

Audubon’s Namesake

The National Audubon Society (NAS) began a review of this matter last year which is currently ongoing. In October 2021, NAS provided this statement:

"There is no denying that John James Audubon was a racist and yet today is a globally recognized name synonymous with birds. We are starting a 12-18 month process to think through what John James Audubon’s legacy means to the future of the organization. But, our EDIB work must include far more than consideration of a name. At the same time, we are rebuilding the organization’s workplace culture from the ground up to address racist and misogynistic systems that impact the daily experience of our staff. This work will take time because being inclusive in processes takes time. We’re working to create an inclusive organization from the inside out built for the 2020s and beyond."

Pilchuck Audubon’s Board of Directors will be discussing this important topic in the Fall. In the meantime, our chapter will continue to work on our ongoing equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts. Since 2021, we have been one of several chapters working with NAS to review, develop, and implement new EDI programs and activities. ✍



Registration is Now Open!

The 18th Annual Puget Sound Bird Fest in Edmonds returns September 10-11 with a full line-up of speakers, guided walks, exhibits, and activities for kids.

This year’s keynote speaker is swan biologist and PAS Board member Martha Jordan, who will kick off the Fest with her presentation, “Washington’s Swans and Snow Geese: Connections to Land Use, Agriculture, and Dairy Farms.”

Additional speakers will include:

- Roniq Bartanen – Mindful Birding
- Daphne Legg – Building a Backyard Refuge
- Connie Sidles – Montlake Fill, an Oasis of Nature in the Heart of a Concrete Desert

Other activities include birding trips, photography contest, exhibit hall, and bird cruise!

For more information and to register, please visit:

www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com.

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No Program Meeting in August

**September Program Meeting will be
at Puget Sound Bird Fest**

September 10

2022 PSBF Poster Art Contest Winner: Janis Howes

Artist's Statement

My visits to the Skagit Valley over the past several years inspired me to create a painting of the birds I have observed there and the beautiful surrounding farmland area where so many bird species can be found. In particular, the Trumpeter Swans really captured my curiosity. The way they run along the surface of a pond, honking as they take flight, looking so graceful and serene flying above the farmlands, while other swans looked rather quirky and comical as they splayed their feet coming in for a landing or foraged in the mud with their beaks searching for food.

Each year I look forward to visiting the Skagit Valley, and I am always pleasantly surprised to see so many different birds in abundance each time I visit. I am thrilled to have my painting, Trumpeter Swans of Skagit Valley Farmlands, chosen for the Puget Sound Bird Fest poster this year.



Artist's Bio

Janis Howes has worked in the graphic arts for the past 30 years as a graphic designer and illustrator. In 2016, she earned a certificate in Natural Science Illustration from the University of Washington. Some of the places she has shown her work around the Pacific Northwest are Schack Art Center, Everett; Gallery North, Edmonds; Shoreline Arts Festival; Edmonds Arts Festival; the Burke Museum, University of Washington; Phyllis Lamphere Gallery at the Washington State Convention Center.

Lately, Janis has been focusing on birds, botanical subjects, and other wildlife, using colored pencil, graphite, watercolor, gouache, and pen and ink. She has a detailed and realistic style that captures the light, colors, and natural symmetry of her subjects. Janis is continually inspired by the beauty she finds in the natural world and intrigued by the science behind every subject she illustrates. Janis is a member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, Northwest (GNSINW). 🦋

Swifts Night Out in Monroe Returns August 20!

Celebrate the magnificent migration of Monroe's official bird, the Vaux's Swift



MONROE, WA • FREE EVENT

SWIFTS NIGHT OUT

August 20, 2022

4pm till dusk

Celebrate the Vaux's Swift migration and watch hundreds of birds come to roost in the chimney at the Wagner Center!



639 West Main Street, Monroe, WA

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we're excited to be hosting the annual Swifts Night Out event in Monroe in person again on August 20. From 4:00 p.m. until dusk, nature lovers, community groups, families, and anyone with an interest in the spectacular can enjoy an evening on the lawn to watch the Vaux's Swifts descend into their evening chimney roost at the school. While waiting for the swifts to appear around sunset, there will be children's activities, vendor booths, and a presentation available in the Wagner Center Auditorium.

Vaux's Swifts roost in hollowed out old-growth trees; however, with fewer old-growth trees available, they have taken to roosting in man-made chimneys. In 2007, Pilchuck, Seattle, and Eastside Audubon chapters worked together to save the old brick chimney at Frank Wagner Elementary School from demolition. The chimney is a critical migratory stopover for the swifts, hosting more than 20,000 swifts on its busiest nights. As a result, the chimney is designated as a globally [Important Bird Area](#) and the Vaux's Swift is the [official bird of Monroe](#).

Join us for this community celebration of one of nature's most breathtaking migrations!

Thank you to our event supporters!



Fishing Lead Free

by Martha Jordan

Over the decades we have learned that lead fishing weights of smaller size are killing aquatic birds including loons, swans, ducks, geese, pelicans, raptors, and more. There is now a significant amount of literature available online where you can read more about this important issue. Below are some of the best places to start.

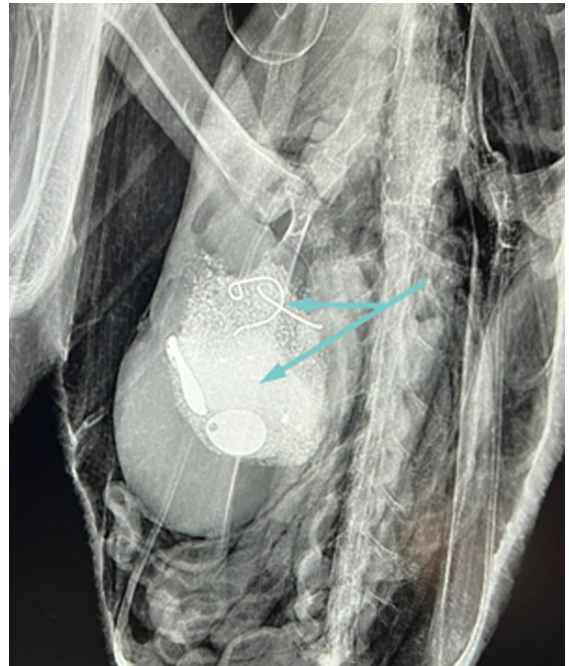
Lead fishing sinkers are not only toxic to wildlife; they are also toxic to you and your children. How many of you have been fishing and handled split shot or other lead weights that you tie onto your line? When you handle the lead, it gets on your hands. And if you put a lead split shot on your line, and then you put it in your mouth and bit down to secure it to the line, some of that lead got on your teeth and then you swallowed it. Hmmm. People get lead poisoning, too.



X-ray of loon with fishing lead | Pokras

In addition, people lose fishing gear all the time from dropping in the water, fish getting away, line gets caught, and more. As a result, the lead does break down over time and enters the soil layer or water column. This can create a toxic place with aquatic plants or for invertebrates that live in the area. They, too, can become victims of lead poisoning, just unseen by us.

PLEASE SWITCH to non-lead fishing sinkers: less than an inch to an inch and a half and less than an ounce (these are the common sizes that kill loons, swans, etc.).



[Resources to check out to learn more about Fishing Lead Free](#)

SPORTING LEAD FREE is an organization dedicated to education and helping you switch to non-lead fishing weights and hunting ammunition. Check out their website, and learn more about how you can enjoy fishing lead free. <https://sportingleadfree.org/hook>

In Washington: WDFW has known about this problem for many decades. In 2006, WDFW released a document "Fish and Wildlife Issues Related to the Use of Lead Fishing Gear" (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/00037/wdfw00037.pdf>). But it was not until 2011 that they banned lead sinkers and lead jigs that measure 1 1/2 inch or less along the longest axis and then only at 12 lakes in the state where loons breed and rear their young. The regulations apply to the following waters: Ferry Lake, Swan Lake, Pierre Lake, Big Meadow Lake, Yocum Lake, South Skookum Lake, Lost Lake, Blue Lake, Bonaparte Lake, Calligan Lake, Hancock Lake, Lake Hozomeen, and Long Lake.

If you would like to talk about the issue, please feel free to contact me at martha@nswans.org.

Enjoy your summer. Help save birds: Fish Lead Free. 🌿

Dear Reader:

I live near the Snohomish River. More than 10 years ago, I began a daily habit to pick up litter along my river. I began to notice lost fishing weights in the shallow water. These range in size from tiny, spherical, "split-shot" weights that crimp onto the angler's line to disk and pyramidal weights of 1 to 10 oz. each. All of these are made from lead. The more I looked, the more I found. Soon, I was sporting a face mask and diving. From just one eighth of a mile, on only one side of the river, I have removed more than 3000 lbs. of lead. This should shock you. We are throwing tons of lead every year into what is left of what is wild—our rivers and lakes—and we are doing it in every state in the US. Today, fishing weights are the largest source of lead entering into the environment.

The dangers of lead to animals are well understood. Science tells us there is no "safe" level for human exposure. The toll on avian species is also well documented. The impact from fishing weights to waterbirds like loons, swans, geese, and ducks can be substantial in areas where freshwater fishing is done. The birds are attracted to the small size weights thinking they are grit, which helps grind food in their gizzards. One sinker is lethal to a bird.

Recently, I have partnered with an organization called *Green Snohomish* to further our goal of spreading the word about this danger. People confess to never having thought of this problem.

This allows a conversation about remedy. There are alternatives to lead—each with pros and cons. Lead has the advantage of being cheap, dense, easy to mold, and traditional. Options such as steel, ceramics, etc., have downsides. I encourage anglers to learn about the true costs of lead. Boy howdy!! It is seriously toxic. It does not biodegrade. We simply must stop casting this eternal poison into our rivers and lakes.

Educating anglers is a start. Using lead alternatives is a start. Eventually, the only viable solution is legislation that bans the use of lead in fishing (and hunting) to eliminate the risk to wildlife. If you fish and still use lead, consider stopping. If you know people who fish, ask the same of them. Most importantly, when legislation is proposed, stand ready to contact your representatives. Won't you help us?

Thanks,

Doug Ewing
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Found or Have Seen a Dead Bird? STOP Before You Pick It Up!

By Martha Jordan

You may have heard that Avian Influenza (AI) is widespread across the United States. This includes Washington state. Many birds of a wide variety of species—songbirds, waterbirds, raptors, waterfowl (ducks, geese, and a swan)—have tested positive for AI in our area of northwest Washington.

WDFW wants you to know what you can do if you encounter a dead bird or see one out on a body of water.

Report dead birds online—use this link:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/a384e90f69744f2e846135a9ce80027f>

Alternatively, people can email teammillcreek@dfw.wa.gov or call 360-902-2936.

And please, do NOT pick up any dead bird. Especially, do not transport it out of the area where it died. If you find a dead bird in your yard, wear disposable gloves to pick it up, put it in a plastic bag, and put it in the garbage. Do NOT bury it; another animal could dig it up and spread the Avian Influenza of the dead bird. And please do not save it in the freezer for a museum donation. Freezing does NOT kill the virus.

Thank you for your help in monitoring and reporting so biologists and Washington State Health can know better where this disease is spreading or active. 🦋



PAS Receives Check from Sno-Isle Food Co-op

PAS President Bill Derry, Treasurer Judy Hall, and Executive Director Brian Zinke were presented with a BIG check from the Sno-Isle Food Co-op this past month! Through their Register Roundup program, the Co-op makes donations to local nonprofits each month. PAS was selected as the recipient nonprofit for the month of June this year. We are incredibly grateful to the Co-op for selecting our organization and for all those who made the choice to round up on our behalf—thank you! 🦋

Upcoming Class

Glorious Gulls and Terns [online]

September 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Pricing: \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members

Instructor: Connie Sidles

When many people—including a lot of birders—see a gull fly by, they shrug and say, “Oh, there goes another gull.” They don’t see the glory of these silvery inhabitants of sea and shore. Gulls and terns are



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wondrous birds: smart survivors in a world much changed by humans, graceful flyers that fill our skies, and raucous communicators full of secrets. One of their most puzzling secrets is why are there so many different species, when they all seem to be doing the same thing? If you’re curious about the answer and want to tell one species apart from another, come with master birder Connie Sidles to explore this delightful avian family. You’ll never shrug them off again.



Forster's Tern

Class will be conducted over Zoom (and recorded, if you cannot make the live session)

Register for class at <https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/classes>

Trip Report: Bird Walks in Woodway and Edmonds, July 2, 2022

By Douglas Resnick

Five birders met in the morning in the parking lot beside Woodway's Town Hall. The temperature was slightly cool, and the sky was overcast.

We birded the neighboring Woodway Reserve along a route shaped roughly like an infinity sign, or a western loop and an eastern loop. After observing several species from our initial location in the parking lot, we walked just south of Town Hall, then entered the park proper via its western trailhead. Heading east, we eventually crossed Timber Lane, which divides the park into western and eastern parts. At this point, one of us received a call, then returned to the parking lot, in order to guide a latecomer to where the group was. In the meantime, the rest of the group walked the eastern loop. We all met up again near Timber Lane, then finished our visit by walking the northern part of the western loop. The area as a whole is heavily wooded. The birding observations that stood out, all by ear, were of flycatchers: Olive-sided, Willow, and Pacific-slope.

We then carpoled to the second site, which has limited parking; we wore masks, as per PAS guidelines. Deer Creek Park has a more complicated trail system than the Reserve, but it can be understood in simplified form as a main trail paralleling the creek plus two trails connecting to Krebs Meadow. A couple of us

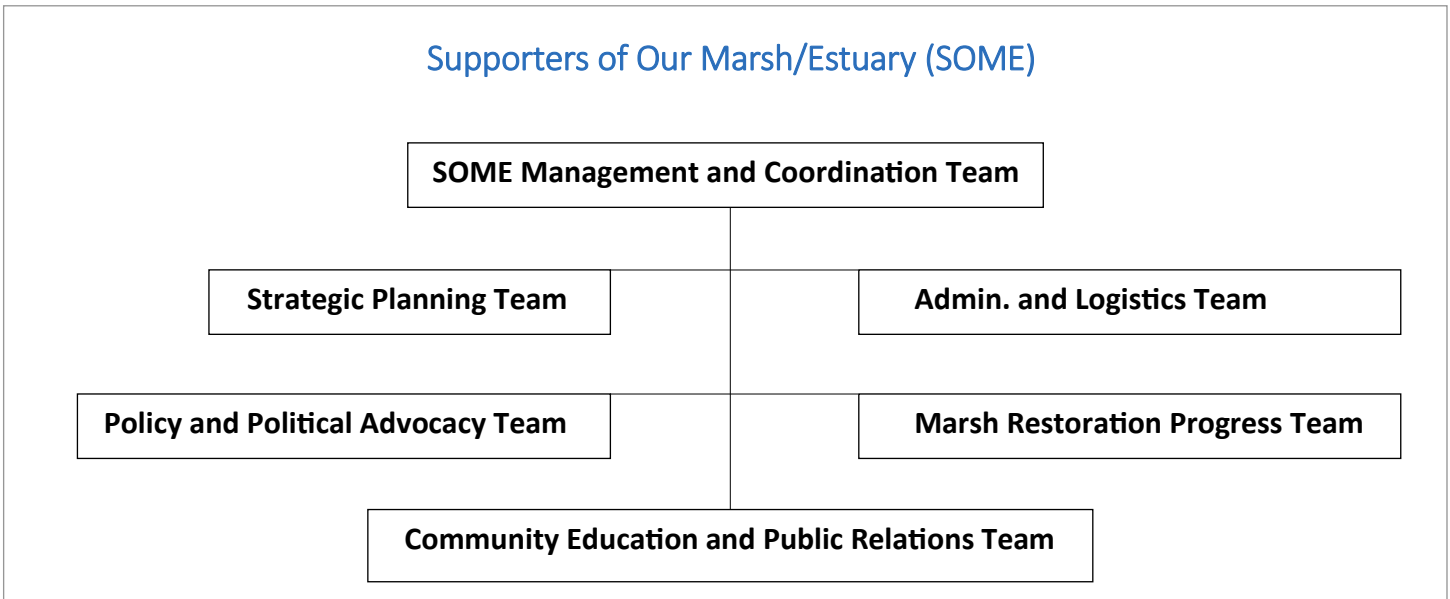
rested on a bench conveniently placed near the bottom of the return trail from the meadow, while the others climbed up and down. After the whole group returned to the parking area, we made a side trip by walking across, then back over the bridge over Deer Creek. The lower part of the park is wooded, while the meadow contains a large expanse of grass and some fruit trees. We saw two Anna's Hummingbirds and an American Goldfinch, and we heard two Purple Finches, a Western Wood-Pewee, and a Cooper's Hawk.

Our final site was Hickman Park in Edmonds. The route we followed first went westward through the undeveloped, northern part of the park, then southward along the park's western edge. We then made two side excursions, first to tiny, private Woodvale Community Park, which is publicly accessible, then to the cemetery situated alongside Hickman, Restlawn Memorial Park. The undeveloped area is woody, while the remaining areas are grassy with a few trees and shrubs mixed in. Our most notable observations were a Brown Creeper, two White-crowned Sparrows, and several Violet-green Swallows.

We ended the outing a little before noon with a combined species count of 29. Some of us then reconvened at the Blackbird Cafe for lunch. 🍴

Enjoy the great weather in our Northwest and get outside.

July has continued to be a busy month. I have had several meetings with Edmonds City Council members and volunteers working to restore the estuary for the Edmonds Marsh and Willow Creek. We are making progress and building a new group of advocates. We now have an organizational structure with multiple people working on each committee:



There are also several of us working on creating a new alliance of environmental groups focused on Edmonds-related issues. This will be a group focused on sharing information and communication. The idea is to identify one individual from each group to serve as a contact, and for that person to decide whether and when to pass on information to their respective organization. We will probably have a Facebook page similar to the Climate Alliance for Snohomish County. You should hear more about this in the next month or two.

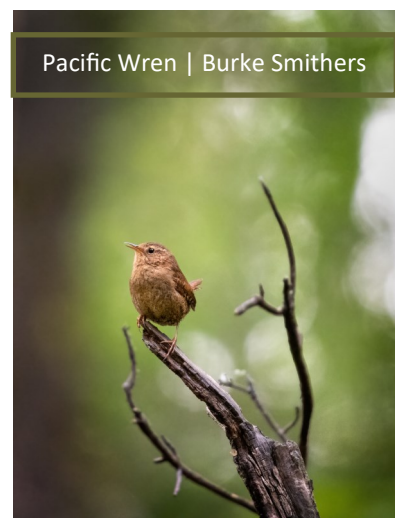
Meanwhile, Snohomish County and Burlington Northern are preparing to install the new railroad bridge at Meadowdale Beach Park in August, and excavation of the new estuary is continuing in the park east of the railroad. Exciting. The park is scheduled to reopen in October.

I also attended a Climate Alliance meeting in July. I met some great people including Doug Ewing (see article about lead in the Snohomish River, page 4) and learned some interesting things we can do in our local cities to address climate change while we wait for federal action. ✍

2022 Birdathon Photography Contest – See All of this Year’s Entries!

For the second consecutive year, we have set a new record for participation in the Birdathon Photography Contest, which means even more beautiful photos for you to look at! We have put together a slideshow showcasing all of this year’s spectacular entries, which you can watch at your leisure by clicking on the link below. We hope you enjoy all of the wonderful art captured by this year’s contestants!

[Watch the Photography Slideshow](#)



BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

TRIP CALENDAR



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

Saturday, August 6 Carkeek Park, Seattle

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick

425-776-4811 (landline) or dresnick1@comcast.net

This is a half-day trip. We'll spend the morning on the trails of Carkeek Park. This will be a challenging walk, with lots of hills to climb. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2022 Field Trip Liability Release](#) to director@pilchuckaudubon.org, please contact the trip leader in order to register for the trip.

Tuesday, August 16 South Whidbey Island

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:00 AM at Eastmont Park & Ride, I-5 exit 189, east side, aiming for the 8:00 AM ferry from Mukilteo. Sunset Beach, Deer Lagoon, and Crockett Lake should yield American White Pelicans and some early shorebird migrants. The rest of South Whidbey is great birding, too. Pack a lunch.

Tuesday, August 23 Blaine and Semiahmoo

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Quil Ceda Village Walmart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quil Ceda Blvd. (next to I-5). Shorebird migration should be gearing up, along with scoters, loons, and other waterfowl. Pack a lunch.

Tuesday, August 30 Anacortes

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Quil Ceda Village Walmart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Stops include Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve, Washington Park, and Rosario Beach. Alcids, loons, oystercatchers, and more. We also may check March Point for pelicans. Pack a lunch.

Saturday, September 3 Langus Riverfront and
8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Spencer Island in Everett

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick

425-776-4811 (landline) or dresnick1@comcast.net

This is a half-day trip. We'll walk from Langus Riverfront Park to Spencer Island Park and back, with some exploration of the island itself. This will be an easy walk, though long. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2022 Field Trip Liability Release](#) to director@pilchuckaudubon.org, please contact the trip leader in order to register for the trip. 🦋

SAVE THE DATE!

**Pilchuck Audubon's
Feast in the Forest
will return to Everett's Forest Park
the evening of
Thursday, October 6**

2022 Field Trip Waivers

If you plan on attending a field trip, please be prepared to sign a waiver when you show up, or send yours in electronically ahead of time to director@pilchuckaudubon.org. Even if you've recently signed a 2021 waiver, we'll need you to sign a new one for the current year.

As a reminder, our current guidelines are:

- 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 required 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 review the full [field trip guidelines here](#). You can [download your 2022 waiver here](#) to sign ahead of time.

Thank you for helping us keep our friends, families, and communities safe! 🦋

Conservation Report

by Allen Gibbs

During the summer, the legislative and policymaking business slows with Congress and the White House. It shuts down for August into early September, due to the launching of general election campaigns. Washington's primary is August 2. By the time we read this column, the results may be known from the primary election.

The Biden administration has been sending out news releases in recent weeks, announcing implementation of various federal funding acts from 2021 and a few signed this year. We have been reading commentaries which generally agree that most Biden Climate Change bills have stalled, losing priorities and enthusiasm. There is a limited amount of time to consider bills and to negotiate content and voting rules.

Some climate bills have support in the House but not enough in the Senate where the Ds are short of a solid majority and generally no R support.

But there are successes.

This just in (July 28) from *The New York Times*! It was learned on July 27 that Senator Chuck Schumer, Majority Leader, and Senator Joe Manchin (D-VA) have been secretly meeting to put aside the rift between them, "... to salvage a climate package that was a key piece of their party's agenda." No details. So, by the time this PROFILE is mailed to you, there may have been a "reset" in a climate change and tax deal, which could get enough senators' votes.

Reforestation

Implementing the Biden Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021, millions of dollars has been sent this year to the Forest Service for reforestation and climate adaptation. This includes planting millions of trees lost to wildfires since 2018 and subsequent floods, drought, disease, and pest infestations. And quite likely climate change effects. The reforestation work is being done through partnerships with states, local communities, tribes, ranchers, farmers, private landowners, and rural communities. Washington Public Lands Commissioner Hillary Franz has posted details about this good news with some details for WA state.

Wildlife Recovery

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act passed the House in June. This bill sends nearly \$27 million to help 268 species in Washington state. That includes funds to public agencies and tribes. Look for appeals to our US Senators, telling them we support their "pro-positions" favoring the House language.

Pebble Mine

There are some Audubon concerns beyond Snohomish County. Stopping the Pebble Mine proposal in Alaska near Bristol Bay is a huge collaborative effort among conservation groups. The public comment period has been extended by the Biden administration to September 6. It is nice to have a long time to get our opposition comments about the project to the administration on this matter. PAS board has co-signed letters in past years to both the Trump and the Biden administrations to not issue permits for the mine.

EPA Bad News

A reminder of bad news from the US Supreme Court is its ruling on *West Virginia v. the EPA*. It imposes new limits on the EPA's ability to regulate carbon pollution. Very knowledgeable attorneys, including those at the EPA, say this ruling goes against the Clean Air Act. To counter the court's decision, Congress and the White House will have to amend the Act. Such action requires years to accomplish.



Allen Gibbs

Sea Rise in Skagit County

From our state office comes word that Audubon Washington, with Skagit Audubon and Skagit County partners, are working to strengthen that county's Shoreline Master Plan. This planning should prepare for sea rise in that county. All of us whose chapters frequent the Skagit estuary have a definite interest in how that goes.

Inventory Old-Growth and Mature Federal Forests

I will close out with news from the Biden administration concerning federal old-growth and mature forests across the US, including states and territories. Not just about the huge moss- and lichen-covered forests of the PNW. Included are the hardwood forests of the eastern, central, and southern states.

Kathy Johnson and I attempted to attend a ZOOM meeting held by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management on July 21. I say "attempted" because the mechanics of the meeting failed at times over the 90-minute meeting (11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). An unusually large number of attendees strained the system. Fortunately, the meeting was recorded, so sometime soon we will be able view whatever parts we lost.

President Biden has ordered the two agencies to invite public comment on how to strengthen the nation's forests, communities, and local economies, and to make it publicly available. Also, to coordinate conservation and wildfire risk reduction activities and to identify threats to mature and old-growth forests; to develop policies to address threats; develop agency-specific reforestation goals to complete by 2030, develop climate-informed reforestation plans, and develop recommendations for community-led local and regional economic development opportunities. Whew!

I must point out that the Trump administration had directed the agencies not to provide this sort of public involvement and had restricted the work to be done by the two agencies.

The agencies are to accomplish this planning by April 2023! Wow!

Whew, again! I won't share details such as we heard or saw in the presentation by the two agencies. I don't write fast enough, and there was plenty of professional jargon and scientific language that I couldn't fully understand anyway. There were a lot of scientists from the two agencies giving the presentation. We hope to see and hear again the 90-minute presentation, which included Q&A time. 🍀

Bird counts went up this period as many birds returned to backyards.

We begin with Carole and Larry Beason's list of 38 bird species from Snohomish. They listed 3 American Goldfinch, 8 American Robin, 3 Anna's Hummingbird, a Bald Eagle over the lake, 5 Barn Swallow, a Kingfisher, a Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Brown-headed Cowbird, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 4 Brewer's Blackbird, 2 Band-tailed Pigeon, 31 Canada Goose on the lake, a Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 Cedar Waxwing, a Common Raven flying over, 5 Dark-eyed Junco, 3 Double-crested Cormorant, a Downy Woodpecker, 8 European Starling, 2 Evening Gros-beak, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, a Hooded Merganser, 2 Mallard Duck, 3 Mourning Dove, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Red-tailed Hawk flying over, 2 Red-breasted Sapsucker, 15 Red-winged Blackbird, 2 Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Song Sparrow, 3 Spotted Towhee, 3 Swainson's Thrush, a Turkey Vulture over the road, a Western Tanager, and a Winter Wren.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett included 15 Black-capped Chickadee, 9 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Bewick's Wren, 6 Steller's Jay, 34 Bushtit, 9 American Crow, 5 Western Gull, 12 American Robin, 9 House Finch, 4 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 5 Northern Flicker, 3 Song Sparrow, 6 Anna's Hummingbird, 24 European Starling, 8 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Varied Thrush, 2 Red-winged Blackbird, 5 Mallard Duck, and a Barred Owl, for a total species count of 21.

Reporting from Everett, Maureen Schmitz listed 4 Cedar Waxwing, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 American Crow in the yard and 8 flying around a Bald Eagle, 4 American Robin, a Red-winged Blackbird, 2 Steller's Jay, a Bewick's Wren, 2 Song Sparrow, 15 House Finch, 20 European Starling, a Spotted Towhee, 4 Dark-eyed Junco, a Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Band-tailed Pigeon, an Osprey flying over, a Northern Flicker, and a Great Blue Heron flying over, for a total species count of 20.

Mary Sinker's May report that was left out of last month's Birding Highlights included 6 American Goldfinch, 14 American Robin, 9 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bald Eagle, 35 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Bewick's Wren, 2 Barn Swallow, 11 Black-capped Chickadee, 10 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Brown Creeper, 7 Brown-headed Cowbird, 4 Bushtit, 10 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Cooper's Hawk, 4 Dark-eyed Junco, 5 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Eurasian Collard Dove, 27 European Starling, 11 Evening Grosbeak, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Great Horned Owl in the trees, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, 6 House Finch, a Killdeer in the pasture, 3 Kinglet species, 2 Mallard Duck at the creek, 15 Mourning Dove, 5 Northern Flicker, a Northern Pigmy Owl, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Pine Siskin, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-

breasted Sapsucker, a Red-tailed Hawk, 16 Red-winged Blackbird, 5 Rufous Hummingbird, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 10 Song Sparrow, 4 Spotted Towhee, 12 Steller's Jay, a Swainson's Thrush, 4 Tree Swallow, 2 Varied Thrush, 5 White-crowned Sparrow, 7 Wilson's Warbler, and 2 Pacific Wren, for total species count of 48.

Mary Sinker's June report listed American Crow, 9 American Goldfinch, 12 American Robin, 6 Anna's Hummingbird, a Bald Eagle, 35 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Barn Swallow, 2 Bewick's Wren, 13 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Black-headed Grosbeak, 10 Brown-headed Cowbird, 5 Bushtit, 2 Cedar Waxwing, 6 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Cooper's Hawk, 4 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Eurasian Collard Dove, 17 European Starling, 2 Evening Grosbeak, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, 6 House Finch 2 House Sparrow, 2 Hutton's Vireo at the creek, a Killdeer in the pasture, 3 Kinglet species, 2 Mallard Duck at the creek, 14 Mourning Dove, 5 Northern Flicker, 2 Olive-sided Flycatcher, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Pine Siskin, 3 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-breasted Sapsucker in the trees, a Red-tailed Hawk, 4 Red-winged Blackbird, 7 Rufous Hummingbird, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 5 Song Sparrow, 8 Spotted Towhee, 12 Steller's Jay, 4 Swainson's Thrush, 4 Tree Swallow, 2 Western Tanager, 3 White-crowned Sparrow, 2 Willow Flycatcher, 5 Wilson's Warbler, 4 Pacific Wren, and 2 Yellow Warbler, for a total species count of 50.

Reporting from Monroe Walter Zandi listed 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Steller's Jay, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 5 American Robin, 9 House Finch, 5 Dark-eyed Junco, 3 Northern Flicker, 2 Anna Hummingbird, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Spotted Towhee, a Song Sparrow, an American Crow, 6 Pine Siskin, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-breasted Sapsucker on a tree trunk sucking sap, 9 Black-headed Grosbeak, a Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Mourning Dove, 2 Band-tailed Pigeon, 4 Evening Grosbeak, and 2 Downy Woodpecker, for a total species count of 22.

My report from Marysville included 6 American Crow, an American Goldfinch, 4 American Robin, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 24 + Canada Goose flying over, 5 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Evening Grosbeak, 6 House Finch, 2 Purple Finch, 3 Northern Flicker, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, a Red-winged Blackbird, 2 Song Sparrow, 4 Steller's Jay, 2 Western Tanager, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Dark-eyed Junco, 3 Spotted Towhee, 60+ European Starling in the field, 2 Mourning Dove, 2 Bewick's Wren, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, and a White-crowned Sparrow, for a total species count of 25.

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. 📍

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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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