



## YARD SALE — Bird Stuff

PAS needs to clean out its storage space and thought

### *Why not have a yard sale!*

The sale is scheduled for **Saturday, September 29**  
(venue to be determined).

We have a variety of **bird feeders, baffles, bird nest boxes, owl nest boxes,** and **bird books** to sell, and hope you have some things you would like to contribute.

All proceeds support PAS.

If you have items, please contact either  
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We cannot store your items. They will need to be  
delivered the morning of the event.



## NO PROGRAM MEETING IN AUGUST

Join us for the  
**September Program Meeting**

**Friday, September 14, 2018**

**7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Edmonds Plaza Room**

**650 Main Street, Edmonds**

### **PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST**

**Kevin Ebi, Professional Photographer**  
**Keynote Speaker**

Professional nature photographer Kevin Ebi documented a year in the lives of Puget Sound-area bald eagles—one of the few eagle populations that doesn't migrate. The resulting book *Year of the Eagle* tells the story of how an eagle family works together to pass on essential life skills to their young. Through a collection of stunning imagery and masterful storytelling, Kevin will share how the eaglets developed and learned to fly, survived their first winter in the upper Skagit, and learned to hunt in Hood Canal. Kevin will be selling and signing books following his presentation.

Kevin is a professional nature photographer based in Lynnwood. His work has appeared in *National Geographic*, *Smithsonian*, and *National Wildlife*. His image of Haleakala National Park was featured on a Forever postage stamp commemorating the National Park Service centennial. Learn more about Kevin and see his beautiful images at

<http://www.livingwilderness.com/>.



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## Primary Election

By now, Washington voters have received their voters' pamphlet for the August 7, 2018, primary election. If one wasn't a registered voter by July 9, it is too late to register for this election. What is on the ballot for PAS members who are Snohomish County voters and Camano Island (Island County) voters to consider?



All state representative positions in Legislative Districts 1, 10, 21, 32, 38, 39, and 44 (two per district) are up for election every two years. There are also 39 candidates for state senate seats (one per district) in districts 21, 32, 38, and 44.

Other seats include Snohomish County Prosecutor, PUD Commission District 1 (which has two commission seats open), and the Everett City Council.

The PUD Commission has been a focus for Pilchuck Audubon and other conservation groups and tribes concerning proposals for hydroelectric facilities on the South Fork Skykomish River. PAS has opposed proposals for dams and major diversions. The current commission has, for now, decided not to seek federal licenses permitting construction.

Initiatives appear only on the November general election ballot. At this writing, it is not yet known if Initiative 1631 (Carbon Fee) will qualify for the ballot. Lots of signatures were submitted by July 6. We are waiting on the Washington Secretary of State to determine if sufficient number of registered Washington voters signed. The PAS board has not endorsed the initiative nor opposed it. We did encourage members to inform themselves about it. We know there are PAS members favoring and not favoring 1631.

For federal offices, all US House of Representative seats are in the primary. For us PAS voters, that includes Congressional Districts 1, 2, and 7. One US Senate seat is on the ballot.

National Audubon Society and its chapters cannot engage in partisan races given our IRS status. That doesn't mean individual members cannot engage. Issues and candidate positions are certainly there to be considered by chapters.

There are several issues which continue to be important to Audubon in the upcoming 2019 legislative election. If Initiative 1631, which establishes a carbon fee, qualifies for the November election, voters will decide whether it becomes law.

As 1631 doesn't fully address the range of fossil-free energy production and carbon pollution issues, whether

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## 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 the 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, non-profit 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. Submissions must be received by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

**To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.610.8027.**

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## You Are Invited to Feast on the Farm

*Please join Pilchuck Audubon Society for our annual Feast on the Farm to help support all our programs, working every day toward conserving and restoring ecosystems by focusing on birds and other wildlife for the benefit of the Earth's biological diversity, and working toward protection of our air, water, and natural resources for future generations.*

**Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

**6:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Craven Farm  
13817 Short School Road  
Snohomish, WA 98290**

**Tickets are \$50 per person. Seating is limited.**

If you would like to be a sponsor, please email Kristin Kelly, and she will provide the details.

To pay on line at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org),

Click on Join/Donate/Volunteer

Click on On-Line Secure Link

Fill out the form and make sure to Apply Donation to  
Feast on the Farm in the dropdown box

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***This year's Feast celebrates some of our local chefs who will cook a delicious salmon sit-down dinner with local products from our local farmers and producers, accompanied with locally produced wines. The Feast will include a program with keynote speaker Noah Stryker, birder extraordinaire, who will also be signing copies of his latest book....***

#### **GUEST CHEFS**

Dana Daniel, with HopeWorks

Roger Edyt—Roger's Riverview Bistro

Annie Dottai—Grilla Bites

Marilyn Rosenberg—Zippy's Café

#### **FEATURED WINERY**

Van Camp's Winery, Snohomish

#### **EARLY SPONSORS**

**Tasting Sponsor:** Snohomish Conservation District;

**Chef's Choice Sponsor:** Snohomish City Council Member Karen Guzak and Warner Blake, Nancy Dawson, Michelle Gunderson and Randy Whalen, League of Women Voters of Snohomish County;

**Individual Hosts:** Steve Aslanian, Michelle Gundersen, Ed Petersen, Randy Whalen

**Last day to register is August 15**

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# REPORT: Bird Walk in County Parks near Edmonds 7 July 2018

by Douglas Resnick, Trip Leader

John, Suku, Lisa, and I met in the early morning at Edmonds Park and Ride. After some last-minute texting with other interested participants, we began our trip to Meadowdale Beach Park and Southwest County Park. We observed a total of 35 species, as recorded on eBird. Suku took some interesting photos along the way.

The four of us carpooled to the parking area next to Haines Wharf Park, where we started our birding, and from which we began walking north to the Meadowdale Beach Park entrance on 75th Pl. W. That entrance is most often used by pedestrians; vehicle access is limited to the



Adult Northern Flicker feeding juvenile.

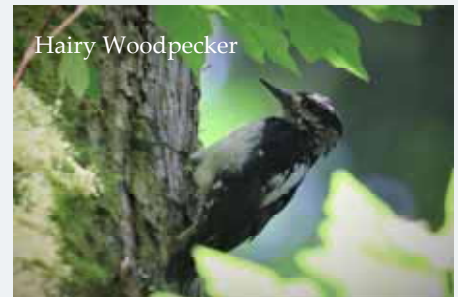
disabled and is available only through prior arrangement. We were met within a few blocks by Terry and Sue, whose added birding expertise was welcome. Our route took us over a hill set among trees and shrubs to the grassy area near the west end of the park. We reached the beach by walking through a tunnel that goes under the railroad tracks. When we were done viewing birds by the beach, mostly American Crows, we walked back along the north side of the park's creek, then once again over the hill.

The six of us drove to the parking area off Olympic View Drive, just north of 180th St. SW. From there, we crossed

Olympic to begin our walk through the northern part of Southwest County Park. I planned our route with the help of a map that I drew over the course of my own explorations. The route was shaped roughly like a figure eight, which we followed counterclockwise in the eastern part of the park, then clockwise in the western. The beginning and end of the route were along an easy trail that runs parallel to Olympic, while the remainder wove through trees and bushes, occasionally crossing small creeks. At one creek, we found a work party constructing what might have been a boardwalk, in order to ease the way for future wayfarers.

We saw and heard a variety of birds at the two sites. Both lists included the usual woodland birds. Among the notable finds was a group of Purple Martins, spotted near Haines Wharf. Inside Meadowdale Beach Park, we had an excellent view of a Red-breasted Sapsucker. During the walk back, we encountered three Northern Flickers on the same rooftop, one a juvenile being fed. In Southwest County Park, we saw few birds but heard many. This led to some interesting discussions about identifications. Aided by our phone-app bird guides, we were happy to identify a Black-throated Gray Warbler by song. We were also fortunate to see a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers.

We finished our birding around noon, after which we joined Jonathan and Judy at Portafino Restaurant and Bar for lunch. ✧



Hairy Woodpecker

## BIRDATHON SUCCESS!

### Thank You, Hilikka!

Thank you to all who participated and/or contributed to our PAS Birdathon success. Every donation of time and resources helps us provide the programs and project support needed to help birds and wildlife thrive in Snohomish County and Camano Island.

A special thanks and recognition goes to our top fundraiser, Hilikka Egtvedt for raising more than \$2,300. Hilikka, you are amazing and appreciated! ✧

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SWIFT NIGHT OUT

Save the date and join us for SWIFT NIGHT OUT on September 8, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to dusk at Wagner Center located at 639 West Main Street, Monroe, Washington.

Celebrate the Vaux's Swift migration and watch thousands of birds come to roost in the chimney at Wagner Center. This is a great event for the entire family including, Children's games and crafts, wildlife education booths, Vaux's Swift Theatre, Swift headbands, ... **and, of course, the Swifts!** ✧

## TRIP CALENDAR

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



### **Saturday, August 4** Northern Bothell Parks

Meet at 8:00 AM at the north end of the Canyon Park and Ride (22400 17th Ave SE., Bothell); the nearest I-405 exit is 26. First, we'll walk to the Canyon Park Wetlands; later, we'll carpool to Centennial Park.

Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811  
Cell: 206-617-0019, [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net)

### **Tuesday, August 7** Blue Stilly Park and Other Places in Virginia's Neighborhood

Meet at 7:30 AM at Virginia's home (Call Virginia for directions). Virginia is going to show us her neighborhood, including her feeders. No need to pack a lunch for Virginia will provide at her place (Virginia requests each person who has a folding chair to bring it). Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, August 14** Deception Pass Area

Meet at 7:30 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart lot west of Marysville (I-5 Exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). Seabirds, shorebirds, LBJs, etc. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, August 21** Highway 530 Arlington to Darrington

Meet at 7:30 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). We are going to visit areas along Highway 530 near the rivers. Included are Fortson Ponds, Squire Creek County Park, and Sauk River Boat Launch. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, August 28** Fir Island and Samish Flats

Meet at 7:30 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). Shorebirds, eagles, hawks, owls, falcons, songbirds, and surprises. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, September 4** No Scheduled Trip

Rest for the cookie lady.

### **Saturday, September 8** Western Shoreline Parks

Meet at 8:00 AM at the near the entrance to the parking lot of the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center (<https://www.communitytransit.org/busservice/transit-centers-and-parking>). We'll carpool to Kayu Kayu Ac Park, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park, Innis Arden Reserve Park, and Shoreview Park.

Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811 (cell: 206-617-0019), [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net) ✧

## CONSERVATION REPORT

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1631 passes or not, our legislators will once again consider climate change legislation next year. A goal this past session was to achieve by 2045 complete independence from fossil-free energy production for electricity. This may be among one's considerations as to whom to vote for this primary election.

### **Public Land Heist**

Utah's senior US Senator Mike Lee is submitting legislation to sell off national public lands to private parties and also transfer to state governments. This would include national forests, BLM lands, some military reservations, etc. I have not seen final bill language.

The Outdoor Alliance and many conservation and outdoor recreation groups are signing petitions opposing this even before it is assigned a number in Congress! I have signed for PAS. The Lee bill isn't going anywhere this session but not something to ignore these days. There is more support for Lee's proposal in the House than in the Senate, and has many friends in Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and other interior western states. There have been bills in recent WA legislature sessions seeking this outcome, too.

### **Mountains to Sound Greenway**

A recent bipartisan vote in the US House designates the Greenway a National Heritage Area. First proposed in 1991, a group of municipal, county, state, and federal governments have worked to protect the views along I-90 through the Cascades. There have been extensive landownership changes shifting from private forest owners to the US Forest Service over the years. Key to success in these changes has been the Sierra Club's Checkerboard Project aided by the Trust for Public Lands.

In 2013, a major effort was launched by Congressmen Dave Reichert (R-8<sup>th</sup> District) and Adam Smith (D-9<sup>th</sup> District) and our senators for this designation. It has since been joined by Congresswomen Suzan DelBene (D-1<sup>st</sup> District) and Pramila Jayapal (D-7<sup>th</sup> District). Going back farther there were Congresspersons Rod Chandler and Jennifer Dunn (R-8<sup>th</sup> District) when the proposal was somewhat different years ago. Governors Booth Gardner, Gary Locke, Christine Gregoire, and Jay Inslee have also been supportive. Next step is approval by the US Senate. This is a nonregulatory approach to conservation, which protects treaty rights and private property rights in the corridor. PAS has never taken a position but perhaps we should join our friends and do so with legislation now in the Senate. ✧

The last two Smart Growth reports were about how to become an effective organizer and activist on land-use issues at the local level. By using my suggestions, there can be success, and there have been successes here in Snohomish County on a variety of land-use issues. One in particular I want to highlight in this month's report is the success of stopping commercial development along Highway 2, on the northeast side of Monroe, called the East Monroe Rezone.



This was a process that was controversial, convoluted, and went on for many, many years. I became aware of this issue too many years ago to remember the date exactly, when a few citizens who lived on the hillside above the property called me for advice. At that time, the landowner, Heritage Baptist Fellowship, was requesting a rezoning of 43 acres of farmland into a commercial use. The citizen group appealed to the city's Hearing Examiner the SEPA determination given by Monroe because it lacked evidence of protecting the hillside from flooding, among other environmental and transportation issues. The Hearing Examiner sided with the citizen group and instructed the city to provide a better Environmental Impact Statement. This upset the city council majority so they first fired the Hearing Examiner, did a bit more work on an environmental impact statement, and took it back to the newly hired Hearing Examiner on behalf of the property owner. This time the Hearing Examiner approved the SEPA determination.

But that was not the end. The City Council then had to do a legislative action for the rezoning from Limited Open Space to Commercial Development. When they did that, this same citizen group became Party of Record by testifying at the council hearing, then appealed that decision to the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB). The GMHB sided with the citizen group and denied the rezoning.

Then the property owner appealed the GMHB decision,

and it went to the Court of Appeals, which upheld the GMHB decision that the rezoning should be denied, because the rezoning simply did not meet the state's Growth Management Act. The Court of Appeals' 26-page decision in 2016 rejected Heritage Baptist's challenges that the board was misapplying the law regarding the rezoning for items ranging from misinterpreting environmental law.

While this citizen group was comprised of more than one member—Lowell Anderson, he was steadfast throughout the process, a homeowner on the hillside above the property who would have been negatively affected by a commercial development. He was persistent, he became educated on the GMA and SEPA, he was patient (although frustrated a lot), but he stayed on focus and, above all else, was determined to prevent what the courts agreed was not a good place for commercial development.

It is not uncommon for jurisdictions to buy property from a landowner who wants to develop the property into a public use or keep it in its current land-use designation. Currently, the city is looking to purchase the land for \$1 million through state and county grants, hopefully to keep it in Limited Open Space. Like most land-use issues, that purchase could take a very long time. ✧



*Puget Sound Bird Observatory*

### Class with Puget Sound Bird Observatory

<http://pugetsoundbirds.org/training/bander-training-program/>

#### Beginning Banders Training

Edmonds, WA

with Christine Southwick

Aug 17-19, 25-26

This is an introductory course which covers netting and trapping techniques, removal of birds from mist nets, proper handling, processing (including biometrics, ageing and sexing, skulling), data management, relations with the public, and banders' code of ethics. Five full days of classroom/field instruction give students the opportunity to learn how to safely extract birds from mist nets, proper banding techniques, and the importance of accurate collection and documentation of data. (\$500/\$550) ✧

## BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

May 26, 2018 to June 25, 2018

Looks like it is going to be a very hot summer this year. Make sure to keep the bird baths full and, if you can, provide a fountain for the hummingbirds to enjoy.

Carole and Larry Beason are fortunate to live along Lake Bosworth where they spot many different species of birds. Their report included 6 American Goldfinch, 3 Anna's Hummingbird, a Bald Eagle over the lake, 2 Barn Swallow, 10 Brown-headed Cowbird, 8 Brewer's Blackbird, 14 Canada Goose on the lake, a Common Raven, 6 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Evening Grosbeak, 4 Hooded Merganser, 4 Osprey overhead, 6 Pine Siskin, 4 Purple Finch, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 3 Red-breasted Sapsucker, 18 Red-winged Blackbird, 8 Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Swainson's Thrush, 4 Tree Swallow, 4 Wood Duck, and a Yellow Warbler, for a total species count of 41.

Reporting from Mukilteo, Hilka Egtvedt's total species count of 21 included 2 California Quail (Hilka is the only one who reports these), 3 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Rufous Hummingbird, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Northern Flicker, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Steller's Jay, 7 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 4 Western Tanager, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 3 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Purple Finch, 2 House Finch, 6 Pine Siskin, and an American Goldfinch.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett included 4 American Robin, 2 Bewick's Wren, 3 Song Sparrow, 8 Northwestern Crow, 9 Western Gull, 2 Mallard Duck, 16 Black-capped Chickadee, 4 Band-tailed Pigeon, 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 4 Anna's Hummingbird, 23 Bushtit, 2 Black-headed Grosbeak, 14 European Starling, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and a House Finch for a total species count of 21.

Mary Sinker also spots a large number of species on her property in Stanwood. Her total species count of 35 included 11 American Goldfinch, 9 American Robin with 3 babies in nest, 7 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bewick's Wren, 12 Black-capped Chickadee, 7 Barn Swallow, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Cedar Waxwing, 8 European Starling, 9 Evening Grosbeak, a Great-Blue Heron, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, 18 Mourning Dove, 4 Northern Flicker, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 9 Red-winged Blackbird, 5 Rufous Hummingbird, 4 Song Sparrow, 12 Steller's Jay, 4 White-crowned Sparrow, a Willow Flycatcher in the trees, and a Wilson's Warbler.

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## GO BIRDING AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Are seabirds in the southern Salish Sea increasing or decreasing in numbers? Which species are changing their range? Help us find out. The Puget Sound Seabird Survey (PSSS) is a community and citizen science project managed by Seattle Audubon that empowers volunteer birdwatchers to gather valuable data on wintering seabird populations across the southern Salish Sea.

This season we will be expanding the project, yet again, this time north to the Canadian border and



White-winged Scoter | Photo by [Doug Schurman](#).

the San Juan Islands. We received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program through the Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

to add 15-30 new survey sites, develop an oil spill plan, and train volunteers on how to react to a spill.

You can contribute to this vital seabird science by joining the twelfth season of this exciting project. We are now recruiting enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help us monitor the status of our local wintering seabirds. Training on survey methodology will be provided at a location near you in September and early October. Ideally, volunteers should be able to identify Puget Sound's seabird species and be available on the first Saturday of each month, October through April, to conduct a 30-minute survey. But, if determining between Lesser and Greater Scaup is a challenge, we'll team you up with more knowledgeable surveyors. To help us determine each volunteer's seabird identification skills, visit [www.seabirdsurvey.com](http://www.seabirdsurvey.com) to take our quick, fun Seabird ID quiz.

Learn more, including training dates, at [www.seabirdsurvey.org](http://www.seabirdsurvey.org) and email Toby Ross, Senior Science Manager, [toby@seattleaudubon.org](mailto:toby@seattleaudubon.org), if you would like more information or to take part. ✧

**Southwest Wings Birding and Nature Festival** **Aug 1-4** **Sierra Vista, AZ**

Premiere nature festival at Cochise College in Arizona, voted one of the top five birding and nature festivals in the country. Field trips to all birding hotspots in SE Arizona. Small group birding with a limit of ten people plus a guide. Fifteen species of hummingbirds. Keynote speaker, Rick Taylor. [admin@swwings.org](mailto:admin@swwings.org); 520-266-0149.

**SE Arizona Birding Festival** **Aug 8-12** **Tucson, AZ**

Elegant Trogons, Five-striped Sparrows, Red-faced Warblers—experience Tucson Audubon’s SE Arizona Birding Festival during the beautiful monsoon season with professionally led half- and full-day field trips, programs, photography workshops, extensive Nature Expo. Register at [tucsonaudubon.org/festival](http://tucsonaudubon.org/festival).

**Vancouver International Bird Festival** **Aug 19-26** **Vancouver, BC**

Vancouver Convention Centre

The Vancouver International Bird Festival takes flight with the 27th International Ornithological Congress—nature, art, science, music, performance, film, photography, and adventure. Three thousand scientists from 100 countries plus thousands more from the public will be engaged, educated, and entertained through exhibitions, a bird trade show, local and international field trips, and workshops on BIRDS—a Gateway to Nature. Contact: 604-831-8191, Rob Butler, [contact@robbutler.ca](mailto:contact@robbutler.ca).

**Third Annual Grebe Festival** **Aug 24-26** **Chester, CA**

Lake Almanor Recreation Center

The Plumas Audubon Society's Annual Grebe Festival celebrates the extraordinary “dancing” grebes. The Western and Clark’s Grebes nest at Lake Almanor, an Important Bird Area due to California’s drought and significant loss of nesting habitat in recent years. Late August is a great time to view nesting colonies of grebes, their incredible “rushing” displays, and hatchlings climbing aboard their parents’ backs. Kayak and pontoon field trips allow an up-close (but not too close!) look at nesting grebes. Explore the area’s rich biodiversity and culture on field trips in the Lake Almanor basin and Lassen National Forest. Educational materials, information on local organizations, and children’s activities are free and open to the public at the Almanor Recreation Center. Most field trips and workshops are available for a fee, depending on the activity. Visit our website for more details and to register. Limited space available for walk-in registration during the festival. Contact: Teresa Arrate, [teresa@plumasaudubon.org](mailto:teresa@plumasaudubon.org). ✧

**Pilchuck Audubon Society  
Membership Information**

Support your local Audubon chapter by becoming a member. PAS dues are tax deductible (consult your tax professional for details). The PAS tax ID number is 91-6183664.

- New Member ..... \$28
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Reporting from Marysville, my total species count of 24 included 4 American Robin, 3 American Goldfinch, 3 Anna’s Hummingbird, 4 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 5 Brown-headed Cowbird, 6 Black-headed Grosbeak, a Common Raven, 2 Cooper’s Hawk, 3 Dark-eyed Junco with 1 feeding a juvenile Brown-headed Cowbird, 4 House Finch, a Cassin’s Finch, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, an Olive-sided Flycatcher, a White-crowned Sparrow, and a Western Tanager.

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