

BIRDATHON 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated in Pilchuck Audubon’s 2018 Birdathon! Your contributions, whether you were out there scouting for as many Big Day birds as possible or supporting your favorite team of competitive birders, are very much appreciated.

Funds are still rolling in for some of our individual and team competitions, so those finalists are still being determined, but a hearty congratulation goes out to our photo contest winners. We had some amazing photos! What a talented group of artists we have among us.

Big Year World Competition

First Place: **Rick Brauer – Black Oystercatcher**
Second Place: **Rex Guichard – Greater Yellowlegs**

Washington Big Month Competition

First Place: **Rex Guichard – Common Yellowthroat**
Second Place: **Brandy Ream – Mallard with ducklings**

View the winning photos on Pages 9 and 10.



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JULY PROGRAM MEETING

Friday, July 13, 2018 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**A CELEBRATION OF BIRDS FROM
PORT SUSAN BAY AND THE SKAGIT**

Stanwood PUD Building

9124 271st Street NW; Stanwood, WA ([map](#))

Please join us for a panel of bird enthusiasts and experts who have enjoyed, studied, and helped conserve the birds of Port Susan Bay and the surrounding Skagit area. Our panelists will share about the work they are doing in their respective areas, including everything from swan and raptor conservation to artistic efforts to enhance our enjoyment of this diverse population of species.



Trumpeter Swans | USFWS

For years Pilchuck Audubon members have enjoyed the bird bounty of this area and recognized the importance of the region as part of the Pacific Flyway. It holds some



Osprey | Audubon.org

of the finest estuarine habitats in Puget Sound and is blessed with surrounding marshes, farm fields, legacy trees, and riverine environments that support hundreds of

resident, wintering, and migrating species.

Some of our panelists will take you on a tour of their research and conservation efforts while others will offer new perspectives that may enhance your birding. Don’t miss this special program being held in Stanwood, Washington. ✧

We are in something of a quiet time at the moment with environmental bills in Congress languishing around the turmoil within the Congress and with the White House on other matters.

PAS has commented frequently over the past eight months on federal legislation such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act renewal. So far, important but no “killer votes.”



Farm Bill

A 2018 Farm Bill is now in the Senate. It is among the most complex policy and appropriation “stews” that come out of Congress, and because it covers five fiscal years.

A version has passed the Senate Agriculture Committee with bipartisan support, absent toxic assaults attempted by Senator Murkowski of Alaska upon federal wildlife refuges, national forests, national parks, and Bureau of Land Management holdings. One would expect such in Interior-related legislation, but there are ways to sneak into the farm bill. Yes, over the years, some good things have come this route. Not this time.

This is very good news because in the House there are a myriad of unsuccessful attempts to achieve what Murkowski has been seeking in other bills in the Senate.

For the most part, the respective management and regulatory agencies aren’t seeking these changes, but they are executive agencies that must do the White House’s bidding.

No lack of relentless alerts and calls-to-arms by Audubon

and other national conservation and outdoor recreation groups to thank congresspersons who are trying to hold the line. Very tough to do in the House, but I’m glad to say most of our WA representatives are trying to do so, with the ball now in the Senate’s court.

The Conservation Title, part of the Farm Bill, has not been a great focus of National Audubon in past years but is now of interest; it appears to be getting reasonable amounts of spending over the next 10 years. A billion here, a billion there, but to the good for environmental incentives and easements that can find their way to such state agencies as WA Fish and Wildlife. I don’t know who, but thanks to those responsible!

A good sign is that the terrible House floor vote was a squeaker, passing by only 2 votes. All Democrats voted against it (HR 2), and 20 Republicans joined them, so the floor vote was 213-211. This could mean that if the Senate votes out a better version of the bill—and that is likely, there will have to be a conference bill with negotiations between the two chambers. With a few more Republicans in the House willing to compromise with Democrats, there could be a final bill more acceptable to conservationists.

Between now and then, there will be a number of Senate votes on procedures preceding debates; then debates; more procedures; perhaps finally floor votes. This is more likely with bipartisanship key in the Senate, but there is hope in the House.

Done? No. A conference committee comprised of “ag leaders” in the Senate and the House must find enough

[See Conservation Report on Page 5](#)

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.

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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,

Click on Join/Donate/Volunteer

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Fill out the form and make sure to Apply Donation to
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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

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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 Host: Steve Aslanian

Last day to register is August 15

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REPORT: Bird Walk in County Parks near Mill Creek 2 June 2018

by Douglas Resnick, Trip Leader

Lisa, Trish, Jonathan, Judy, and I began our outing in the early morning at Ash Way Park and Ride. We carpoled to Martha Lake Park, North Creek Park, McCollum Pioneer Park, and Lake Stickney. We observed a total of 45 species, as recorded on eBird. Lisa took some interesting photos along the way.

Martha Lake Park is at the south end of Martha Lake. Its main trail connects three piers, each giving a somewhat different view of the lake. Following the trail, we found birds both in the lake and in the surrounding vegetation. In addition, we found one Great Blue Heron perched on a pier, keeping an eye on the people who were fishing. We also found members of one notable species in the sky: the Osprey.

We approached North Creek Park from the north, parking in an area set aside for park visitors on 9th Ave. in Mill Creek. After following the street southward, we entered the park on its main trail, which was a boardwalk. We walked as far as the end of the side trail to the first viewpoint, then we returned.

Thus, we passed by urban areas of gardens and mown grass, as well as by areas of tall grass, cattails, and occasional trees. We found birds all along the way, including sparrows, warblers, swallows, and woodpeckers. Most notably, we found



The Dead Shrew

a Virginia Rail with young, which were walking in the vegetation beside the boardwalk. With our attention focused near the ground, we also found several large frogs and a dead shrew.

McCollum Pioneer Park contains both natural and developed areas. We bypassed McCollum Park and Ride in order to park near the Forest Loop Trail in the southwest part of the park, our focus for this trip. As the day had begun to get warm, the forest's coolness was welcome. Much of our birding was by ear, and we enjoyed hearing, in particular, a Swainson's Thrush.

Our final stop was Lake Stickney. Based on my earlier visits, we parked at the dirt lot next to the off-leash dog area on Manor Way. After walking halfway around the loop trail east of the dog area, we followed a spur to the south. Development there appears now to be pretty much finished, providing a paved trail with a view of a small part of the lake, various native plantings, swings for children to ride while lying down, and a paved parking lot. From there, we walked back to the loop trail, then to the dirt lot. In addition to observing a number of the usual woodland birds along the way, we were gratified to hear, then see, a Black-throated Gray Warbler.

Puget Sound Bird Observatory to Offer Beginning Bird Bander Training Workshop

Don't miss this great opportunity to learn the skills needed to participate in monitoring and research programs involving bird banding.

Registration is Now Open! Save your spot today!



August Weekender Bander Training – August 17-19 and August 25-26, 2018 (5 days of training – both weekends required).

Trainer Christine Southwick will teach at the Willow Creek Hatchery in Edmonds, Washington, where on-site native plant gardens and the nearby Edmonds Marsh support a variety of resident and migrating birds.

Instruction follows the North American Banding Council (NABC) guidelines and includes 5 full days of classroom/field instruction, which will focus on developing skills for safely extracting birds from mist-nets, proper banding techniques, and the accurate collection and documentation of data.

FEES: \$450 + \$50 materials fee for PSBO members, \$500 + \$50 materials fee for non-members.

To reserve your place, visit pugetsoundbirds.org and select the "Training" tab for more information, or email Cindy Easterson at contact@pugetsoundbirds.org or phone, (425) 876-1055. ✧

We finished our birding around 1:00 p.m., but several of us remained together to dine at nearby Indigo Kitchen and Alehouse. ✧

Playground with swings for children lying down



TRIP CALENDAR

Check our website at www.pilchuckaudubon.org
for the latest information



Tuesday, July 3

No Scheduled Trip

Saturday, July 7

County Parks Near Edmonds

Meet at 7:30 AM by the entrance to the Edmonds Park & Ride ([21300 72nd Ave W](#)); the nearest I-5 exit is 179. We'll carpool first to a parking area from which we can walk to the seaward side of Meadowdale Beach Park. We'll next visit Southwest County Park, where we'll walk through the interior of the park's north section. Boots advised.

Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811

Cell: 206-617-0019, dresnick1@comcast.net

Tuesday, July 10

Sedro Woolley to Marblemount

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart 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 the North Cascades Highway. Included are Rasar State Park, Howard Miller Steelhead Park, and Diablo. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Tuesday, July 17

Marysville Area

Meet at 8:00 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart lot west of Marysville (I-5 Exit 200). [Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5).] We may bird the Marysville Wastewater Treatment Facility, Jennings Park, Harborview Park, and whatever else we can discover. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Tuesday, July 24

Anacortes

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). [Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5).] So many beautiful birding places: lakes, beaches, marinas, and even a mountain. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Tuesday, July 31

Everett Waterfront

Meet at 8:00 AM at Legion Park off North Marine Drive, Everett. A very relaxed easy trip that proceeds south along the waterfront, sometimes all the way to Mukilteo. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Saturday, August 4

Northern Bothell Parks

Meet at 8:00 AM at the north end of the Canyon Park 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 ✧

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

CONSERVATION REPORT

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compromise for a farm bill to pass both chambers and have the President's support.

Neither Democrats nor Republicans in farm states want to face midterms without a new farm bill. Some for shared reasons and some different, now with tariff issues blowing in the wind. By September, blowback from US tariffs will probably be hitting farmers' pocketbooks in the US states with significant agricultural exports.

It's difficult to find birds and bird habitat topping the list of concerns in Congress and the White House, in such a miasma of issues and feelings. Perhaps with some shrewd thinking among our congresspersons, some "bad language" can be "misplaced"?

If you cross paths with our senators and, in particular, with Democratic House members this summer, thank them for their vigilance!

Ocean Oil Spills – "President Trump has revoked the Obama-era National Ocean Policy, which was put in place in the aftermath of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf. Trump's new order was issued June 19 to dismantle an Obama order and said the move was in line with his 'energy dominance' goals" (from June 20 *POLITICO's Morning Energy* report).

Initiative 1631 Status – All I know is that the signature campaign is fully engaged where the best utilization of limited resources will pay off. I don't know how many signatures have been gathered. I certainly hope that most of the signers are Washington registered voters! A target of around 333,000 signatures is set, in hope of getting 266,000 valid signatures. There are always well-meaning folk who sign but are not qualified to do so.

A big push is expected in targeted neighborhoods, malls, etc., the last week of June and early July. The signed petitions must get to the WA Secretary of State's office on July 6.

North Cascades Grizzly Recovery – Funding to transplant grizzly bears to the North Cascades has been removed from the Fiscal Year 2019 Interior appropriations bill. An amendment by WA Congressman Dan Newhouse (R-District 4) to defund won approval in a subcommittee vote. It is possible funding will be restored in a Senate Interior appropriations bill but will require approval by the House in a conference bill. This follows an announcement last spring in Sedro Woolley by Interior Secretary Zinke that the administration approves of the recovery plan, expected to be signed later this year. ✧

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 ✧

HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE LAND-USE ACTIVIST, Part 2

In last month's Smart Growth Report, I listed four important qualities people needed to be an effective land-use activist: persistence, patience, focus, and determination. But there are other skills and actions that will be needed.

Organizing people. Unless you have unlimited amount of time, money, and political clout, it is almost impossible to stop or change a land-use action you oppose on your own. To be as effective as possible in organizing, you need to know how far to “throw the net” around an area for reaching out and educating people who will help advocate for your position. For a development proposed in your neighborhood, it could be just the folks on your street or within a mile who might be affected by more traffic; if it is a land-use policy or development regulation change, it could be the entire city you live in or even the entire county. Whatever the number of people you need to organize, you need to develop a way to reach those people. Face-to-face is the most effective. While it is the most time consuming, talking with people in person is the best way to connect and get your point across. It also is the best way to network and to inspire others to jump on board and be involved. The more people helping, the less time and effort for everyone. The next best ways to organize people are, in order, by phone calls, emails, and through social media. Educating people about the situation, your concerns, and how they can help is important, but to be most effective, putting together a community meeting and inviting your community should be a high priority as well. Think about whether you want to have a non-profit organization. Federal non-profits take time and money to form, but the benefits are many.

Effective fundraising. Make no mistake, anyone who gets involved in land-use issues eventually needs to raise some money. Whether it is you alone who pays for everything, or a few people, or a lot of people, knowing up front that most land-use battles cost money can't be stressed enough. Fundraising can be difficult but also can be empowering and fun (sometimes). Of course, just like in organizing people to be involved, getting people to part with their money is most effective when you ask them face to face. And the other steps in asking people for money is the same as well: calls, emails, social media. Fundraising needs to have a goal and what it is being used for. Land-use actions usually require money for printing, mailing, photocopies, and other administrative expenses, but the big money is needed many times for experts, consultants, and attorney fees. Fundraisers can be helpful in raising money, but they also require lots of

manpower and time, and sometimes even money, so tread carefully there in raising money.

Establishing a non-profit. You certainly can organize your community to be involved in a land-use issue without forming a non-profit. However, if you are in it for more than a short amount of time and plan on raising money, you should file with the Washington Secretary of State as a non-profit. It costs about \$10 a year. However, being a registered state non-profit does not give you the legality to allow donations to be tax-deductible. To do that, you must apply for a Federal non-profit status—501(c)(3). There are important criteria that must be followed in order to keep your legal status. Among other things, you will need a board of directors and hold at least one annual membership meeting a year; careful records of donations and expenditures also must be kept. The most important benefit is that it will help to ensure that individuals aren't sued by your opponents. ✧



TRAIL CLOSED August 8-15, 2018

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest

A news release from the US Forest Service states that “the North Fork Sauk Trail No. 649 between Mackinaw Shelter and the junction with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) on the Darrington Ranger District will be closed August 8–August 15, 2018. As the primary access route for both Glacier Peak and the PCT, this trail closure is likely to impact a large number of forest visitors and PCT through hikers.

“The [closure](#) is necessary for public safety as trail workers will be using explosives for trail reconstruction along the Pacific Crest Trail. Very steep slopes at the PCT work site will likely send rock and debris rolling down into the closure area. It is extremely important that this area remains vacant during this period. Click [here](#) for a detailed map of the closure area.

“Hikers looking for more information on this trail can visit our [webpage](#) or call the Darrington Ranger Station at 360-436-1155. Please check the [current conditions](#) section of our website for road and trail information.” ✧

BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

April 26, 2018 to May 25, 2018

There seem to be fewer Chickadees being reported this season except in Stanwood and Everett. I have seen only 3 Black-capped and maybe a Chestnut-backed at my feeders. There used to be a lot more.

Carole and Larry Beason reporting from Lake Bosworth reported only 2 Black-capped Chickadees among the 42 species they listed. Their report also listed 4 American Goldfinch, 3 Bald Eagle over the lake, 7 Barn Swallow, 7 Black-headed Grosbeak, 7 Bufflehead on the lake, 4 Common Merganser flying over, 2 Golden-crowned Sparrow, 7 Mallard Duck on the lake, 2 Osprey, 3 Pine Siskin, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 18 Red-winged Blackbird, 3 Rufous Hummingbird, a Swainson's Thrush, 6 Tree Swallow, 4 Violet-green Swallow, and 4 Wood Duck in the grass and on the lake.

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo included an Eurasian Collared-Dove, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, a Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, a Pileated Woodpecker, an Olive-sided Flycatcher, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Western Tanager, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 3 White-crowned Sparrow, 6 Pine Siskin, 2 American Goldfinch, 2 Evening Grosbeak, and 3 Purple Finch, for a total species count of 27.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett included 12 Black-capped Chickadee along with 6 American Robin, 2 Bewick's Wren, 4 Song Sparrow, 12 Northwestern Crow, 10 Western Gull, 4 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 4 Mourning Dove, 4 Anna's Hummingbird, 34 Bushtit, a Black-headed Grosbeak, and 12 European Starling, for a total species count of 19.

Reporting from Stanwood, Mary Sinker listed 18 Black-capped Chickadee and only 5 Chestnut-Backed Chickadee. Her total species count of 36 also included 20 American Goldfinch, 11 Anna's Hummingbird (3 were fledglings), 4 Barn Swallow, 9 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Brown Creeper, 4 Brown-headed Cowbird, 10 Dark-eyed Junco, a Great Blue Heron, 4 House Sparrow, 10 Mourning Dove, 8 Northern Flicker, an Olive-sided Flycatcher (seen for the first time), 2 Pileated Woodpecker, a Red-breasted Sapsucker, 5 Rufous Hummingbird, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 5 Spotted Towhee, 11 Steller's Jay, 9 Tree Swallow, 4 White-crowned Sparrow, and a Pacific Wren.

My count from Marysville included 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 4 American Robin, 7 Brown-headed Cowbird, 4 House Finch with 2 juveniles, 5 Mourning Dove, 7 Black-headed Grosbeak, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, a Red-tailed Hawk flying over, 3 Spotted Towhee, 6 Steller's Jay, a Yellow Warbler, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, a Cooper's Hawk, 2 Fox Sparrow, a Rufous Hummingbird, a Common Raven in the



PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST PHOTO / EXHIBITION CONTEST

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to participate in the 2018 Puget Sound Bird Fest Photo Exhibition/Contest in Edmonds. Prints of accepted entries will be exhibited during the festival on Saturday, September 15, from 10am to 4pm at the Frances Anderson Center.

Photos must be of bird species typically found in the Puget Sound region, and be submitted in either the adult or youth (under age 18) category. A "People's Choice" prize will be given to one entry in each category with voting to occur by festival attendees on Saturday.

Complete instructions can be found on the entry form at <http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org/> or by contacting jennifer.leach@edmondswa.gov for more information. The first 60 entries will be accepted; limit one entry per person. ✧



Black-headed Grosbeak

backyard, and an American Goldfinch, for a total species count of 28.

I received an email from Sonia Thompson listing some birds she viewed from her home in Verlot off Mountain Loop Hwy. She listed American Robin, Canada Goose, Common Raven, House Finch, Great Blue Heron eating her fish, a Pileated Woodpecker, Spotted Towhee, sparrows and Mourning Dove on her 25-acre property of forests, retreating meadow, and wetlands. Sounds like a great place to go birding.

If you are interested in participating in our Backyard Birding count, please email me at pricemara1@gmail.com or leave a message on my cell phone at (425) 750-8125. ✧

Canada Day, July 1: Hug a Canada Goose!

Independence Day, July 4: Kiss an American Robin!

Classes with Seattle Audubon

<http://www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/GetInvolved/Classes.aspx>

Pelagic Birding with Mike Donahue July 18 & 25 (+ August 25) Seattle (Wedgwood)

Pelagic means “of the open sea,” and the west coast of North America offers some of the best opportunities to see seabirds anywhere in the world. The rich waters 20-40 miles offshore support a diversity of species—albatrosses, storm petrels, shearwaters, and jaegers—that spend much of the year in the waters far offshore at the edge of the continental shelf. The class lectures will cover the diversity of seabirds that are found offshore, focusing on natural history and identification, as well as how to prepare for a pelagic trip. (\$60 members/\$75 non-members.) Students may practice what they have learned on an optional Aug 25 pelagic trip that departs from Westport, WA.

Vagrancy with Matt Bartels August 2 Seattle (Wedgwood)

Where do Washington vagrants come from, why do they show up, and are there strategies look for them? Join Matt Bartels, secretary of the Washington Bird Records Committee, in a discussion of the rare birds that have made their way to Washington. What are the main methods that bring these unusual birds to our state? Do different species show up at different times? And where might you go to increase your odds of finding rare birds? The class will cover frameworks for understanding vagrancy and look for patterns in arrivals of the rarest birds in the state. (\$30/\$45)

Shorebirds with Hans de Gryz August 20 Seattle (North Seattle)

During late summer and early fall, dozens of species of sandpipers, plovers, and other shorebirds pass through Washington on their way to their southern wintering grounds. Their varying plumages, habits, and morphologies make them an interesting and challenging group for birders. This class will focus on the identification, behavior, and natural history of this diverse collection of birds. (\$30/\$45)

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)

**Pilchuck Audubon Society
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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.

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 - 4 quarterly payments of \$250
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