

October Program Meeting

Panama's Cloud Forest: The Junction of Bird Communities

GUEST SPEAKER: THOMAS BANCROFT, PHD

Are you ready to go off to some exotic place but also see some of your friends? Join Pilchuck Audubon for a virtual trip to Panama on October 8. Be immersed in the sounds of Western Panama's cloud forests as Thomas expertly guides you through layers of gorgeous bird life, exotic flora, and a quick trip through geologic history to understand how the isthmus of Panama has influenced the evolution of some of our common North American birds.

The mountains of Western Panama are a mixing pot for birds. Neotropical migrants come to winter or pass through on their travels. Altitudinal migrants move in and out with the seasons, and then there are the permanent residents that make up a complex and diverse component. Central America is an active geological area; throughout the last ten million years, the formation of the Isthmus has had a profound influence on the bird communities found throughout North and South America, including those in Washington State. Come learn more about this fascinating place, its influence on the Western Hemisphere, see some of flora and fauna, and listen to sounds from the cloud forest.

Thomas Bancroft is a writer-photographer focused on the natural world. His goal is to capture people's imagination, hopefully getting them to think about life, nature, and the importance of protecting wild things. Through stories about birds and wild places, he uses his scientific knowledge, photography, and sound recordings to help the reader see nature in a new way, slow down, and ponder the earth. His Ph.D. is in Ornithology, and he was the Vice President of the Research Department at the Wilderness Society and



Chief Scientist for National Audubon. He now lives in Seattle, Washington, where he also serves on the scientific advisory board for Birdnote and chairs the Naturalist Group at the Mountaineers. He teaches nature courses for Eastside Audubon Society, Whidbey Island Audubon, and the Mountaineers.

When: October 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Online

Register for Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ucuGuqDMqGdNbmm6cXqE-YGj4TKcFl6FZ>

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The Importance of Shared Spaces: *Crescent Lake Unit, Snoqualmie Wildlife Area*

By Martha Jordan (Pilchuck Audubon) and Jeremy Lucas (Eastside Audubon)

The Crescent Lake Unit is a diverse place both in habitats and the variety of users it attracts.

It is located three miles south of Monroe at the confluence of the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers. It contains 359 acres of early succession forest, sloughs, and agricultural fields. A mix of native coniferous and deciduous trees and shrubs, with a large stand of mature big-leaf maple, make up the forest. Crescent Lake is a 10-acre oxbow lake that was once part of the Skykomish River. A 270-foot long footbridge across the lake, originally built in 1978 and renovated in 2015, provide walking access to the south interior of this unit. There are two parking areas, one at the north end and one at the south end.

The property was acquired for wildlife conservation as well as hunting and other wildlife-related recreational opportunities. The area was originally logged and converted to agriculture and used by the local dairy industry until the 1960s. Years of cattle grazing created trails within the forested unit, leading to edge habitat and areas for walking and wildlife viewing. A vision for this unit includes expanding agriculture to improve waterfowl habitat and wetland enhancement.

Wildlife Viewing

Trumpeter Swans and migratory waterfowl such as Canada Goose, Snow Goose, and a variety of ducks forage on the unit in the winter months. This is a very important wintering area for Trumpeter Swans in the region with about 300-800 swans using the site. The dairy farm pasture grass and winter wheat fields adjacent to Crescent Lake provide abundant forage. Crescent

Lake is used for roosting and resting. Tundra Swans also visit the area although in small numbers.

According to eBird, 165 species have been seen on the Crescent Lake Unit. This includes woodpeckers, Green Heron, Marsh Wren, Red-tailed Hawk, many species of dabbling and diving ducks, several owls, Bald Eagle and so many more. Check out the eBird listing here: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L292411?yr=all&m=&rank=mrec>.

This is a citizen science database portal that provides freely-shared bird lists at 'hotspots' and interactive maps plus other birding information updated daily. The eBird information shows a checklist with seasonal information on the 165 species of birds reported from this Unit. This Unit also provides quality habitat for elk, deer, bear, weasel, coyote, and a variety of small mammals.

Riley Slough runs through another former river channel and enters into the Snoqualmie River near the northwest corner of this property. There is a 25-acre marsh on this unit. As part of the salmon recovery work in the Snohomish basin, two culvert projects were completed on the Crescent Lake Unit to improve flow and remove barriers to fish passage. More than 40 years ago, Riley Slough was an important salmon-bearing stream in the Skykomish River, but dikes at the upper end of Riley and Haskel sloughs blocked the flow of the river. To improve flow and habitat in the lower slough, WDFW replaced an undersized culvert in 2010. The removal of a second undersized culvert and the lowering of the grade in 2011 allow seasonal flow through Crescent Lake. Since then, teams of volunteers have worked to

remove invasive species from the 215 acres of deciduous woodland adjoining Riley Slough, along with creating and maintaining a network of trails for seasonal hunting and recreation use.

Crescent Lake is a very popular unit with multiple user groups, including waterfowl and small game hunters, hikers, bird dog trainers, and wildlife watchers. This is a pheasant-release site that is very popular with hunters. Pheasant hunting season is from September 25 through December 15. Management of the unit has led to increased presence of deer and elk, which is now attracting archery hunters. There are gravel parking areas with kiosks at the north and south ends of the property. There is one unimproved water access site on the unit. The unit currently provides 11.5 acres of year-round bird dog training area, where all other uses of the wildlife area are allowed. Historically, off-leash dogs have been a problem on the unit. The placement of signage, increased enforcement, and outreach have helped users understand the rules about pets on the wildlife area. Crescent Lake is a good model for the other Snoqualmie units to strive for, providing a good balance of wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.

This Unit is a shared space; please be respectful of the various users who may also be on the site. There are areas of this unit that are available for wildlife viewing that is closed to hunting and/or dog training. If you do go out during hunting season, we strongly suggest you wear an orange or pink vest or

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hat for visibility. For more information on hunting seasons and regulations, please read information on the kiosk boards in the parking lots or go to [WDFW website](#) and find the information there.

The parking areas are gravel. There are no restrooms or other amenities. Please remember to pack out your trash.

A BIRDING WITH AWARENESS REMINDER

BEFORE YOU GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE: Please remember to put your Discover Pass on your dashboard or hang it on the rearview mirror. You need a Discover Pass to park in any WDFW Wildlife Area parking lot or their boat access sites. They can be

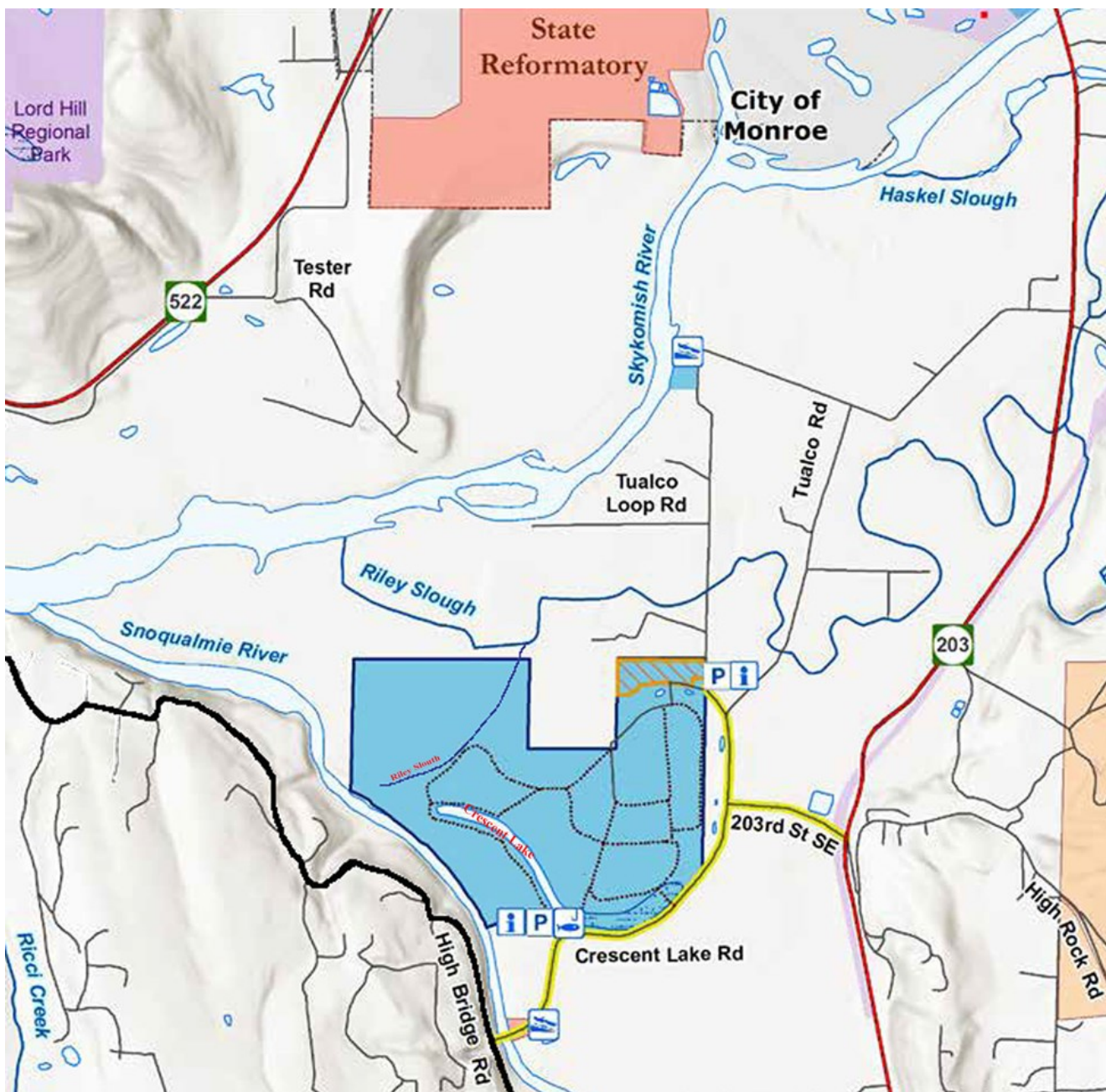
purchased anywhere WDFW licenses are sold and online.

Read what is posted on the readerboards/kiosks.

Note if there are other cars in the lot. Be aware that other activities may be happening on the unit such as hunting (big game, waterfowl, and upland bird) during certain dates, hunt dog training, or

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Map of Crescent Lake Unit | Source: WDFW SWA Management Plan 2018



P = parking lots 1 north, 1 south, and 1 at river boat launch access

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a scheduled special activity. A reminder that during the fall these areas are pheasant-release sites for hunting, and special hours may apply on pheasant-release days.

If you are out during hunting season, it is suggested that you wear an orange or bright pink vest so hunters can see you.

If you see a wildlife-related issue, including poaching, there are several ways you can report the issue:

- Call 911 to report poaching in progress, a dangerous wildlife complaint, or an emergency.
- Call 877-933-9847 for non-emergency poaching / violation reports.
- Send an email to reportpoaching@dfw.wa.gov.

- Send a **text tip** to 847411 (TIP411) by entering WDFWTIP, followed by a space, and then enter your report.

- Use the [online form](#) to report a violation.

And remember, please keep your dog on leash at all times while out enjoying your wildlife viewing. Our wildlife areas are not off-leash dog parks.

If you are able and willing, bring a garbage bag and either some collection device (like a stick) or gloves, please do so. Picking up the smaller items is appreciated, especially when out on the unit. The bigger items as well as most of the garbage piles dumped at the parking lots are picked up by volunteers associated with other groups,

especially the hunting groups. I keep a hiking checklist and those items are always included in my run-through of everything I need.

REPORT garbage dumping, serious graffiti, damage to signs or kiosks, and damage to the parking lot by sending an email to the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area manager at brian.boehm@dfw.wa.gov. Or you can call Martha Jordan, a member of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area Citizen's Advisory Committee at 206-713-3684.

With some knowledge about the shared space, regulations, and what you can do to be part of the active stewardship community, you can not only help protect these areas for wildlife and future generations but have a great and safe time out there. ***Now, get out there and bird!*** 🦅

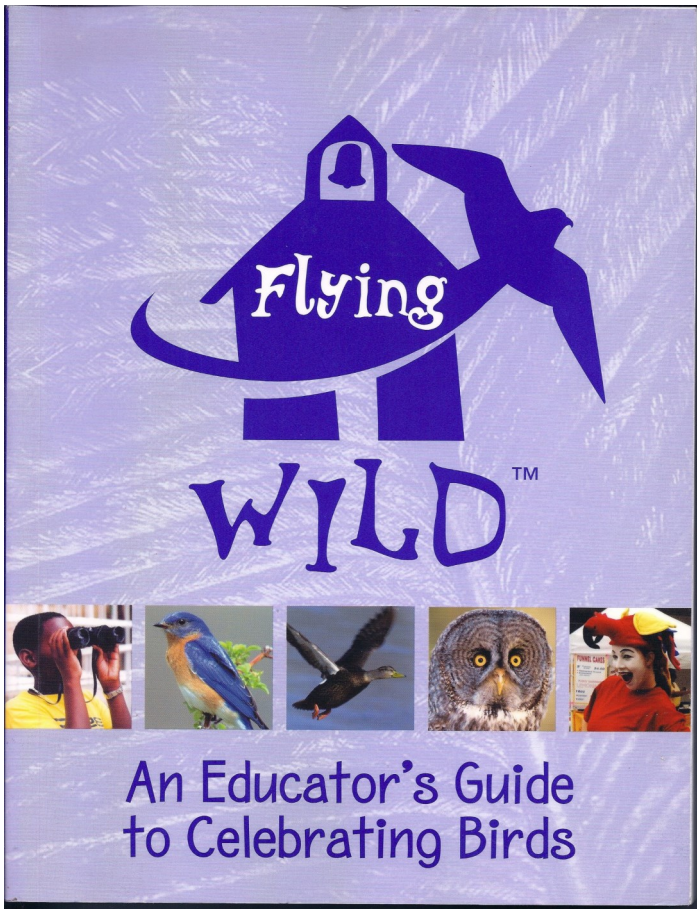


Aerial view of south portion of Crescent Lake Unit, looking west.

Photo: Martha Jordan

Flying WILD Workshop

The PAS Education Committee will be facilitating a Flying WILD workshop on Saturday, October 23, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Ocean Research College Academy in Everett, Washington.



Participants will immerse themselves in hands-on/minds-on activities designed to teach people of all ages about bird conservation, adding to their educational toolbox to provide interdisciplinary, standards-based opportunities to engage others in understanding the importance of migratory birds and their conservation. Participants will receive the Flying WILD Curriculum Guide. In an effort to be flexible and safe in these times, we are creating a hybridized workshop to quickly move to an online presence should it be necessary. We will follow current state, county, and PAS safety guidelines.

Cost for the workshop is \$25.00. This fee covers the Curriculum Guides and will be covered for PAS members for a commitment of participating (co-facilitating) two PAS educational events in the next year. Registration will open on **Saturday, October 9**, until filled (24 participants).

To register, please email Teddie Mower, PAS Educational Chair, at education@pilchuckaudubon.org with your name, preferred contact information, interest in joining the PAS Education Committee, teaching experience (no experience is necessary; we just would like to know for planning purposes), and if you would like to make a commitment to working two events for a fee waiver. ✍

Donate Your Unused Binoculars

Do you have old or unused binoculars lying around and collecting dust? Would you love to see them get a second life and help inspire another birder's journey into the wonderful world of birds? Then please consider donating them to our Chapter!

We would love to have extra pairs of binoculars for field trips and to use in our educational and outreach programs. Please contact Brian at director@pilchuckaudubon.org if you have a pair you'd like to donate.



Snohomish County 2020 Tree Canopy Report

Having good tree canopies is one of many natural solutions to counter adverse impacts of climate change. Having a baseline study to know where and what the level of tree canopy is in Snohomish County is very important, and here is such a study.

[Snohomish County 2020 Tree Canopy Report](#)

BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

TRIP CALENDAR



Check our website, <https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/upcoming-trips>, for the latest information.

Tuesday, October 5 **Spencer Island**

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at gravel parking lot at Everett Sewage Lagoons. From NB I-5, take Exit 195 to East Marine View Dr to SR 529, Ross Rd and Smith Island Rd past Langus Riverfront Park and around curve to lot. From SB I-5, take Exit 198 to SR 529, then exit for Langus Riverfront Park along frontage road to Ross Rd and Smith Island Rd. We will have an easygoing tour of local birding sites, including Spencer Island, Everett Sewage Lagoons, Ebey Waterfront Trail, and perhaps Tulalip Bay, keeping our eyes out for arriving waterfowl and migrating songbirds. Pack a lunch. Wear suitable footwear if there are wet conditions. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Tuesday, October 12 **Point No Point**

Meet at 7:10 a.m. at Edmonds Wade James Theater parking lot. The theater's address is 950 Main St., Edmonds, 98020, just east of 9th Ave, on the south side of Main St. We'll take the ferry to Kingston. Always one of our favorite trips, as we watch offshore activity at Point No Point before heading to Buck Lake and Foulweather Bluff. Target birds include Bonaparte's Gulls, Jaegers, alcids, all three scoters, and more. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Tuesday, October 19 **Clear Lake/Samish Flats**

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Quilceda Village Walmart parking lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). Winter birds should be arriving at the fields north of Burlington and the lakes of the Clear Lake area. In the afternoon, we will head to the Samish Flats to look for raptors and waterfowl. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Tuesday, October 26 **Deception Pass**

Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Quilceda Village Walmart parking lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). The scenic Deception Pass area is our main destination, where we will look for loons, oystercatchers, Harlequin Duck, and other waterfowl. However, our itinerary surely will include other popular birding areas around north Whidbey Island. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Sunday, November 7

Renton-Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

Meet at Lowe's Home Improvement, 1000 Garden Av. N. in Renton due to the possibility of limited parking. It is about three blocks from the park entrance. Exit I-405 at the Southport Dr./Sunset Bl. Turn west downhill. Take a left at the light Garden Av. Park on the west alongside Garden. Av. Bring fowl weather gear, sturdy walking boots, water, snacks for yourself. Also bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Optionally, we might reconvene afterward for a little socializing over lunch at nearby café. Please submit the [liability waiver/COVID acknowledgment](#) to director@pilchuckaudubon.org. I will have blank forms if necessary. No dogs. Open to all who are vaccinated. Trip Leader: Jonathan Blubaugh, 425.244.7633, aracfi@msn.com. 🍃

Field Trips Resuming, with Restrictions

It has been well over a year since we have had any birding field trips, but, given the vaccine roll-out, these past several months and reopening status of the state, we are excited to announce that we resumed field trips again in September. However, because the pandemic is not over, we will have additional guidance and restrictions for field trip participation.

For those who are unvaccinated for COVID-19, we will not be able to accommodate your attendance on field trips at this time.

For those who are vaccinated:

- Masks are not needed while outdoors.
- Carpooling with individuals from outside of your house is allowed, but masks should be worn while in the vehicle.
- Maintaining 6 feet of distance between participants is highly encouraged.
- Sharing equipment is discouraged.

[Please read the full guidelines for participating in field trips here.](#) You will be required to sign an annual [liability waiver](#) and acknowledge that you agree to abide by the COVID guidelines before participating in a field trip.

Thank you all for your patience and support these past 18 months! If you have any questions regarding field trips or the current guidelines, please contact Brian Zinke at director@pilchuckaudubon.org. 🍃

June 26, 2021 to July 25, 2021

August was a very busy month for birds. I actually purchased 120 pounds of sunflower seeds because the feeders were constantly being emptied. I finally figured out why. The Steller's Jays were swinging on 2 of the feeders and the seeds fell on the ground. I took those feeders down and now things are back to normal.

Carole and Larry Beason's total species count of 40 from their home at Lake Bosworth included an American Goldfinch, 12 American Robin, 4 Anna's Hummingbird, a Bald Eagle over the lake, 12+ Barn Swallow, a Belted Kingfisher, 3 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Common Raven flying over the road, 5 Dark-eyed Junco, a Great Blue Heron on the deck, 3 Mallard Duck on the lake, 3 Northern Flicker, an Osprey flying over the lake, a Pileated Woodpecker in the cherry tree, 24+ Purple Finch, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-tailed Hawk, 24+ Red-winged Blackbird, 3 Rufous Hummingbird, 5 Song Sparrow, 2 Western Tanager, and a Turkey Vulture.

Reporting from Edmonds, Sarah and Paul Bueren listed 3 Anna's Hummingbird, 11 Band-tailed Pigeon, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 4 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 House Finch, 4 Northern Flicker, 2 Black-headed Grosbeak, a Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 15 American Robin, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Olive-sided Flycatcher, 7 American Crow, 2 Dark-eyed Junco, 1 Western Tanager, an American Goldfinch, and 9 California Quail (3 adults and 6 juveniles), for a total species count of 21.



California Quail | Photo credit: feederwatch

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo included 17 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Rufous Hummingbird, a Downy Woodpecker, 3 Northern Flicker, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Steller's Jay, 50+ American Crow flying over, a Common Raven flying over and calling, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 5 European Starling, a juvenile White-crowned Sparrow, 3 Dark-eyed Junco, and 2 American Goldfinch, for a total species count of 19.

Reporting from Everett, Kriss Erickson listed 15 Black-capped Chickadee, 7 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 Bewick's Wren, 6 Steller's Jay, 12 American Crow, 15 Western Gull, 12 American Robin, 8 House Finch, 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 3 Northern

Flicker, 5 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Broad-tailed Hummingbird, 8 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Varied Thrush, 2 Common Redpoll, and 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, for a total species count of 20.

Mary Sinker's report from Stanwood included 23 American Goldfinch, 32 American Robin, 11 Anna's Hummingbird, 12 Band-tailed Pigeon, 3 Bewick's Wren, 11 Black-capped Chickadee, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 6 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Cooper's Hawk, 22 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Eurasian Collared Dove, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 5 House Finch, a Killdeer in the pasture, 21 Mourning Dove, 5 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Red-tailed Hawk, 3 Rufous Hummingbird, 3 Song Sparrow, 11 Spotted Towhee, 6 White-crowned Sparrow, 8 Steller's Jay, 5 Swainson's Thrush, 2 Willow Flycatcher, and 2 Pacific Wren, for a total species count of 40.

Reporting from Everett, Maureen Schmitz listed 3 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 4 American Robin, 10+ Band-tailed Pigeon flying over, 2 Steller's Jay, 10 House Finch, 15 Bushtit, 3 Black-headed Grosbeak, 3 American Goldfinch, 2 Spotted Towhee, a Hairy Woodpecker, a Pileated Woodpecker, and 2 Dark-eyed Junco, for a total species count of 19.

Walter Zandi's total species count of 22 from his home in Monroe included a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Steller's Jay, 5 American Robin, 2 Rufous Hummingbird, 17 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, a Spotted Towhee, a Song Sparrow, 2 Mourning Dove, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 5 Black-headed Grosbeak, and 6 American Goldfinch.

My report from the hills above Marysville included 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 4 American Goldfinch, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 20+ Canada Goose in the fields, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 21 House Finch, 2 Dark-eyed Junco, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 5 Northern Flicker, 2 Red-tailed Hawk, 6 Spotted Towhee, 5 Steller's Jay, 5 Mourning Dove, 15 Tree Swallow, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Western Tanager, a Hutton's Vireo, a White-crowned Sparrow, 10 Violet-green Swallow, and a Yellow Warbler, for a total species count of 27.

If you are interested in participating in our Backyard Bird Count, please email me at pricemara1@gmail.com or call my cell phone at 425-750-8125. 🦋

On the legislative front, both state and federal, bills and issues of strong interest to Audubon are “there,” somewhere in the fog of very necessary backroom wheeling and dealing. For the most part, we can be hopeful as to the outcomes.

State

At the state level, this being a year without state elections, the staffs of state agencies, the governor's office, and legislative committee staff are busy with carryover work from the 2021 session (long session). Most of the budget stuff was passed and has been implemented. Some parts of some budgets await information, before spending, as to how “good” or “bad” revenues have been or are projected to be. Some money, while authorized to be spent, has a lock on that spending until next year. That is so with some climate-change-related work in way of new regulations.

Legislation drafting is ongoing with work meetings by some legislative committees coming up in November and December. There will be a remote via Zoom Audubon Lobby Day in December. Mention of same was in September's PROFILE. Details for your personal participation will be in the November PROFILE.

Federal

At the federal level, a great deal is happening at this writing, on the eve of a possible federal government shutdown over the bipartisan budget reconciliation and the Infrastructure Package. Bills of longstanding interest to Audubon are there collecting a bit of dust but many have bipartisan support for passage once the money and authorizing stuff is settled in some fashion. There is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which the Biden Administration has restored to some degree through executive orders, canceling the Trump Administration's destructive executive orders.

The Climate Solutions Act is still good news. Sustaining America's Fisheries Act has new language requiring and rewarding consideration of climate change to benefit America's fishing stocks in all of our continental oceans. This is a reauthorizing of the more familiar Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation Act.

And there is the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, with special focus upon a full-range of critters threatened/ endangered. What has long been absent is money to acquire for restoration lost habitats. Money also for state fish and wildlife agencies desperately needing expert staff and administration.

In the mix of the infrastructure and reconciliation bills is new money toward Puget Sound recovery and sagebrush-

steppe recovery for the burned-over lands in eastern Washington.

Once the logjams are removed to relaunch the applicable committee hearings and votes in the Congress, National Audubon will send a welcome flood of alerts to us, urging us to contact our congresspersons to support the bills and budgets. Yes, it may be the umpteenth time we will have done so, but congresspersons who already are supportive welcome hearing from us again and again, to offset the flood of letters and emails from our fellow citizens opposing the truths of climate change and who don't believe birds and other wildlife are headed for extinction! Fortunately for Washingtonians, most of our congresspersons know the truth and act upon it. Bipartisan support is best, so we must continue working with all members of our congressional delegation.



Allen Gibbs

New faces at Seward Park – Audubon Washington Staff

Two new folks have just joined our very much overworked state office staff.

Cluny Madison, Engagement Director, brings more energy to fuel our conservation programs and chapter network. She has most recently served as Executive Director for the Environmental Coalition of South Seattle. Prior to that, she worked for The Nature Conservancy in Florida and Washington, and has been interim Executive Director for Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center in Redmond. She has specialized in nonprofit administration, communications, fundraising, and program development.

Scott Andrews is in a new position for Audubon Washington, Senior Program Manager–Puget Sound. He is definitely no stranger to our part of Washington State. For the past 19 years, he has worked for the Swinomish Tribe as Environmental Compliance Manager. That covers a long list of tasks: air quality, hazardous waste and oil spill responses, shoreline management climate change, environmental regulation, and permitting. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is headquartered at LaConner. It is well known and respected for its defense of a quality environment and for its excellent leadership. Scott has worked previously as Director of the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club, attending to various states' agencies and legislatures.

Thanks to the new expertise and leadership at the state office, in ways supportive to the chapters, I look forward to welcoming them in person to our board and someday to our membership at a monthly program at the Everett Firefighters Hall. 🦋

Pilchuck Audubon Society Endorses Environmental and Climate Change Reporting Fund

By Brenda Mann Harrison

Reliable and independently gathered information about the environment and climate can help us all make decisions and take action for the benefit of our natural world and our community. That's why *The Daily Herald* established the Environmental and Climate Change Reporting Fund.

This fund accepts tax-deductible donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations to support expanded reporting on the local impacts of climate change.

Pilchuck Audubon's Executive Director Brian Zinke and Board President Allen Gibbs participate on a grass-roots committee that worked with the Herald's executive editor and publisher to establish the fund.

Last fall, PAS officially endorsed the Environmental and Climate Change Reporting Fund. Now, we encourage you to take action: Please consider [making a donation](#) and sharing [information about the fund](#) with others.

The Daily Herald has partnered with Journalism Funding Partners, a 501(c)(3) organization that ensures community-contributed money is used as intended. The fund currently covers the expenditures for freelance environmental and climate reporting.

Our community is seeing immediate impact from their generosity through these published stories, which often top the most-read list on *The Daily Herald*. The goal is to grow the fund to eventually raise enough to sustain the annual salary for a full-time environmental and climate change reporter.

Check out some of the [environmental coverage in the Herald](#).

If you have questions about the fund, please contact [Brenda Mann Harrison](#), Journalism Development Director at *The Daily Herald*, at brenda.harrison@heraldnet.com. ✍

Remembering Trice Booth

From the Audubon Washington August 2021 Newsletter

This summer, Beatrice Booth, known to her friends and family as Trice, died after a lifetime committed to the biological sciences and promoting environmental education.

Trice was an avid naturalist and accomplished scientist, crediting an Audubon Society summer camp in Maine with inspiring



her to pursue science and conservation. She earned a BA from Radcliffe College in 1960 and a MAT from Harvard in 1964. She earned MS and worked on the research staff of the University of Washington where she became a senior oceanographer, co-authoring 25 papers and identifying a new order of phytoplankton. After retiring from the University, she led

the Audubon Washington board and was foundational in creating the Seward Park Audubon Center in Seattle.

For over two decades, Trice and her husband Bill Booth have been significant supporters of the program, building, and staff of the Seward Park Audubon Center. They funded scholarships, internships, and programming and allowed Seward Park Audubon Center to serve over 200,000 children and adults in exploration and appreciation for the natural world. Trice and Bill were also significant contributors to the Dungeness River Nature Center in Sequim, WA.

Trice will be missed by many friends and family members. However, her legacy will live on through all those she touched and inspired through the years. She is survived by her husband Bill Booth, three children, five grandchildren, and three siblings.

In addition to all Trice accomplished during her life, she also left a gift to the National Audubon Society in her estate plans. The family asks that memorials be made to the National Audubon Society or the University of Washington College of the Environment, Department of Oceanography. ✍



Trice Booth at the Seward Park Audubon Center Lab.

Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants—Apply Now!

PAS is starting its 15th year of supporting conservation projects in Snohomish County elementary school classrooms with the Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants. If you are an elementary school teacher in Snohomish County, please apply! If you know an elementary school teacher in Snohomish County, encourage him/her to apply!

We will be giving out multiple grants of up to \$500 for conservation- and science-related learning activities and/or materials that enhance and enrich a classroom program.

For an application and more information about the grants, please visit the [Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants webpage](#) on our website under the Education tab. Applications must be received by November 1, 2021. 🦋

2021 Christmas Bird Count



Save the Date

Edmonds / South County CBC
December 18, 2021

Everett / Marysville CBC
December 26, 2021



Bird Walk at Magnuson Park, September 26, 2021

By Douglas Resnick

Eight birders met at the Frog Pond Park and Ride in Magnuson Park, Seattle. The air was cool, and there were occasional breezes, but the threatening clouds delivered only a few drops of rain throughout the morning. We exited the parking lot where a trail began at the northeast corner.

There is an arc of ponds to the north of the parking lot. We visited several of these during the first part of our walk. We did not see many of the birds usually associated with water along this segment, the exception being a Belted Kingfisher. This may have been due in part to the lack of water in some, though not all, of the ponds. We did see and hear quite a few woodland birds, though, including Varied Thrush, House Finch, American Goldfinch, and Dark-eyed Junco.

Next, we crossed the road, in order to hike up to the promontory. From there, we walked to a dell, through which the trail looped, then back to the edge of the promontory. We saw many signs along this segment that identified neighboring plants; so, we spent time observing and discussing trees and bushes, as well as birds. Some of the birds we saw here were Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Golden-Crowned Kinglet, and Cooper's Hawk.

We continued along this trail as it led past a nicely muralled utility building, with larger than life-sized pictures of birds and amphibians, to the shore of Lake Washington. Most of the humans that we saw, as well as the American Crows, were in this part of the park. On and in the vicinity of the diving platform we observed Mallards, Horned Grebes, Glaucous-winged Gulls, and Ring-billed Gulls.

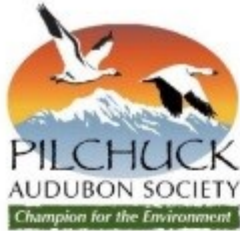
After a brief break at the restrooms, we walked back along the paved trail, until we reached the dirt trail returning us to the ponds. In the first pond, we found two Wood Ducks in eclipse plumage, as well as a Pied-billed Grebe. We followed this trail all the way back to the parking lot, observing such birds as a Yellow-rumped Warbler, and ending with the raucous entrance of a Steller's Jay into the lot itself.



Yellow-rumped Warbler | allaboutbirds.org

We ended our birding just before noon, having reported 29 species in eBird and having walked 3 miles. We then adjourned to Burgermaster in University Village, in order to share a repast. 🦋

ONLINE, FREE EVENT



SWIFTS NIGHT IN

October 29, 2021
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via Zoom

with **TRIVIA**



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In Case You Missed It ...

We certainly miss seeing everyone in person. However, one of the benefits of online programs is that we can record them. We know you all have busy lives and can't always make the live presentations, so in case you missed one, below are the links to watch our line-up of recent programs. Enjoy!

A Dead Tree's Excellent Adventure

Presentation by Ken Bevis
Washington Dept. of Natural Resources

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Presentation by Kim Adelson

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Presentation by Dr. Julia Parrish

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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.

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