non-profit. Thanks to Susie, Terry and Carolyn for their service.

Hilkka Egtvedt was honored as Pilchuck's Volunteer of the Year for 2012 at our April program meeting. For the past 11 years, Hilkka has chaired the Birdathon fundraiser that Pilchuck has each May. Over that time, the campaign has brought in close to \$33,000. Hilkka herself has been responsible for bringing in close to 50% of that amount! The 2013 Birdathon is soon to start and Hilkka welcomes your participation. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.



*Hilkka Egtvedt receiving award*

In other Pilchuck news, Wilma Bayes and Virginia Clark led a bird walk for the Arlington Arbor Day event while Alan and Bonnie Mearns held a backyard birding class at the same event. My husband, John, and I helped about 75 kids make pine cone bird feeders for an Earth Day event in Marysville. Many volunteers are involved in the activities for International Migratory Bird Day on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a perfect chance to introduce someone to the joys of birding - the person who says, "You go birding? I've always wanted to try that." Details are on our website and elsewhere in the newsletter.

## New Photo Gallery

Our website has a new webpage which will feature the avian photographs of our members. Please take a moment to visit our photo gallery and enjoy the photos of Judy Rowe Taylor taken of birds both local and worldwide. If you are interested in sharing your photographs, please

write up a brief biography and submit it along with 20 – 30 labeled (species and location) photographs to [webmaster@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:webmaster@pilchuckaudubon.org). We hope to showcase a new photographer every two months.



*Kids making pine cone feeders*

## Thank you to Pilchuck Board

*by Susie Schaefer*

It has been my pleasure to serve as Vice President and I certainly appreciated your kind words and lovely gifts at the last program meeting and anniversary celebration. It has been my good fortune to have been able to serve as the Vice President of Pilchuck Audubon for the last 9 years. I have really enjoyed getting to know Carolyn Lacey, Margaret Bridge and Allen Gibbs, Jay Ward and everyone else who has worked so hard for PAS over the years. It has been especially rewarding to serve with Mike Blackbird and Kathleen Snyder. I think I have been very lucky to have been a member of such a great leadership team.

I am proud that I have had a role in recruiting Joan Poor, Paulette Hunter and Sarah Stout who have more recently joined the PAS board. I also need to say I know a lot more about the Smart Growth Program than I used to and have learned a lot from Kristin Kelly over the years. I will miss being able to talk with Kathy Johnson about our long history on Forest issues. I am pleased that Terry Nightingale will be our new Vice President and will bring new ideas and energy.

Lastly, I want to say I will still be involved with PAS by chairing the monthly meetings and coordinating the Demo Garden. I honestly hope I will find more time to join the Tuesday and weekend field trips. Thanks to all who have supported PAS with me over the years. I think we all know that being part of the Audubon Family is important and FUN.

# Backyard Birding Highlights

by *Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator*

February 26, 2013 – March 25, 2013

**Carol and Larry Beason** got a very pleasant surprise this month. It is the first year they have seen the male Anna's Hummingbird. The male is much more colorful with his red throat and crown. They also reported 30 Evening Grosbeaks from their home near Lake Bosworth. I have only seen 2 this season. Their total species count of 45 included a Bald Eagle on the dock, 3 Brewer's Blackbirds, 11 Bufflehead near the shore, 16 Canada Goose on the lake, 3 Fox Sparrows, a Hutton's Viero, a Merlin flying through the yard, 100+ Pine Siskins in the trees and at the feeders, 4 Purple Finch, a Red-Breasted Sapsucker, 24 Red-Winged Blackbirds, 2 Varied Thrush and 6 Violet-Green Swallows.

**Gail Dibernardo** also spotted a couple of Varied Thrush in her yard. Its probably the last we will see of them until next winter. Her report from Brier also included 3 Brown Creeper, 3 Bald Eagles flying over, 17 Bushtit at the feeders and in the yard, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, 2 Golden-Crowned Sparrows, 3 Anna's Hummingbirds, a Pacific Wren in the woodpile, 2 Bufflehead and 7 American Wigeon in the Brier Detention Pond, 28 Pine Siskin and a California Quail for a total species count of 27.



*California Quail by Dick Daniels*

Reporting from Everett, **Kris Erickson** listed 6 Mallard Ducks in her yard, she also spotted a Bewick's Wren. Her total species count of 14 also included 4 Spotted Towhee, 16 Dark-Eyed Junco, 7 American Robins, 8 Northwest Crows, 12 Black-Capped Chickadees, 6 Golden-Crown Kinglets, 19 Bushtit, 7 House Finch, 4 Steller's Jays, a male Anna's Hummingbird, 1 Northern Flicker and 6 Western Gulls flying over.

Well, the Sharp-Shinned Hawk is still causing problems at **Hilkka Egtvedt's** yard in Mukilteo. She still managed to spot 24 species for the month despite the annoying hawk. She still has her Anna's Hummingbirds (1 male and

2 female), she also reported 9 Band-Tailed Pigeons, 2 California Quail (the only ones for months), 12 Dark-Eyed Junco, 2 Fox Sparrows, 2 Hairy Woodpeckers, 30 Pine Siskin, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 8 Steller's Jays, 2 Townsends Warblers and a lone Varied Thrush.

A couple of owls on **Julie O'Donald's** report from Brier. She reported a Barred Owl in the trees and a Western Screech Owl in the Greenbelt. She also reported 2 Bald Eagles perched on top of a tree, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds on the flowers, 2 Bewick's Wren, a Downey Woodpecker, a Fox Sparrow, 2 Great-Blue Heron in the trees and flying, 2 Golden-Crowned Kinglets, a Killdeer in the fields, 2 Mallards in the wetlands, a Purple Finch, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 2 Townsend's Warblers, 2 Varied Thrush and a Yellow-Rumped Warbler for a total species count of 31.

An extraordinary event occurred at **Mary Sinker's** home in Stanwood. For five days in a row 150-170 American Robins filled the grassy paddock and back lawn. It was quite a site. She also reported 9 Evening Grosbeaks. Her total species count of 32 also included 4 Bewick's Wrens, 2 Brown Creepers, 60 Dark-Eyed Junco, 17 Mourning Doves, 4 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, a Red-Breasted Sapsucker, 11 Red-Winged Black Birds, 6 Rufous Hummingbirds, 14 Steller's Jays, 3 Varied Thrush and 4 White-Crowned Sparrows.

I only listed 19 species this month as I was not home very much. My report from Marysville listed 20+ American Crows in the fields, a lonely California Quail, 15 Dark-Eyed Junco, 5 Mallard at the pond, a Pileated Woodpecker, 10 Pine Siskin, a Red-Tailed Hawk flying over the fields, 2 Evening Grosbeaks, 2 Downey Woodpeckers, 2 Hairy Woodpeckers and 4 Western Gulls.

If you have any questions please contact me at [pricemara@clearwire.net](mailto:pricemara@clearwire.net) or call my cell at 425.750.8125.



*Pine Siskin by Judy Rowe Taylor*



# Port Susan Snow Goose Festival '13

by Jonathan Blubaugh

Again this year, I was privileged to be able to lead an outing at the 2013 Port Susan Snow Goose & Birding Festival in Stanwood. Early on they mentioned that they wanted two leaders for each trip, so I asked my counterpart, Terry Nightingale, to join us. The outing we were assigned to was the Sunday morning trip to The Nature Conservancy's Port Susan Preserve, a trip I have lead for at least four years. Also joining us was Kat of the Conservancy's staff.

Kat told us of the many changes the Nature Conservancy has brought to the Port Susan shoreline. After several years of planning, TNC has removed the outer levy and used some of the material to upgrade the inner levy. Additionally they have constructed a flood control structure at the south end of the levy beside the mouth of the South Fork of the Stillaguamish River. This enhances safety and livability for folks in the Stillaguamish Delta while potentially reducing damage to the agriculture industry during flooding. It will allow the release of floodwaters to return to bay rather than being held on agricultural lands in case of an upstream breach. It's just a big one-way safety valve allowing waters out into the bay, but not back into the fields and homesteads. In my view it's a marvelous improvement.

The Conservancy's final removal of the outer levy finished a process started by flooding, I believe, during the winter of 2009-10, when storm-driven waters first breached the levy. The resulting standing water between the old outer levy and inner levy caused a noticeable change in the avifauna. Prior to the breach we spotted quite a few shorebirds between the levies. Ponding allowed by the subsequent partial breach had brought in more dabbling ducks and fewer shorebirds. Now the outer levy's removal sets the stage for the replacement of fresh water-dependent plants with marine plants, and, in my view, quite possibly the creation of more habitat for the marine invertebrates that shorebirds depend on. The die-off of fresh water plants is remarkable.

We have noticed the same effect at Nisqually NWR on a larger scale. How this affects migratory fish, shorebirds, and waterfowl is yet to be seen. Kat informed us that TNC's hydrodynamic model predicted more of the Stilly's fresh water would spread north past the site of the former levy causing a reduction in salinity in the north end of the bay. We have learned that this brackish water is critical for juvenile migratory salmon. Thus I believe that we can reasonably predict that the removal of the outer levy will benefit by adding mudflat habitat for migratory shorebirds and transitional brackish habitat for migratory salmon. Still, on the day of this most recent trip, it appeared that the winners were the dabbling ducks.

We picked up a busload of birders at the Floyd Norgaard Center in Stanwood. At the preserve we met some more people who had driven on ahead. Altogether we had sixteen people. The walk was shorter in distance and duration than before because of the removal of the outer levy. It was just out and back along the inner levy to its end at the new flood control structure. Still it was well worth it. We ended up seeing about 24 species in a little more than 2¼ hours. The following is what I came up with: an estimated 5000 Snow Geese, 58 Trumpeter Swan including a dozen immatures, a couple of Gadwalls, 35 American Wigeons, eighteen Mallards, twenty Northern Shovelers, eleven Northern Pintails (I missed), 22 Green-Winged Teal, a Ring-Necked Duck, a couple of Buffleheads (I missed), thirteen Great Blue Herons, a pair of Northern Harriers, 21 Bald Eagles including a couple of immatures, a Red-Tailed Hawk, four Killdeer, a Glaucous-Winged Gull, a female American Kestrel, a Common Raven scavenging-all we could see left were some scattered white feathers, heard a Black-Capped Chickadee, a Bewick's Wren, an American Robin, a couple of Song Sparrows including a singing male, fourteen Golden-Crowned Sparrows, and heard three Red-Winged Blackbirds.

I am very interested in returning now and again to see how this habitat will evolve.



*Blue Goose amongst Snow Geese by Judy Rowe Taylor*

## Birding Adventures 2013

Last call for reservation for the May 18 – 20<sup>th</sup> trip to Klickitat County.

The Ferry County trip June 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> is also filling up so don't delay if you want to join either of these exciting birding trips.

Call Susie 425.771.8165 or email [garden@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:garden@pilchuckaudubon.org) to sign up.



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### It's Time for the Bird-a- thon!

Bird-a-Thon is Pilchuck Audubon's important, fun spring fundraiser, the proceeds of which are used for our educational and conservation efforts.

To participate, you can get pledge sheets by contacting Bird-a-Thon coordinator Hilikka Egtvedt at [chegtvedt@comcast.net](mailto:chegtvedt@comcast.net) or 425.347.4944, at the May program meeting, or by downloading one from the PAS website. Then ask people to sponsor you, do your birding, report the results to your sponsors, collect their pledges, and get the money to Hilikka or to PAS Treasurer Carolyn Lacy. And feel really good about having helped PAS via this fun activity.

We hope to have a few prizes donated by local merchants to make this rewarding and fun. Please decide to be a 'Thoner this year. We need your help!