

March Program Meeting **BIRDS OF INDIA**

Presented by
Sukumar Vajapeyam
Friday, March 8, 2019
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Everett Firefighters' Hall
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett ([map](#))



Sukumar is a recent PAS member who moved to the Pacific Northwest about six months ago. He was born in India and moved to the USA when he was 21 to pursue a master's degree in Electrical Engineering. He currently works in Arlington in renewable energy and batteries. Sukumar has also lived in Austin, TX; California's Bay Area; Phoenix, AZ; and Chicago, IL. Sukumar has been to various countries on work as well as on holiday

It was a weekend in the Pantanal in Brazil after work in Sao Paulo that got him hooked on birding and bird photography. From October 2010 and December 2013, Sukumar worked in Bangalore, India, and he managed to spend quite a few weekends birding in various parks across India.



Photos by Suku

Suku's father was an amateur photographer who took, developed, and printed award-winning black-and-white photos in India in the 1950s and 1960s.



All Pilchuck Audubon programs are free and open to all Pilchuck members and to community members of all ages who have an interest in birds and environmental issues affecting birds. Program meetings are the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (no meetings are held in August and December). Most meetings are at the Firefighter Hall in Everett, located at 2411 Hewitt Avenue, which is three blocks east of the hockey arena downtown. Parking is available in a lot adjacent to the building as well as on-street parking. ✧

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BIRDING CLASS

Taught by Candy Brown

MORE AMAZING BIRDS — MARCH 13

Many interesting and beautiful birds visit our region at different times of the year or are permanent residents. We will look at and discuss the habits of sparrows, warblers, wrens, woodpeckers, cedar waxwings, and more.

The class will be held at the Frances Anderson Center, 700 Main Street, in Edmonds, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$17 for residents,
\$19 for non-residents.

To register, call 425-771-0230 ✧



BUILD A BRUSH PILE FOR BIRDS

This simple backyard project offers shelter for birds in all seasons.

Did the recent heavy snowfall we experienced thin the junk trees on your property? Collect and set aside fallen branches and logs to create a brush pile in a corner of your yard. Birds and other wildlife can use the brush to take cover during extreme temperatures and severe weather year-round.

Materials

- Fallen branches
- Fallen logs
- Optional: Cuttings from pruning trees or shrubs (or your discarded Christmas tree)

Steps

1. Lay down the largest logs or trunks as a foundation.
2. Pile large branches loosely on top of this layer.
3. Continue building up the pile in successive layers. Make sure to leave open pockets between layers—don't pack brush and branches on too tightly.

The first layer should include rose bush or berry vine clippings. Cats do NOT like thorny branches (stepping on them hurts), and will not use it as a hiding place to hunt birds. The birds, on the other hand, are not phased by thorns.

National Audubon Society Website

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 or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the 21st 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

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2019 PSBO WETLAND SECRETIVE BIRD MONITORING PROJECT

Puget Sound Bird Observatory (PSBO) is gearing up for spring surveys across our region's wetlands to monitor populations and trends of four species of reclusive, wetland-obligate birds and two wetland-associated species.

We need your help! Whether you have a few hours to offer or would like to engage for full coverage within an area, we will match your availability with our needs for avian surveyors across our suite of wetlands. There will be approximately 140 wetlands spanning from Skagit County



to Pierce County that need monitoring this season; each wetland has between 1 and 5 survey points, with most sites having 3 points. Each point takes approximately 20 minutes to survey fully. The survey windows for this year's effort are: April 4 through April 15, 2019; May 2 through May 13, 2019; and May 30 through June 10. Surveys are completed within these windows and by 4 hours after sunrise. Help us document the presence of American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Sora, Green Heron, Marsh Wren, and Willow Flycatcher throughout the Puget Sound trough. Comprehensive training is offered, and surveyors are equipped with all the tools they need to complete each survey site.

We'd love to hear from you! Email Cindy Easterson at eastersonfamily@msn.com or call (425) 876-1055 to let me know you want to participate in this year's effort.

Please note the important training dates below! We have a slightly new protocol this year so an update in training may be needed even for seasoned volunteer surveyors.



Clockwise, beginning top left: Green Heron, American Bittern, Willow Flycatcher, Sora. All photos by Mick Thompson.

March 17, 2019 – Surveyor Training – TACOMA
Location and time TBD

March 23, 2019 – Surveyor Training – SEATTLE
Seward Park Audubon Center, 9:30am – 2pm

March 30, 2019 – Surveyor Training – SKAGIT/SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Stanwood PUD Bldg, 9:30am – 2pm

All trainings will cover bird ID, protocol, navigation, and (NEW THIS YEAR) distance sampling. Lunch, snacks, and coffee/tea provided.

RSVP: Email Cindy Easterson, eastersonfamily@msn.com, or call (425) 876-1055.

PILCHUCK AUDUBON SOCIETY WILL BE SEEKING A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Pilchuck Audubon Society is embarking on an exciting time of growth as it builds on a current strong foundation of financial and community support. To help us meet our goals, we will be hiring a full-time Executive Director/Development Director.

The Executive Director/Development Director (ED/DD) is expected to be a leader for the organization and to be chiefly responsible for its operations, staffing, and financial stability. The ED/DD will be expected to work with the Board of Directors to complete long-range strategic planning and to manage the human and financial resources necessary to implement the strategic goals.

We will be looking for this new Director position to provide vision and voice for Pilchuck Audubon Society. Candidates must have a high level of development and management skills to lead and direct the day-to-day operations of the organization. We are seeking a leader with charisma and passion who will help drive growth and impact across the communities we serve through our programs and projects.

For more information on this position, please contact Cindy Easterson at president@pilchuckaudubon.org. ✧

CONSERVATION REPORT

by Allen Gibbs, Conservation Chair

Washington State Legislative Update

February 22 was the last day to pass bills out of committee to the floor in house of origin. Exceptions are the House fiscal committees, Senate Ways and Means, and Transportation committees.

I write this column on the 22nd. As of today, the top three priorities for Audubon Washington are progressing through hearings with favorable votes in committees. March 1, when PROFILE is published, is the last day for the fiscal, transportation, and Senate Ways and Means committees to pass bills out of those committees to their respective floors for vote. March 13 will be the last day for bills to pass out of houses of origin. From then on, the focus will be very much on budget and appropriation bills, and things will go behind closed doors for negotiations. Last day of this session of 105 days is April 28.

Taken in part from Audubon Washington's report, the **100% clean electricity bill** (Senate Bill 5116/companion House Bill 1211) came up for a second reading by the Senate Rules Committee. Substitute Senate Bill 5116 likely went to the Senate floor for a vote on Friday, February 22, and passed. The House Bill 1211 received Executive action on the 21st by the House Finance Committee. This is all good news!

Legislators from Snohomish County sponsoring these bills include Stanford, Self, Palumbo, McCoy, and Liias. [If you see these folks, please thank them for their work on behalf of 100% clean electricity.](#)

The **Rangeland Fire Protection bill** (HB 1188) expands fire protection options in Eastern Washington. It passed with bipartisan support out of its policy committee in the House and on February 19 went to the Appropriations

Committee for action. There are no Snohomish County legislators sponsoring this bill as it is pretty much focused on Eastern Washington rural areas. That doesn't mean Western Washington legislators oppose it.

At last October's ACOW, the state's chapters voted in favor of funding adequate for the **WDFW (Washington State Fish and Wildlife Department) biennial budget**, now SB 5692/HB 1708. It was agreed to support the budget requested by WDFW, which would then go into the Governor's Executive Budget Request.

Senator McCoy is one of three senators sponsoring a "side bill," which is part of the WDFW budget request. This side bill opens up to more people less expensive hunting and fishing licenses for certain classes of purchasers. Focus is on attracting more people to purchase fishing and hunting licenses. This is especially so for youngsters and the adults who would accompany them.

Weather has not been favorable to travel much of February, so turnout has been "light" in Olympia hearings some days. Some hearings were cancelled and rescheduled, delaying some committee work, but due dates so far remain in place.

The April edition of PROFILE will list priority bills still "alive" and proceeding through the system. I will email periodic status reports on our priority bills throughout March, requesting PAS members to contact their respective legislators in support of/opposition to certain bills. The Pilchuck Audubon Society's website under "Advocacy" contains contact information for all of our legislators. ✧

TRIP CALENDAR

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



Saturday, March 2

Five Southwest

Meet at 8:00 AM near the entrance to the parking lot of the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center

(<https://www.communitytransit.org/busservice/transit-centers-and-parking>). We'll visit five sites in southwest Snohomish County: Veterans Memorial Park, South Lynnwood Park, Esperance Park, Chase Lake, and Yost Park. Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811 (cell: 206-617-0019), dresnick1@comcast.net

Tuesday, March 5

Silvana Roads

Meet at 8:00 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Past years we had Northern Shrike, a Pectoral and a Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, and three falcon species. If time allows, we may visit the Port Susan Nature Conservancy site. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Tuesday, March 12

Blackie Spit and Boundary Bay

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Expect to see waterfowl, raptors, gulls, shorebirds, songbirds, and scenery, and do some walking. This is a trip to Canada so bring your US Passport or Enhanced Driver's License. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360-435-3750

Tuesday, March 19

Samish Flats

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Want to see what a premier birding area offers at its best season? Come along. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Tuesday, March 26

Fir Island

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Walmart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Expect almost anything. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360-435-3750

Tuesday, April 2

Everett to Marysville

Meet at 8:00 AM at Legion Park off North Marine Drive, Everett. Explore the North Everett waterfront and the Snohomish River Estuary, including the Tulalip Waterfront. View eagles, hawks, waterfowl, shorebirds, and gulls. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750

Saturday, April 6

Two in Marysville

Meet at 8:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Walmart, 8924 Quilceda Blvd, Marysville, WA (in the vicinity of I-5 Exit 200). Park along the eastern side of the parking lot, near I-5. We'll carpool to Jennings Memorial Park and Ebey Waterfront Trail. Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811 (cell: 206-617-0019), dresnick1@comcast.net ✧

HELP US TO THE FINISH LINE! JOIN US FOR THE LAST SEASON OF SAGEBRUSH SONGBIRD SURVEYS

Are you attracted to a melodious early morning hike through wide-open spaces? Join us on the Sagebrush Songbird Survey, a multi-year shrub steppe avian occupancy study of the Columbia Plateau in eastern Washington. The Survey, begun in 2014, is a partnership of Audubon Washington, local chapters, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. We are poised to complete field work in 2019. We need even more volunteers looking and listening for shrub steppe birds to reach this ambitious conservation goal.

Classroom and field trainings provided in March and early April. Surveys are performed once a month in spring— one within the last two weeks of April, one within the first two weeks of May, and a final survey within the first two weeks of June.



Sagebrush Sparrow | Ivar Husa Photo

EXTRA! Get your camera ready to record your sagebrush steppe inspiration for our Sagebrush Sea Photo Contest. Your photos will tell the story of this awesome landscape and its inhabitants.

Contact Cindy Easterson at 425-876-1055 or president@pilchuckaudubon.org for details about local training for participating in this survey. In addition, there will be field training on April 6, 2019, 10am-4pm. Meeting place near Ellensburg TBA: Whisky Dick Wildlife Area from old Vantage Hwy. ✧

CONGRATULATIONS, KRISTIN!

The League of Women Voters of Snohomish County has selected Kristin Kelly, Pilchuck Audubon's former Executive Director and Smart Growth Director, to receive the **2019 Democracy in Action Award**.

For 16 years, working first with Futurewise and then with Pilchuck Audubon, Kristin has been a leading voice, advocating with locals in Snohomish County to balance growth with livability.

Through education, outreach, activism, and coalition building, she has contributed to comprehensive land-use planning and development regulations to achieve more sustainable urban

communities. She has been a champion for protecting our county's natural resources, air and water quality, and wildlife habitat from irresponsible development.

Living in Snohomish County since 1989, Kristin has been elected twice to the county's Charter Review Commission, a group that convenes every decade to review the structure of county government. She served on the executive committee of the Sustainable Lands Strategy and organized the Livable Snohomish County Coalition that encourages local governments to build sustainable urban communities. Kristin has spent almost two decades helping local citizens become involved in land-use planning in their neighborhoods.

This award is presented annually by the League of Women Voters of Snohomish County to recognize outstanding achievement or long-term commitment to enhancing democracy in Snohomish County. Congratulations, Kristin! Job well done. ✧



ABOUT OUR SPRING FIELD TRIPS

Klickitat Trip

Memorial Day Weekend: Leave May 25, Return May 28

This trip is almost full so if you have never been to Klickitat or have been before but want to come again this year, please email Susie Schaefer, garden@pilchuckaudubon.org, or call 425-771-8165, or text 425-478-9383 as soon as possible.

Vancouver Island, East and West Coasts

Leave June 5, Return June 11

We had such a great trip to British Columbia last year that we have decided to get out our passports again and head north to Vancouver Island to visit both the east and the west coasts of this beautiful Island. We will have a group of 12 people (or fewer) with no more than three cars. There will be six nights in motels and many birding, wildlife, and wildflower stops along the way.

We will share gas costs and driving responsibilities, and the three car owners will not be charged for gas. We will bring and buy food as assigned for at least one group picnic-style meal per day and eat our other meals in local eateries. Many motels in Canada provide early morning breakfast included in the nightly charge. We will share rooms as much as possible to keep costs down. We will travel on both Washington and BC Ferries and will need to reserve these crossings beforehand.



For questions or more information, please contact Susie at 425-771-8165 or Reg and Kim at 425-776-5859. We would like to close registration by the end of April since we do need to book ahead to assure motels and ferries. This long trip offers great opportunities for all kinds of adventures and new experiences. We hope to see many birds; because of the time of year, we are not anticipating many new or target birds—just good birds, good company, and good times! ✧

BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

December 26, 2018 to January 25, 2019

The number of species counted for January seemed to have gone down a little, but I am sure they will be back up for February.

Carole and Larry Beason were excited to report 40+ Bufflehead on Lake Bosworth. Their total species count for the month was 36, which included 21 American Robin, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bald Eagle in a tree, 12+ Bushtit, 27 Canada Goose flying over, 2 Common Raven, 24 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Golden-crowned Sparrow, 2 Great Blue Heron flying near the shore, 24+ Double-crested Cormorant under a tree, 15+ Golden-crowned Kinglet in a tree, 5 Hooded Merganser on the lake, a Pileated Woodpecker, 5 Purple Finch, 2 Red-breasted Sapsucker, 14 Red-winged Blackbird, and 6 Spotted Towhee.

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo listed a Cooper's Hawk, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 5 Northern Flicker, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Steller's Jay, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 7 Bushtit, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 7 European Starling, 2 Spotted Towhee, 2 Golden-crowned Sparrow, 23 Dark-eyed Junco, 6 Purple Finch, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, and 2 House Finch, for a total species count of 20.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett included 16 Dark-eyed Junco, 6 American Robin, 2 Bewick's Wren, 16 Northwestern Crow, 18 Western Gull, 12 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 19 Black-capped Chickadee, 7 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 28 Bushtit, 43 European Starling, 2 Pacific Wren, 16 Mallard Duck, 2 Steller's Jay, and 3 Golden-crowned Kinglet, for a total species count of 20.

Reporting from Stanwood, Mary Sinker's report listed 7 Anna's Hummingbird, 3 Bald Eagle, 20 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Brown Creeper, 11 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 50 Dark-eyed Junco, 6 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Great Blue Heron at the creek, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 4 House Finch, 25 Mourning Dove, 7 Northern Flicker, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 6 Song Sparrow, 12 Steller's Jay, a Red-tailed Hawk, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, and 5 Pacific Wren, for a total species count of 25.ousH

My report from Marysville included 5 American Crow, an Anna's Hummingbird, 30 Dark-eyed Junco, 9 Brewer's Blackbird, 6 Northern Flicker, 1 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 5 Ring-necked Duck, a Great Blue Heron, 2 Spotted Towhee, 7 Mourning Dove, a Song Sparrow, 3 House Finch, 2 Red-tailed Hawk flying over, a Pileated Woodpecker, and 40+ Canada Goose flying over, for a total species count of 21.

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. ✧

Washington State Audubon Campout

The Hazel Wolf Bird Sanctuary
at the Wenas Creek Campground

Memorial Day Weekend
May 24-27, 2019

A Washington State Discover Pass is required

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, and offers the spiritual fulfillment of simply being outdoors in the spring. Everyone, whether members of Audubon chapters or not, is welcome to join us for this outing, which is attended each year by around 200 men, women, and children and a large number of birds which, we like to think, enjoy being watched ever as much as we enjoy watching them.

The gathering is held in the vicinity of the Larrison Tree along Wenas Creek within the Wenas Creek Campground. **CAMPING** is primitive, but it's about as nice a place for group camping as there could be.

There are "campfire" programs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and **FIELD TRIPS** (both birding trips and wildflower trips) scheduled Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Love of nature of all varieties means there may be insect hunts or bat watching as well.

And best of all, the entire event is open to all and is FREE.

Information for the 2019 campout has not yet been uploaded to the web as of this writing. Keep checking <https://www.wenasaudubon.org/> for more details. ✧



Wenas Campground

Larrison
Tree
photo by
Kathy
Andrich

UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, and FESTIVALS *farther afield*

17th Annual Wings Over Water Northwest Birding Festival <https://www.wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com/> **March 15-17, 2019** **Blaine Middle School, 975 H Street, Blaine, WA (I-5 Exit 275)**

Pick up viewing location maps at the festival headquarters table (at Blaine Middle School) beginning at 8:30 a.m. on March 16. The festival celebrates the incredible variety of migratory birds that flock to the coastal waters of Drayton Harbor, Birch Bay, and Semiahmoo Bay. This major stopover on the Pacific Flyway between Seattle and Vancouver, BC is designated as an Important Birding Area (IBA) and is the anchor for the North Cascades Loop of the Great Washington State Birding Trail.

Othello Sandhill Crane Festival <https://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org/> **March 22-24, 2019** **Othello, WA**

Celebrating the spring migration of Sandhill Crane, the festival offers a variety of events for the whole family to enjoy and learn. In addition to a full slate of outstanding speakers focusing on area geology, ice age floods, a variety of cranes, and various animal migrations, the festival is also excited to have Wolf Haven International present for the first time ever. Based out of Tenino, WA, outreach coordinator Chris Montero will feature skull replicas, prey antlers, and a couple of life-sized wolf cutouts at their table. Mr. Montero is an experienced naturalist guide, environmental interpreter, field technician, scientific illustrator and, for the last 8 years, a teacher of wildlife and conservation for National Geographic Student Expeditions in Ecuador, Brazil, Australia, Belize, and the Canadian Arctic. Online registration is open now.

30th Brant Wildlife Festival <https://brantfestival.bc.ca/> **March 23, 2019 to April 7, 2019** **Parksville and Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada**

The Brant Wildlife Festival celebrates nature, particularly Brant geese as they rest and feed on the shores of mid-Vancouver Island before continuing to their northern breeding grounds. Events include wildlife viewing, nature walks, bird identification workshops, a bioblitz for citizen scientists, nature camp for kids, and a keynote by Dr. Sarah Otto who will be highlighting species at risk. The festival is coordinated by The Nature Trust of British Columbia, a nonprofit land conservation organization with 175,000 acres of conservation lands across BC. Contact: Robin Rivers, Communication Manager, The Nature Trust of BC, 604-924-9771, rrivers@naturetrust.bc.ca.

Olympic Peninsula Birdfest <http://www.olympicbirdfest.org> **April 12-14, 2019** **Port Angeles/Sequim/Dungeness Spit, WA**

Enjoy guided birding trips, boat tours, live auction, raffle, gala banquet, and more. Featured speaker is John Marzluff, author and

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Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington. Join our festival pre-trip, a three-day, two-night birding/sightseeing cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 9-11, 2019, or extend your festival with our Neah Bay post-trip on April 14-16, 2019: three days exploring northwest coastal Washington. The day of the Olympic BirdFest is timed to overlap wintering birds and the beginning of spring migration.

Grays Harbor Shorebird & Nature Festival **May 3-5**

Hoquiam, WA and Grays Harbor NWR

Schedule, Events, and Registration:

www.shorebirdfestival.com

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest **May 16-19**

Leavenworth, WA

www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.org

Cape May (New Jersey) Spring Festival **May 16-19**

<https://njudubon.org/nja-events/cape-may-spring-festival/>

Acadia Birding Festival **May 30 to June 2**

Mount Desert (Somesville), Maine

<http://acadiabirdingfestival.com>

American Ornithology 2019 Meeting **June 24-28**

Anchorage, Alaska

<http://www.americanornithology.org/content/aos-2019-meeting>