

## We're Suing the Federal Government to Protect Birds

*A note from Audubon President and CEO David Yarnold*



Today [May 24] we filed *Audubon v. Dept of the Interior*, a landmark lawsuit in federal court to defend our country's most important bird protection law—the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

Congress passed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act 100 years ago in response to public outcry over the mass slaughter of birds for their feathers. At one point, an ounce of egret feathers was worth more than an ounce of gold—all to use for the fashion industry. Efforts to pass the law were led by Audubon chapters and ultimately became National Audubon Society's founding victory.

In December, bucking decades of policy and practice, the Department of the Interior declared it won't enforce the law for any unintentional bird deaths caused by industry. As you can imagine, many causes of bird fatalities—including oil spills—could fall into this "unintentional" category, so we're taking the administration to court.

The MBTA has inspired some businesses to lead the way with innovations that have saved birds by the million. It's rescued avian species that once verged on extinction. And it's held companies accountable for the bird deaths they cause, like in 2010's BP Deepwater Horizon disaster.

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## JUNE PROGRAM MEETING

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

### ADAPTABLE URBAN COOPER'S HAWKS

with Ed Deal

Everett Firefighters' Hall  
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett ([map](#))

25 years ago Cooper's Hawks began colonizing urban and suburban landscapes throughout the US, evolving a tolerance for living in proximity to humans. Ed Deal, from the Urban Raptor Conservancy, will provide insights into these common but elusive raptors, covering the breeding season with photos and videos.



You would think someone born in Cooper Hospital and raised in Audubon, NJ, would be a child prodigy birder. But Ed's mid-life conversion involved taking Bud Anderson's Hawk ID class in 1991. He went on to volunteer on Fall Migration hawk-banding projects in the Goshutes Mountains in NV, Florida Keys, and Cape May, NJ, in addition to Diamond Head, Chelan Ridge, and Entiat Ridge. He volunteered on Falcon Research Group's entire 17-year study of nesting Peregrine Falcons in the San Juan Islands and is in his 25<sup>th</sup> year monitoring and banding nesting Peregrines in the Seattle area. For the last 7 years, he has worked with a group of volunteers studying the expanding urban population of Cooper's Hawks in Seattle. He holds a Federal Master Raptor Banding Permit. He is a graduate of the Seattle Audubon Master Birder Program and a recovering lister.

Ed will be our speaker at the June 8 Pilchuck Audubon Program meeting and will have up-to-date information on his finding about the behavior of urban Cooper's Hawks.

The program is open to the public and should be of interest as many people have noted increased visits to their yards with feeders in recent years. ✧

## MBTA, *Continued from Page 1*

As Audubon members, you have always been what hope looks like to a bird. Now, more than ever, we need you to stand with us and help us defend the law that has protected the birds we all treasure.

David Yarnold  
President and CEO  
National Audubon Society

[Read the Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief](#)

[Learn more about the MBTA](#)

[Donate to help protect birds](#)

## Spring Birding Class

Taught by Candy Brown



Rufous Hummingbird |  
Photo © Mick Thompson

### BACKYARD BIRDS

Enhance your understanding of common birds, and improve your ability to identify them. Includes basics of anatomy, migration, reproduction, foods, and foraging. We will also discuss the best ways to attract birds to your yard. Designed for adult beginning birders, but children ages 12+ are welcome.

**Wednesday, June 6, Edmonds at Frances Anderson Center**

6:30-8:00 p.m.

\$17 for residents, \$19 for non-residents

To register, call 425-771-0230



Cooper's Hawks

## 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.**

The monthly Profile is available online at

[www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org)

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## HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE LAND-USE ACTIVIST

After more than 20 years of working on land-use policy and development regulations in Snohomish County, working with hundreds of community members on a wide variety of land-use issues, I know for certain, through successes that have been achieved, the qualities one must have or obtain in order to be more successful. That is not to say that success comes easy or every time, but clearly, it absolutely does take: persistence, patience, focus, and determination. Most likely, you will also need skills of raising money, organizing your community (whether it is small or big), and communicating well and often.

**Persistence:** This is probably the most important quality anyone must possess during land-use processes. As those who have been in the trenches can tell you, land-use decisions can go on for many years, and sometimes, even when you have won the issue, it can come up again with a change in political leadership. So, before you even start getting involved with a land-use issue, ask yourself, Can or am I willing to go the distance? Developers count on the fact that they have more money and much more incentive to fight for what they want to do to the land. Whether it is a rezone to higher densities, or a change in type of use, from single-family homes to commercial development, whatever the land-use issue, they count on people either running out of money, emotional stamina, or passion. But persistence can help you win in the end, even when people tell you that you are wasting your time and money and that “you can’t fight City Hall,” if you know you are on the right side of the law and you know your case is strong.

**Patience:** While this quality is similar to persistence, it actually is about being able to understand that land-use processes don’t happen overnight. Many land-use



decisions happen through public hearings in front of planning commissioners, county and city councils, and hearing examiners. Those rulings can, and usually are, challenged by one party or the other through appeals and through the courts. All of that sometimes can take many years, and the “space” between hearings can also be long periods of time.



**Focus:** This quality is all about making sure your arguments and information presented at public hearings is correct and well-documented. While a situation may be presented by a developer that you don’t like, it does not mean it isn’t legal. You need to understand policies and codes, or find someone who does, and focus your attention on the policies or regulations that you feel are inadequately addressed or not legal. You also need to focus on yourself in terms of staying calm and detached. Just like a heart surgeon, you must not get too emotionally invested in order to get the job done correctly. Know the timelines and cut-off dates for submittals. Make a plan of action, and stick to it.

**Determination:** This quality encapsulates all of the other three qualities. You must be determined to win if you know what you are fighting for is the right thing to do. Determination will help you ask the right questions of the right people; it will give you courage to ask people for money to help with the process. And it will empower you to be a strong voice. No one is born with all these qualities—well, maybe a few, but not many. Land-use activism happens most likely because there is a change happening next to your home, your street, or your neighborhood. You may see that trees and streams in your area are in jeopardy of being destroyed. You may know that more traffic is going to come down your street or onto your local county roads, and you are afraid of how that will impact your family’s safety and quality of life. If you are determined, you definitely will be more successful!

The other important skills to be successful are **raising money, organizing people, and communicating effectively**. There are techniques for this, and I will be writing about these more in future Smart Growth columns, as well as highlighting some great land-use successes here in Snohomish County. ✧

## REPORT: Bird Walk in Brier Parks

5 May 2018

by Douglas Resnick, Trip Leader

Lisa, Jonathan, Judy, and I began our outing in the early morning at Lynnwood Transit Center. We carpoled first to Brierwood Park; then to Brier Park, from which we walked to Hickory Way Park and Locust Creek Park; and finally to Abbey View Memorial Park. We observed a total of 38 species, as recorded on eBird.

In Brierwood Park, we walked down to Scriber Creek, then birded along the water, beside the adjacent trees, and along the neighboring houses, which hosted a couple of bird feeders. This proved to be a particularly worthwhile site, affording us good views of Wilson's Warbler and Warbling Vireo. We also observed the curious behavior of one female Anna's Hummingbird, which landed several times on the lawn, apparently to sip at the dew.

Brier Park, where we saw a number of the usual birds, served also as a rest stop and as a base for exploring several other sites. We started at the end of the park by the corral, then walked to the detention pond next to Old Poplar Way, stopping on the way for an impromptu photo shoot beside a bright rhodo-dendron. After circumnavigating the pond, we walked along the street side of Hickory Way Park, then up Hickory Way to our next site.



Notable finds in this segment were a Red-breasted Sapsucker and numerous Pine Siskins.

Locust Creek Park includes a loop trail, parts of which have stairs; parts, gravel; and parts, mud. Thus, in addition to birds, we had a couple of views of frogs. Our observations on the way back to Brier Park included two horses and a pony, apparently regular denizens of The City of Brier, and a Red-tailed Hawk being chased by numerous American Crows.

Abbey View Memorial Park is in fact a cemetery, but it offers birders spacious views of land and sky, as well as an almost hidden pond. Despite the lateness of the season, we found two Ring-necked Ducks and a Bufflehead in the pond, in addition to two Mallards. Perhaps these attracted the Bald Eagle, which we heard only. We also had a second view of a Red-tailed Hawk under pursuit.

We finished our birding around 1 p.m., then dined at nearby Brier Pizza before returning to the transit center. ✧

## Audubon Washington Endorses I-1631

Dear Audubon in Washington,

The Audubon Washington Board unanimously endorsed Ballot Initiative 1631 at its May 16 meeting. I-1631 is the latest effort, sponsored by Clean Air, Clean Water WA, to put a price on the carbon pollution causing climate change. Consistent with past efforts at the ballot and in the legislature, Audubon Washington firmly believes the time to take action is now. You can read our press statement [here](#).

We are actively supporting the effort and will be putting a cadre of Audubon field organizers on the ground during June to help with the signature-gathering effort. We are working on creating talking points and an FAQ that should be on our website soon. In the meantime, anyone interested in helping with the signature-gathering effort, please reach out to our field organizer, [Ben Silesky](#). And for those of you already helping, thank you!

Hundreds of thousands of signatures must be gathered between now and the beginning of July. With our statewide network, Audubon is well situated to provide a significant on-the-ground contribution to this effort. If your chapter hasn't already endorsed, please consider doing so.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Ben.

Thanks for everything you do on behalf of birds in our state!

Gail

Gail Gatton  
VP & Executive Director  
[Audubon Washington](#) / [@audubonWA](#)

The Pilchuck Audubon board on June 5 will consider endorsement of I-1631. To qualify for the November general election ballot, at least 260,000 signatures of registered WA voters must sign the petition. ✧



## TRIP CALENDAR

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



### **Saturday, June 2** County Parks near Mill Creek

Meet at 7:30 AM at Ash Way Park & Ride, which is in the vicinity of I-5 Exit 183; park in the southwest area, by the southernmost entrance to the parking lot. We'll carpool to Martha Lake Park, North Creek Park, McCollum Park, and Lake Stickney.

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811  
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### **Tuesday, June 5** Big Four Meadows

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Lake Stevens Frontier Village Park & Ride (9600 Market Place). From State Highway 9, turn eastbound onto Market Place (the street the Target Store is on), then north into the Park & Ride just west of Target. Big Four Meadows is a beautiful setting for our annual potluck bird trip. Bring something to share. Virginia provides hot dogs and potato salad and will advise if you want to know what to bring. Expect swallows, hummingbirds, swifts, warblers, vireos, and dippers. A trailhead pass or Golden Age Pass will be needed and is obtainable en route. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, June 12** Mid-Whidbey Island

Meet at 7:30 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).] This is the area between Crockett Lake and Swantown, an always exciting experience for both birding and scenery. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, June 19** Ellensburg Area

Meet at 6:00 AM at Monroe Park & Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the Fairgrounds. We will bird portions of Umtanum Creek area, Robinson Canyon, and other areas. This will be a long, rewarding day. Hope to see Yellow-breasted Chat, Warbling Vireo, Lazuli Bunting, and maybe Canyon Wren and Rock Wren. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, June 26** Camano Island

Meet at 7:30 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 will bird Triangle Cove, Eide Road, English Boom, Iverson Spit, and wherever else Virginia prefers. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

### **Tuesday, July 5** 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](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org)); the nearest I-5 exit is 179. We'll carpool first to a parking area from which we can walk to the seaward

## SAVE THE DATE

### Audubon Council of Washington

October 13, 2018

HOST REGION: King County Chapters (Seattle, Eastside, Rainier, Vashon-Maury Island)

WHEN: Saturday, October 13, 2018

WHERE: Brightwater Center, [22505 State Route 9 SE, Woodinville, WA](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org)

THEME: Through a Local Lens

Since we last met as a group, great progress has been made implementing National Audubon priorities at the Chapter level. This year's theme, "Through a Local Lens," shines a spotlight on the work we have done in Washington state to advance these priorities and sets the stage for our conservation and advocacy efforts to continue in the year ahead.

We are still in the process of finalizing speakers and topics, but you can expect sessions to focus on the importance of public lands for birds; implementation of the Plants for Birds program at the local level; efforts to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion; and how we are advancing policy campaigns in Washington state to address climate change. We will provide a deep dive on our legislative efforts to set Washington on a path toward 100 percent clean electricity, as well as our advocacy for a price on carbon and our support for I-1631. Chapter involvement is critical to our success, and we'll share ways the entire Audubon network can get involved in these efforts.

We'll reserve plenty of time to answer your questions; share tips, resources, and best practices from across our chapter network; and, of course, have fun getting to know one another and deepen friendships. As in past years, Friday afternoon will include education and conservation meetings. The Friday evening speaker will be UW-Bothell professor Doug Wacker who has been studying crow communication in social gatherings.

Please save the date on your calendars now, and we'll share more information with you as we have it. See you in Woodinville (in SNOHOMISH County)! ✧

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](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net) ✧



## ACTION ALERT: BE AN OTTER SPOTTER

### Report your sightings to help our Northwest conservation research

If you have ever spotted a wild river otter or if you encounter one on your next outdoor adventure, tell us about it!

Not sure if what you saw was a river otter? [Woodland Park Zoo's Otter Spotter project](#) is excited to announce our Pacific Northwest semi-aquatic mammal identification guide, which was developed in collaboration with Washington Sea Grant. As you head outdoors this spring, this guide can help you determine if you did indeed spot a river otter, or if it was another similar-looking animal often found in the same habitat. The guide can be found on [our website](#) or [Washington Sea Grant's website](#).

**World Otter Day is coming up on May 30!** Organized by the International Otter Survival Fund, this day aims to raise awareness of the 13 otter species worldwide and the threats they face. More information on participating can be found [here](#), or celebrate with Woodland Park Zoo (WPZ) by:

- Visiting WPZ and checking out the two otter species on exhibit—Asian small clawed and North American river otters
- Checking out [WPZ's International Partners for Wildlife](#), who help to protect habitat for otters worldwide
- [Submit](#) any river otter sightings you have to the Otter Spotter program

Your otter sightings are extremely valuable and are giving us a better idea of river otter range and behavior throughout the state of Washington. With the help of participants' sightings, Woodland Park Zoo's [Living Northwest—North American River Otter conservation project](#) (affiliated with Otter Spotter) has been studying the contaminant levels of otters along the Green-Duwamish River. More information about this study can be found in:

- A [poster](#) that outlines the latest results of our study
- Our [KEXP Mind over Matters Sustainability Segment](#) with Diane Horn
- [Our feature](#) in Scientific American online

Our fabulous contributors have supported this exciting work with over 750 sightings so far—you can help, too. Be an Otter Spotter!

Celestina, Courtney, and Hannah  
Otter Spotter Interns  
Michelle Wainstein, PhD  
Field Conservation Associate  
Woodland Park Zoo  
[www.zoo.org/otters](http://www.zoo.org/otters)

## BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

March 26, 2018 to April 25, 2018

I am happy to report the swallows are returning; some were spotted at Lake Bosworth and in Stanwood. American Goldfinch and Rufous Hummingbird are also returning.

Carole and Larry Beason reporting from Lake Bosworth listed 6 Barn Swallow, 6 Violet-green Swallow and 12 Tree Swallow so far. Their total species count of 48 also listed 3 American Goldfinch, 2 Bald Eagle, 7 Barrow's Goldeneye and 1 Common Goldeneye on the lake, 6 Brewer's Blackbird, a Common Loon on the lake, 14 Double-crested Cormorant, 2 Evening Grosbeak, 4 Golden-crowned Sparrow, 2 Osprey over the lake, 6 Purple Finch, a Red-breasted Sapsucker, 26 Red-winged Blackbird, 16 Ring-necked Duck, and a Wood Duck in the yard.

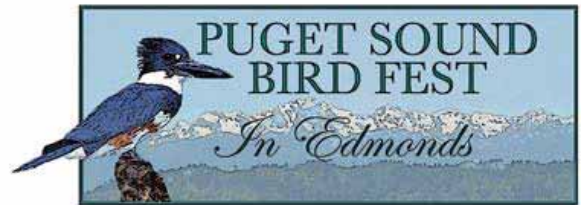
Reporting from Mukilteo, Hilka Egtvedt listed 2 Anna's Hummingbird, a Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Northern Flicker, a Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Steller's Jay, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Bewick's Wren seen each day for months. Then she noticed it had an injured foot, and now it has not been seen since April 9. Also listed were 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, 3 Golden-crowned Sparrow, a White-throated Sparrow, 12 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Purple Finch, 5 House Finch, and 8 Pine Siskin, for a total species count of 23.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett listed 12 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Bewick's Wren, 3 Song Sparrow, 2 Mourning Dove, 18 Northwestern Crow, 16 Western Gull, 9 Mallard Duck flying overhead, 9 Black-capped Chickadee, 6 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Varied Thrush, a Downy Woodpecker, an Anna's Hummingbird, a Lincoln's Sparrow, 25 Bushtit, and a Red-breasted Sapsucker, for a total species count of 21.

Reporting from Stanwood, Mary Sinker listed 25 American Robin, 11 Anna's Hummingbird, 20 Black-capped Chickadee, 11 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Brown Creeper, 2 Brown-headed Cowbird, 5 Downy Woodpecker, 3 Fox Sparrow, 2 Great Blue Heron at the creek, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, 17 Mourning Dove, 8 Northern Flicker, 3 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 11 Red-winged Blackbird, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 5 Spotted Towhee, 9 Tree Swallow, 2 Varied Thrush, 4 White-crowned Sparrow, and 4 Pacific Wren, for a total species count of 34.

My report from Marysville included 4 American Robin, 12 American Crow, 12 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Canada Goose flying over, 2 Common Raven in the woods, 3 House Finch, 3 Northern Flicker, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Spotted Towhee, 4 Ring-necked Duck in the pond, a Varied Thrush, 5 Mourning Dove, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, 4 Mallard Duck in the fields, an Anna's Hummingbird, and a Great Blue Heron flying over, for a total species count of 22.

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



## 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](mailto:jennifer.leach@edmondswa.gov) for more information. The first 60 entries will be accepted; limit one entry per person. ✧

### Feast on the Farm Fundraiser

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29

Craven Farm

13817 Short School Road, Snohomish 98290

Join us for a festive evening of great food prepared by local chefs using local farm products, accompanied by local wines. Keynote speaker, Noah Stryker, author of *Birding Without Borders*.

\$50 per person

Sponsorships available

Please contact Kristin Kelly at [execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org) for more information.

Invitations will be sent out by email in June. Limited seating; first come, first served! ✧



## Noteworthy Events for Your Consideration

### Yakima River Canyon 2018 Bird Fest..... June 11-13

A weekend of field trips (in and around Ellensburg and Kittitas County), workshops (avian illustration, photography, native plants for birds), a river raft trip, falconry demonstrations, keynote speaker John Marzluff from the UW (corvid and urban bird specialist) at the banquet, silent auction, and good company with other folks who share your passion. In and around Ellensburg, WA. Visit the website [www.ycic.org](http://www.ycic.org) for schedule and registration information.

### Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival..... September 15

Join the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts, North Central Washington Audubon Society, and HawkWatch International this fall for the ninth annual Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival! This family-friendly event combines free activities in Pateros' Memorial Park with trips to Chelan Ridge to learn about and celebrate raptors as they journey to winter territories. At the park, participants will find vendors, live raptors, interpretive booths, and projects for kids. More information and on-line registration for the trip to Chelan Ridge, field trip(s), and workshop will be available July 15 at [www.ncwaudubon.org](http://www.ncwaudubon.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.

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- 1 payment of \$1,000
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## UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, and FESTIVALS farther afield

Compiled by Rick Brauer

### Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival

Sisters, OR

May 31-June 3

Eleven species of woodpeckers!

<http://www.ecaudubon.org/dean-hale-woodpecker-festival>



Acorn Woodpecker | Audubon

### Pothole & Prairie Bird Festival

Carrington, ND

June 13-17

Four days on a prairie wild with wetlands and wavy, open meadows. Here is your chance to visit some of the world's most remote birding hotspots. Last year, the five day event had sightings of 145 bird species. Some likely possibilities include the Baird's Sparrow, Le Conte sparrow, and gray partridge.

[http://www.birdingdrives.com/Our\\_Festival.html](http://www.birdingdrives.com/Our_Festival.html)

### Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua

Lee Vining, CA

June 15-17

The Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua brings birders together to enhance appreciation and understanding of the Mono Basin's diverse and abundant bird life and to educate the public about the area's value to birds and people. The Sixteenth Annual Chautauqua offers more than 90 field trips, workshops, and presentations with renowned bird guides, naturalists, and artists. Add live music and delicious food, and you've got yourself a fantastic long weekend in nature. <http://www.birdchautauqua.org/>

### Lake Tahoe Bird Festival

South Lake Tahoe, CA

June 24

At this fun and informative family event, folks will learn about bird research happening in the Lake Tahoe region of the Sierra Nevada, go on bird walks with local bird experts, and see live birds of prey.

<http://www.tinsweb.org/calendar/eventdetail/420/-/8th-annual-lake-tahoe-bird-festival>