

## October Program Meeting

### Reconnecting a Floodplain to Benefit People, Wildlife, and Salmon – Snohomish River Floodplain Restoration at Bob Heirman Wildlife Park

Guest Speaker: Mike Rustay

The Thomas' Eddy reach of the Snohomish River is located approximately two miles downstream of the confluence of the Snoqualmie and Skykomish rivers and at the uppermost extent of tidal influence from Puget Sound. In the 1930's, 200 acres of floodplain was cut off from the river by the construction of an agricultural levee. When the site was threatened by development



in the 1970's, resident sportsman Bob Heirman and members of the Tulalip Tribes teamed up to protect the property, which was ultimately purchased by Snohomish County. The County's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been working with Park stakeholders to design a project that will restore floodplain connection to create habitat for salmon listed in the Endangered Species Act, while maintaining public access and improving conditions for birds and wildlife. Bob Heirman Park is a favorite of anglers, birders, and outdoor enthusiasts, and restoration planning at this site presents an opportunity to engage multiple interest groups and foster relationships between conservation-minded organizations. Mike Rustay will present details of the project plan and timeline, and describe steps

taken by the planning team to incorporate stakeholder ideas and concerns into the project design. Tune in to find out how you can stay informed and get involved!

Mike Rustay is a Senior Habitat Specialist with Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Surface Water Management Division. He is a stream and river ecologist who has worked toward monitoring,

protecting, and restoring aquatic habitats in the Puget Sound region since 2000. In addition to his work with Snohomish County, Mike co-founded Beavers Northwest, a non-profit organization that works with land-owners to keep beavers on the landscape and educate the public on the ecological benefits beavers provide.

**When:** October 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM

**Where:** Online

**Register for Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcuspjvHdwRQntcRhIVUrc93cCp8elr>

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# FEAST in the FOREST

Please join us for a special event in support of birds and wildlife. This year's Feast will include a catered dinner ([view menu](#)) and award-winning filmmakers Mike Rosen and Sharon Howard as our featured speakers for the evening.

**Thursday, October 6, 2022, 6:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Floral Hall in Forest Park, Everett**

Be sure to pre-register and reserve your tickets so we can plan on serving you!

[Reserve your Tickets](#)

*Experiencing Fin, Foot, and Feather Through the Eyes of Filmmakers*

Mike Rosen and Sharon Howard, award-winning filmmakers from Edmonds, traveled much of the world producing television programs to help viewers better understand and interact with their world. However, nature, especially animal nature, has provided them with exceptional experiences and exceptionally close calls.

Their presentation will feature some of their stories and a sample of their work. Natural Connections is an award-winning television program that explores how nature and humanity are intertwined and how our everyday decisions about the way we live impact biodiversity. Narrated by actor Peter Coyote, the program features a "who's who" of the scientific community including Dr. E. O. Wilson, Dr. Jack Longino, Dr. Robert Paine, Bob Fuerstenberg, and Dr. Jerry Franklin.



Rosen and Howard have been recognized with more than 200 highly competitive national and international awards, including the Peabody Award, multiple Emmys, Genesis, Telly, Houston, New York, International Wildlife Film Festival, and Iris awards. Their work often places higher in national and international competition than such icons as National Geographic, Disney, and Discovery.

Register at: <http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/feast-in-the-forest>

Tickets are \$75 per person

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## Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants—Apply Now

PAS is starting its 16th 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, 2022.



### Academia Latina visit to Lake Ballinger September 11, 2022 Trip Report By Jonathan Blubaugh

First of all, I must apologize. My published schedule was so full of errors as to be unusable. Thanks to Susan Toch for bringing it to my attention. The genesis of these ridiculous errors is that I copy and paste the previous document to create the new one. Forgive me. Compared to other recent Academia Latina outings, attendance was depressed, with about twenty in attendance. My fault.

The kids and parents who were there had a great time. That's all that counts. Some of the kids enjoyed wading in the swimming hole. I enjoyed the paddle boarders, wind surfers, kayaks, and kids in floaties. After the traditional picnic, we took a small group on a little nature walk along the shoreline. One of the ladies found a big crawdad in the lake at the shore, and we all spotted a fluffy little Pied-billed Grebe floating in the lily pads before it dove and disappeared, probably looking for that crayfish.

A young lady in 8<sup>th</sup> grade translated for me. She was wonderful. I was thrilled because there were so many questions from the students and their parents, far more than usual. I start out by asking simple, but open-ended questions such as, "Is the park important? Why? How can we protect the park? What kinds of things damage the park?"

They responded extremely well. It even motivated one parent to ask me directly about manifest climate change. He stated that he was not asking for himself, but rather for his children and grandchildren. Now, I give weekend birdwalks to provide consistent, impactful, meaningful, and welcoming experiences for our members and guests. I view embracing newcomers as probably my most important goal. However, I do carry deeply held ulterior motives. They are to carefully and inclusively indoctrinate guests into our shared vision of habitat protection and environmental stewardship. It is to show them that there are lots of us who share those ethics. Our united love of bird watching is the portal to getting like-minded people together. I leave the fundraising and membership drives to our colleagues. On this day, for the first time since giving weekend birdwalks, I was extremely gratified to be able to jump directly into the topics of greatest concern to our membership and guests.

Here's a list of most of the birds that we saw: the Pied-billed Grebe, a Green Heron, an Osprey, a Belted Kingfisher, heard a Northern Flicker, heard a Steller's Jay, eight American Crow, and heard a few American Goldfinch. 🌿

## Farewell, Jim

I met Jim a few weeks after moving to western WA in 2014. I started going on Tuesday birding trips and loved it. So I volunteered to be on the Pilchuck Education Committee with Jim. That lasted 3 years. We had the pleasure of designing the Spring Kids Bird Fest with the Everett Children's Museum. We worked closely with museum staff to design birding games and fun, appropriate activities for various age levels. It was a blast doing the planning and then staffing on the day of the Fest. Jim and I both have a background in teaching, which helped. Sadly, after 3 years, the funding ran out as so often happens. But Jim was a regular on Tuesdays and was the most helpful person in the group, especially with Art Wait and his scooters (loading and unloading from Art's car). I nicknamed him 'Gentleman Jim', which stuck very well! If he was there and someone asked for assistance, he was the first one to do it. He also had a corny sense of humor that I just loved! He was the best pun-er I have ever heard. His command of the English language was legendary and he made plays on words multiple times during each Tuesday. I would bust out with a belly laugh every time. He was as much fun as watching the birds! I miss him. So many places that we go to now have 'ghost memories' of Jim, which some of us quietly remember when there. He was such an integral part of our Pilchuck Club. I will never forget his humor and his helpfulness.

- Val Wade

When I first came to Pilchuck Audubon, Jim was one of the people I worked with most closely in his roles as the Membership Committee Chair and Education Committee Chair. From day one, his kindness and sense of humor permeated our interactions. As I got to know him, I most admired his passion for education and authenticity. While our paths crossed only for a short time, I consider myself privileged to have known Jim as a friend, and I am forever grateful for the time he spent with me—teaching, joking, caring.

- Brian Zinke

Jim Beneteau was a regular participant in the Tuesday birding group. He was a gentle, soft-spoken man with a propensity for puns.



He was my driver on the trips. As leader I always ride shotgun. There was a running joke about Jim, and that was his weak sense of direction. I had to watch the road to make sure he was on the correct road. He especially liked traffic circles. We took wrong turns at Granite Falls, North Bend, Whidbey Island, and Tulalip Bay. One time, he got lost by making a wrong turn, and we had to wait for him for what seemed like hours. I was not in his car that time.

Jim and I volunteered together at the Arlington Eagle Fest. We also conducted the Red-breasted Nuthatch Climate Survey twice a year. He and I drove around to figure out the ten stops on the different routes. He did the necessary paperwork, too.

Jim was a wonderful gentleman and well-liked by all who knew him. Even as he became ill with cancer, he kept coming on the field trips. He would complain to me about stomach pains but did not want to give up on one of his first loves—bird watching. We all will miss him.

- Virginia Clark



Kathy Johnson, Jay Ward, and Jim Beneteau at Jim Creek property in July 2014.

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## Tributes to Jim Beneteau, *continued from Page 4*

I thank my lucky stars that Jim joined Pilchuck Audubon while I was president. I couldn't have asked for a volunteer more willing than Jim. First, he was Chair of the Development Committee. Then he took over the Membership Committee and the complicated administration of the Pilchuck database (believe me when I say that National Audubon does not make that easy). He was there for Birdathon, for working on our property at Jim Creek, for installing Barn Owl nest boxes both at Spencer Island and near his property in Arlington, for driving on field trips, for Christmas Bird Counts, and for being a Board member for years. Jim made a huge difference in the life and success of Pilchuck Audubon. I was able to keep in contact with Jim even after I moved to Olympia and enjoyed his reports of special bird sightings. I will miss him very much.

- Kathleen Snyder

We, our community, and our universe all benefited from our association with Jim. I and his many other friends will especially miss his helpfulness and kindness, his wit and his charm.

- Reg Reisenbichler

In my constellation of loving, truly wonderful "birding friends," Jim was one of the special ones. He had an egoless, self-deprecating way about him that belied how much he did for all of us.

I'll miss all the volunteer hours—days really—he contributed to Pilchuck Audubon.

I'll miss his willingness to drive for our Virginia.

I'll miss his toughness in taking abuse for his driving skills from Virginia.

I'll miss his unique sense of direction, driving to Sequim by way of France.

I'll miss his horrible puns. I'll miss the good puns, too.

I'll miss his great hats.

I'll miss that he was a much more skilled birder than he let us think.

I'll miss his laugh.

I'll miss that, when entrusted with the cookies, he kept them safe, and usually unlocked.

I'll miss his moth-to-a-flame attraction to boulders in the road when behind the wheel.

But most of all, I'm really going to miss my friend.



- Rick Brauer



Jim Beneteau, Kathy Piland, Virginia Clark, and Kathleen Snyder  
Birdathon team 2015

Jim was kind, helpful, interesting, interested, humorous, and so much more. He made every occasion a delight with his presence. All of us are special; Jim was extra special. I miss him terribly!

- Judy Lowell

## Conservation Report

by Allen Gibbs

### Mountain Biking in Snohomish County

Executive Somers issued his proposed 2023 budget on September 28. The budget will be considered by the County Council.

From the *Everett Daily Herald* story by Jerry Cornfield on the September 28:

“And Somers wants to kick start discussion on development of a state-of-the-art mountain biking facility.

“We have heard the mountain biking community loud and clear, and we want to keep them riding in Snohomish County,” he said. “This will be a multi-year project, since we have to identify a location and then it must be built, but we are committed to filling this need.”

This comes after Somers and county parks folk, working with the Pilchuck Audubon Society and Friends of Lord Hill, discussed revising the management plan for Lord Hill Regional Park. The county said at the time it would strongly consider looking for a special location to have a mountain biking park. Now to see if the County Council adopts Somers’ budget proposal.

### Bad News about another US Supreme Court Decision!

If you received the same email I received recently from our Public Lands Commissioner, Hillary Franz, then you know the US Supreme Court in its declining wisdom last June “stripped the Environmental Protection Agency of its authority to regulate power-plant emissions and threatens its ability to take any decisive action aimed at avoiding irreparable damage to our planet.” There is some good news.

Fortunately for Washington State, “groundbreaking strategies to limit pollutants and restore our endangered wildlife” are in place by Washington State laws. But, further action at the state level is needed.

There have been discussions this summer by our environmental agencies, in company with Washington State legislative leaders and the governor’s office, to see what further steps are now needed. Some legislators and interest groups have been meeting recently, and more meetings are planned in coming months, to consider legislative actions for the session, which begins in January.

I expect that we will hear from our environmental partners and Audubon leaders by December about what is

being proposed. Now is a good time to sign up to receive alerts, which will contain form letters and talking points to use in outreach to our legislators.

Learn below how to contact our legislators and congresspersons.



Allen Gibbs

### Audubon Action Network

You as Audubon members and friends of Pilchuck Audubon Society can advocate for PNW regional and national protection of birds and other wildlife and their habitats. You can do this by responding to “Action Alerts” from Washington Audubon and National Audubon Society.

Enroll in Audubon Washington’s Action Network at <https://act.audubon.org/onlineactions/JGKjknsVTUKMSr4BoP2Nvw2> (fill in the blanks with your name and address).

The National Audubon website has abundant information on Audubon’s numerous conservation campaigns. Sign up there to receive nationwide alerts to connect with your Members of the Congress, <https://wa.audubon.org/conservation/take-action-and-advocate-effectively>. 🦋

### 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](mailto: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! 🦋

# BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

## TRIP CALENDAR

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



### Saturday, October 1      Brightwater Center

8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick

425-776-4811 (landline) or [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net)

This is a half-day trip. We'll walk from Langus Riverfront. We'll walk along the trails of the Brightwater Center. This will be a moderately easy walk. Note that there will likely be some traffic noise at this site due to the proximity of Highway 9. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2022 Field Trip Liability Release](#) to [director@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:director@pilchuckaudubon.org), please contact the trip leader in order to register for the trip.

### Sunday, October 2      North Creek Park

9:00 AM

Trip Leaders: Rosamaria Graziani, Jonathan Blubaugh

425-244-7633 or [aracfi@msn.com](mailto:aracfi@msn.com)

Please join Academia Latina and Pilchuck Audubon Society at 9:00 AM, October 2, for a visit to North Creek Park in Mill Creek, 1011 183rd St SE, Bothell. 183rd Street is a dead end, so you should approach from the Bothell-Everett Highway, State Route 527. We will walk the boardwalk to find whatever critter we can. In the past, we have seen bald eagles, tame ducks, geese, a huge toad, and an adorable little weasel. Bring sturdy walking shoes, hat, water, rain jacket, and picnic lunch for your party. Also bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. No dogs. ADA.

### Tuesday, October 4      Silvana Roads

7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

Meet at 7:30 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). We will explore the Stillaguamish Valley roads between Silvana and Stanwood, looking for shorebirds, raptors, and arriving winter ducks and songbirds. A walk at Port Susan Bay Conservancy will be included. Pack a lunch.

### Tuesday, October 11      Mid-Whidbey Island

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). Our focus will be on loons, alcids, Harlequin Duck, oystercatchers, and other waterfowl at Sound-side sites from Rosario Beach to Swantown/Bos Lake and perhaps beyond. Pack a lunch.

### Tuesday, October 18      Fir Island

7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:30 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). We will see what recent changes at Wylie Slough have wrought as we check out the shorebirds and winter arrivals there and other hotspots in the Skagit Valley.

### Tuesday, October 25      Point-No-Point

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Edmonds Wade James Theater parking lot, 950 Main Street, Edmonds, 98020, just east of 9th Ave, on the south side of Main St. This popular autumn trip will include not only the "Point," but also the Doublebluff area and Buck Lake. Dress in layers. We will try to catch the 4:00 p.m. return ferry. Pack a lunch.

### Saturday, November 5      Twin Ponds & Llandover Woods

8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick

425-776-4811 (landline) or [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net)

This is a half-day trip. We'll visit Twin Ponds Park in Shoreline and Llandover Woods Greenspace in Seattle. This will be a moderately easy walk. Note that there will likely be some traffic noise at Twin Ponds, due to the proximity of I-5. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2022 Field Trip Liability Release](#) to [director@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:director@pilchuckaudubon.org), please contact the trip leader, in order to register for the trip. 🍃





## Trip Report: Bird Walk at Langus Riverfront and Spencer Island

By Douglas Resnick

September 3, 2022

Langus Riverfront Park is situated beside Snohomish River in Everett. From the park, the Langus Riverfront Trail runs south, parallel to the river, until it reaches Union Slough, at which point it turns north, running up to the bridge that leads to Spencer Island. The trails on the island have become somewhat overgrown, but each can be traversed at least partway.

On this cool and cloudy morning, eight of us met in the northernmost parking lot of Langus Riverfront Park. We walked south along the trail and found a variety of birds next to the water and overhead. On one lawn inside the park, American Robins were foraging. A large group of Eurasian Collared-Dove was roosting on nearby telephone wires. A flock of European Starling flew in the distance. Beside the water, we saw a Belted Kingfisher and two Osprey.

At one point, another birder arrived and contacted one of us by phone. By parking in a lot to the south of our starting point, he was soon able to catch up with us. As we continued, we came upon an American Kestrel and a Cooper's Hawk. As we proceeded northward, away from the river, we heard and saw woodland birds, such as Black-capped Chickadee and Steller's Jay. Numerous Barn Swallow flew above the trail and over the slough.

One of the birders had brought a spotting scope along, which came in handy for getting close-up views of the kestrel and the hawk. When we reached the head of the Spencer Island trails, he rested on a bench before returning by the most direct route, using the service road, to our starting point. The rest of the group walked partway up the northern trail, then the central trail—a short trail leading to a platform above a watery portion of the adjacent wetland, then the southern trail. When the rest of the group had

also walked to their hearts' content, we all walked back along the service road, continuing our eBird checklist until we reached the Spencer Island parking lot. That, by the way, is not the same as the parking lot where we started; we avoided that lot because car break-ins have been reported there.

Adjacent to the service road and the end of the riverfront trail, we observed a number of birds typical of wetlands: Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Wood Duck, Virginia Rail, and Marsh Wren. In total, we reported 32 species in the two, combined checklists. As a light drizzle began, we returned to our cars and finished our outing at a bit past noon. 🐦



### Stalking the Wild Sparrow

*Bird Photography of the Pacific Northwest*

#### City Gallery

in Kenmore City Hall, WA  
October 7 – November 30

Featuring Kristine Anderson, Soo Baus,  
Shamik Ghosh, and Kathy Wade

#### Meet the Artists!

October 14, 6:30-8:00pm

7pm – Artists' Chat and Q&A Session  
Light Refreshments Served



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There are two reports from Carole and Larry Beason. The combined reports from June to August show the highest numbers for each species: 4 American Crows, 2 American Goldfinch, 10 American Robin, 3 Anna's Hummingbirds, a Bald Eagle, 30 Barn Swallow, a Belted Kingfisher, 4 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Black-headed Grosbeak, 7 Brewer's Blackbird, a Band-tailed Pigeon, 36 Canada Goose on the lake, 2 Cedar Waxwing, a Common Loon and a Common Merganser on the lake, a Common Raven, 4 Northern Flicker, 5 Dark-eyed Junco, a Downy Woodpecker, a Hairy Woodpecker, 10 European Starling, 5 Mallard on the lake, 5 Mourning Dove, an Osprey over the lake, a Pied-billed Grebe on the lake, a Pileated Woodpecker at the suet, 14 Purple Finch, 2 Red-breasted-Nuthatch, 3 Song Sparrow, a Red-breasted Sapsucker on a Birch tree, 3 Rufous Hummingbird, 8 Steller's Jay, 24+ Red-winged Blackbird, 5 Violet-green Swallow, 3 Swainson's Thrush, 2 Western Tanager, a Wood Duck on the lake, and a Muscovy Duck, for a total species count of 38.

Sarah and Paul Bueren's report included a Great Horned Owl in the woods, 15 Canada Goose, 11 Band-tailed Pigeon, a Hairy Woodpecker, 4 Anna's Hummingbird, 3 Pileated Woodpecker, a Steller's Jay, 5 American Crow, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Bewick's Wren, 9 American Robin, 4 Cedar Waxwing, a Purple Finch, an American Goldfinch, 4 Dark-eyed Junco feeding young, 2 Song Sparrow, 2 Orange-crowned Warbler, a Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Spotted Towhee, 2 Purple Martin flying over, a Western Tanager, 1 Cooper's Hawk, and 3 Pine Siskin, for a total species count of 24.

Reporting from Mukilteo, Hilka Egtvedt listed 8 Band-tailed Pigeon, a Mourning Dove, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, a Downy Woodpecker, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Steller's Jay, 3 American Crow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 6 European Starling, 6 Black-headed Grosbeak, 3 Dark-eyed Junco, 5 Purple Finch, 4 House Finch, and a American Goldfinch, for a total species count of 18.

Kriss Erickson's species count from her home in Everett included 17 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Bewick's Wren, 6 Steller's Jay, 31 Bushtit, 12 American Crow, 9 Western Gull, 19 American Robin, 11 House

Finch, 4 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 7 Northern Flicker, 3 Song Sparrow, 6 Anna's Hummingbird, 19 European Starling, 12 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, an American Bald Eagle flying over, 3 Yellow Warbler, and a Peregrine Falcon flying over. Total species count: 20.

Maureen Schmitz's report from Everett included 4 Black-capped Chickadee, a Bewick's Wren, a Steller's Jay, 2 American Robin, 4 House Finch, a Bald Eagle flying over, 3 Band-tailed Pigeon in the birdbath and 15 flying over, a Northern Flicker, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 6 Bushtit, a Song Sparrow, and a Gull species flying over, for a total species count of 12.

Mary Sinker's report from Stanwood listed 15 American Goldfinch, 23 American Robin, 9 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bald Eagle in the yard, 2 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Barn Swallow, a Bewick's Wren, 10 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Brown Creeper, 4 Brown-headed Cowbird, 9 Bushtit, 2 Cedar Waxwing, 11 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Cooper's Hawk, 4 Dark-eyed Junco, 5 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Eurasian Collard Dove, 2 European Starling, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Great Horned Owl in the trees, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, 10 House Finch, 2 House Sparrow, 2 Killdeer in the pasture, 6 Kinglet sp., 17 Mourning Dove, 7 Northern Flicker, 2 Olive-sided Flycatcher, 2 Pacific Slope Flycatcher, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Pine Siskin, 5 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-breasted Sapsucker, 2 Red-tailed Hawk, 4 Red-winged Blackbird, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 6 Song Sparrow, 5 Spotted Towhee, 12 Steller's Jay, 4 Swainson's Thrush, 3 Tree Swallow, 2 Western Tanager, 4 Western Wood Peewee, 3 White-crowned Sparrow, 4 Willow Flycatcher, 5 Wilson's Warbler, 5 Pacific Wren, and a Yellow Warbler, for a total species count of 49.

My bird count from Marysville included 2 American Goldfinch, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 Northern Flicker, a Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Steller's Jay, 3 Spotted Towhee, 15 House Finch, 2 Western Tanager, 5 Black-headed Grosbeak, 200+ American Crow flying over, 2 Purple Finch, 2 Song Sparrow, 2 American Robin, a Red-tailed Hawk flying over, a White-crowned Sparrow, and 6 Kinglet sp., for a total species count of 20.

If you are interested in participating in our bird-counting team, please give me a call at (425) 750-8125 or email me at [pricemara1@gmail.com](mailto:pricemara1@gmail.com). 🐦

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## TRIP CALENDAR

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

**Birding Trips — See Page 7**



## 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!

### Meadowdale Beach Park Estuary Restoration Project (MBPERP)

[Watch the Recording](#)

### Nesting Success and Recruitment of Western and Clark's Grebes in Idaho

Presentation by Anne Yen

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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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