



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!

View the full line-up of activities on the Pilchuck Audubon website ([www.pilchuckaudubon.org/puget-sound-bird-fest](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/puget-sound-bird-fest)) or visit [www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com](http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com).



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# Community Flocks to the Monroe Chimney for the First Time in 3 Years

By Brian Zinke

After a two-year absence, Swifts Night Out returned to Monroe on August 20. Birders, conservationists, friends, and neighbors all gathered outside the Wagner Center in hopes of witnessing the splendid roosting display of the Vaux's Swifts who call the chimney home (at least for a night) during migration.

More than 300 people took part in this year's event, spreading blankets and chairs on the lawn to enjoy the beautiful summer evening. Vendor booths provided information on topics ranging from the Snohomish PUD's avian protection program to the



Monroe Arts Council's programs and the history of their lovely auditorium. Speaking of which, Vaux's Happening Coordinator Larry Schwitters once again enlightened presentation-goers in the auditorium with his in-depth presentation about all things Vaux's Swift. The Monroe YMCA and PAS Education Committee shined as they kept kids entertained for hours at their tables with educational activities, arts and crafts, and yard games. And of course, the swift headbands were a hit, as usual!



As sunset approached, all eyes were turned towards the sky, anxiously awaiting the first glimpse of a swift. As time ticked on, concern crept in. In the week approaching the event, the chimney had only had 4 swifts roost in it. Based on historical data, we should have swifts by August 20, but they seemed to be late this year.

At last, someone shouted, "There's one!", and all eyes turned upward. A group of 6 or 7 swifts flew around the school premises, disappearing out of sight every few minutes. Despite the buzz of anticipation that filled the crowd after the swifts were first spotted, the sun's light faded quickly

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and our guests of honor did not grace us with their dazzling display that evening.

While it's disappointing to not have the star of the show perform, we have to remember these are wild animals. Their lives and migrations are influenced by so many factors that we've only just begun to identify, let alone understand. But that's why events like this are so important. Swifts Night Out brings a community together to celebrate and learn about its local wildlife. Events like this are how we inspire the next generation of wildlife and nature lovers. Perhaps the lack of swifts will prompt a child to ask their parents "why?" And if we're lucky, they'll continue to ask those questions as they grow up, and maybe even help us answer a few of them, too. 🍃



### 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 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.

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

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



Herring Gull | [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)



*Forster's Tern*

## FAQ: Swifts Night Out is usually in September, isn't it? Why was it so early this year?

Correct! In the past, Swifts Night Out was held in mid-September. The last few years, however, we have seen very few swifts using the chimney in Monroe once we get into September (i.e., they stopped using the chimney as a roost during migration earlier than historically). As a result, we wanted to move the event to an earlier date to hopefully time it with when the swifts would still be using the chimney.

The first weekend in September is Labor Day and the second weekend is when we co-host the Puget Sound Bird Fest in Edmonds, so to avoid conflict with those other events we moved it to August. Based on historical data, we should have had swifts by August 20. But as with any year, we can never know for sure when the swifts will show up. To see for yourself, below are some data from recent years showing the number of swifts we counted on the dates listed.

Date	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
8/11	300	80	2096	1360	292	0
8/12	200	110	1133	312	602	0
8/13	613	3000	557	128	482	0
8/14	909	1300	144	152	319	0
8/15	773	316	51			0
8/16	690	612	330	4470	59	680
8/17	916	500	594	3207	7	2384
8/18	863	1294	657	1163	0	1268
8/19	400	729	606	857		511
8/20	1498	1031	553	12		1117
8/21	4000	636	342	4581	2463	1921
8/22	6164	384	429	670	877	8133
8/23	1411	546	2109	548	594	7096

Date	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
8/30	7005	2215	4937	1	0	10868
8/31	8538	2300	9500	2	696	10187
9/1	11750	1000	5950	0	183	1553
9/2	11500	302	6966	0	24	230
9/3	12033	74	4618	0	2	582
9/4	5943	7	5840	0	0	350
9/5	10658	20	2155	1	0	158
9/6	10504	80	2027	0	2	4
9/7	9474	89	2000	0	0	3
9/8	3082	750	4834	0	0	3
9/9	2831	2770	3553	25	0	1
9/10	1121	820	7256	12	0	1
9/11	1393	351	10140	1		0

## Location for New Airport in Western Washington

By Martha Jordan

In 2019, the state legislature created the Commercial Aviation Coordination Commission (CACC) to, among other things, come up with a recommended location for a new, large airport within 100 miles of Seattle. This charge was based on the idea that commercial air traffic is growing rapidly and more airport capacity is needed. As you may have already read, the CACC recently issued a list of 10 possible sites for a large new airport from which they will select one to recommend by June 15, 2023.

Two sites in Snohomish County and two sites in Skagit County are on the list of 10 possible airport locations. In addition there are sites in King County near Enumclaw and more. Please visit the website listed below to read more about each site including a map and to comment.

In **Snohomish County**, the Northwest site is west of the current Arlington Airport with the E-W center line on Hwy 531. The Southwest site is west of Monroe encompassing from about Hwy 522 circling north over SR2 taking a huge chunk of farmland and wetlands. Both these areas are important waterfowl migration and wintering areas and quality farmland.

[View Snohomish County Talking Points Here](#)

**Skagit County:** one site is what we generally refer to as Samish Flats. The other is Skagit Flats, between Highway 20 and La Conner. Both areas are very important to significant bird populations as well as to agriculture and other things we value highly. You can see the maps and a bit more info on these sites at the link below.

[View Skagit County Talking Points Here](#)

Please take a moment to comment to the CACC on these four sites and any of the others with which you are


familiar (look at the Enumclaw area, for example). You can do this easily on the CACC's open house site: [Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission online open house | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#).

Scroll down to the subheading "What's New" and beneath that, click on "Greenfield locations." You can then scroll down to where you can comment on each of the 10 locations. The Skagit County sites come up first, then Snohomish County sites, and so forth. The CACC website has a lot of background information and details about upcoming virtual public meetings.


The attached talking points describe some of the issues related to birds for the two Skagit sites. For additional talking points and links to background information, go to Skagit Land Trust's website: [Land Trust News - Skagit Land Trust](#). Scroll down to "Message Points." You can see better maps here for Skagit County. This is a great place for more comprehensive info.

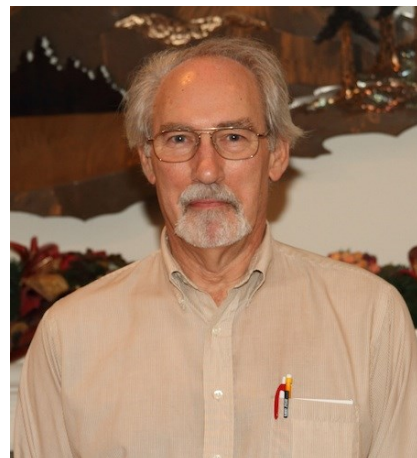
Meanwhile, **PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY**. The Commercial Aviation Coordination Commission needs to hear from as many people as possible that the Skagit and Snohomish sites are very inappropriate for development of a large airport. And please remember that they are looking to potentially expand Paine Field, Arlington, or Bremerton. You can find more info about this part of the plan by clicking on [Existing Airports Under Study](#) (below the Greenfields tab).

Your voice is important.

Survey and Comment Link is [Commercial Aviation Coordinating Commission online open house | WSDOT \(wa.gov\)](#). 

### In Memory of Jim Beneteau

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Jim Beneteau recently. Jim was very involved with the chapter at all levels: Board member, committee member, Tuesday birder, and more. Our hearts are heavy with this news, but we are all truly grateful to have known Jim and to have considered him a friend. Please read our October newsletter next month for a more befitting tribute to Jim. 





# **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 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**

[Reserve your Tickets](#)

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



**Learn more about our Mike and Sharon, their presentation, and reserve your tickets!**

**Tickets are \$75 per person**

**Register at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org/feast-in-the-forest](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/feast-in-the-forest)**

Well, it's been a busy couple of months. In Edmonds, we have formed two new groups. The first is the "**Edmonds Marsh Estuary Advocates.**" This group is focused on acquiring the Unocal property, expanding the existing marsh, and re-creating the estuary. The group is very active with five committees. We have developed a conceptual master plan, and we are systematically meeting with elected officials and staff at relevant agencies.

The second group is the "**Edmonds Environmental Alliance,**" <https://edmondsevironmentalalliance.com/>. This will be an information clearing house and communication alliance. There will be no meetings or money collected. We are reaching out to all known environmental groups (e.g., Pilchuck Audubon, Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, Snohomish County Climate Alliance, more than 70 potential groups identified) that have an interest in the Edmonds environment. We will share relevant information with leaders from each group. Those leaders will determine whether or not to pass on the information to their members.

For information on either of these groups, you can contact me.

Should we drop **Audubon** from our name? The Board of Directors will be discussing this issue in the next few months. Seattle Audubon has announced that it will no longer use the name Audubon. A thoughtful discussion of this can be found at <https://seattleaudubon.org/2022/08/25/a-way-to-discuss-removing-audubon/>. National Audubon is also considering this and plans to make a decision next winter.

We need **Volunteers**. We have vacancies on our Board, so please let me or Brian know if you are interested. If you want to help with a shorter commitment, we always have projects that need help, too. 🦋



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### Academia Latina August 13 Tide Pool Trip to Edmonds' Olympic Beach

By Jonathan Blubaugh

On August 13, Academia Latina visited the Edmonds waterfront at Olympic Beach. It was one of the lowest tides on a weekend this summer at minus two feet. Low tide was at 12:30, and that's about when they began showing up. I hope they didn't get stuck waiting in the ferry line! We met at the family statue at the base of the public fishing pier. The kids and their parents needed no encouragement to wade out into the shallows to find all the critters living there. AL's leader, Rosamaria, had done her homework, talking to folks at the Seattle Aquarium, so she shared what she learned with us including the name of one of the types of seaweed. Shoot, I should have written it down! The kids did find plenty of sea life: starfish, sculpins, chitins, nudibranchs, several types of crabs and clams, mussels, barnacles, shrimp, and several others. One type she and I could not find were any anemones. They were probably there; we just couldn't find any.

At 2:00 Rosamaria's assistant brought the food, and everybody had a great meal. The last time we had gone tidepooling was several years ago. I plan to make it work for them each summer going forward, if possible. We also saw seventeen bird species. Edmonds folk put our gourds on poles in the water. They were not disappointed

because we found a Purple Martin using it as home. The next pole over had Oscar the Osprey giving his loud, clear call. There were more gull species than I usually see including a couple of Heermann's Gull and a very dark-mantled Western Gull (which eBird says is rare). They are as common as crab grass in Northern California. Having lived in Northern California for several years, I was surprised that Heermann's Gull is more prevalent here than Western Gull.



Heermann's Gull | [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)

Here's a list of most of the rest of the birds that we saw: a couple of feral pigeons, a Pigeon Guillemot, three California Gull, six Glaucous-winged Gull, a couple of Caspian Tern, a pair of Pelagic Cormorant (on the ferry pier), a pair of Great Blue Heron, a Belted Kingfisher, three American Crow, a Black-capped Chickadee, about thirty European Starling, a couple of House Sparrow, and a couple of White-crowned Sparrow (very tame at the picnic tables). 🦋

# BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

## TRIP CALENDAR



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

### Tuesday, September 6 Camano 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). Fall shorebirds and other waterfowl are our primary target species, but passerines should see increased activity, too. Traditional locations include Barnum Point, Iverson Point, and Utsalady Bay, but there are other possibilities. Pack a lunch.

### Sunday, September 11 Lake Ballinger

2:00 PM

Trip Leaders: Rosamaria Graziani and Jonathan Blubaugh  
425-244-7633, aracfi@msn.com

Meet at 2:00 PM near the boat ramp and swimming hole. The address is 23600 Lakeview Dr. Pacific Highway/State Route 99 turn east on 228th Street SW (from southbound 99, it is a left turn). We will see what birds we can find and maybe dip our toes in the pond. We saw lots of geese, ducks, and other water birds there earlier this year. Bring your bathing suit, water, and picnic lunch for your party. Also bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.

### Tuesday, September 13 Nisqually NWR

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:00 AM at Walmart at 1400 164th St. SW in Lynnwood on the east side of I-5 at Exit 183. Park away from the store. Edmonds and Olympia riders can drive directly to Nisqually NWR. Why limit this popular trip to Spring? We will explore refuge boardwalks for Fall shorebirds and other migrants. Pack a lunch.

### Tuesday, September 20 Spencer Island

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-631-2611

Meet at 7:00 AM by restrooms at American Legion Park, 145 Alverson Blvd., off West Marine View Drive in Everett. We will check the Everett waterfront for lingering ospreys, egrets, and shorebirds before heading to Spencer Island and Everett Sewage Lagoons. Ducks should be arriving. Pack a lunch.

### Tuesday, September 27 Sequim

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. 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, go through Port Gamble and across the floating bridge. We will bird Sequim Bay, Dungeness Recreation Area, Three Crabs, and Schmuck Rd. These places always yield interesting finds. We will try to catch the 4:00 PM return ferry. Pack a lunch.

### Saturday, October 1 Brightwater Center

8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick

425-776-4811 (landline) or 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](#), please contact the trip leader in order to register for the trip. 🦋

## 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! 🦋



## Trip Report: Bird Walk in Seattle's Carkeek Park, August 6, 2022

By Douglas Resnick

Carkeek Park has the form of a gulch, with a road running down the center and hillsides to the north and south. Its extensive trail system is fairly well marked by sign posts. Choosing from among the numerous available routes, we followed a loop that began at the parking lot beside the Nancy Malmgren Environmental Learning Center, led down to the road, continued up the northern hillside to the North Meadow, down again to the road, over the railroad tracks via a pedestrian walkway to the edge of Puget Sound, back again over the walkway, up the southern hillside, then finally across the road to our starting point.

The morning began with cool weather, but a sunny sky. The five of us found a variety of birds in the different habitats we walked through on our route. Our most notable discoveries in the northern woods were a Band-tailed Pigeon and a Northern Flicker. The flicker was one of those birds we first heard, then saw, but it was surprisingly difficult to make it out at first, its back blending well with the bark of the tree to which it hung. The meadow, with a berry-laden tree and a neighbor's bird feeder and bath, attracted a variety of small birds, including American Robin, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and House Finch. One bright yellow warbler put in an appearance, but kept enough to the shadows to evade precise identification. On our way down the hillside, a brief stop at an overlook gave us a view of a Great Blue Heron preening itself while standing on a rock in the water just to the west.

When we reached the beach, one of us departed to fulfill a prior engagement, making good use of the park's central road. The remaining four of us continued along the beach to its southern inlet. There, we observed numerous Canada Geese, a few Mallards, some Rock Pigeons, and some American Crows. Having heard a Killdeer's cry, one of us was able to spot the bird at the base of the inlet, small compared to the neighboring gulls. Some of the latter were Glaucous-winged Gulls, but California Gulls were also present. As we walked back along the water, two of those let us get quite close, so that we could check eye color, leg color, and the spots on their bills.



Killdeer | allaboutbirds.org

As we proceeded to the southern slope, two Red-tailed Hawks came into view overhead. In this way, we discovered that many more crows were present than we had at first seen. On the hillside, we heard again various birds that we had observed to the north, including Black-capped Chickadee, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Brown Creeper, and Steller's Jay. Also, we heard drumming from nearby, which may have been the Pileated Woodpecker whose call we had heard earlier, but we could not locate it visually, despite an intense effort by all eyes. We descended the hillside near the Metro Plant; then, a brief but energetic climb brought us back to the start of our loop: nearly 3 miles and nearly 4 hours of birding. 🦋

## Trip Report: Academia Latina visit to Bellevue Botanic Garden June 18 By Jonathan Blubaugh

On June 18, Academia Latina visited the Bellevue Botanical Gardens. In a huge reversal to the previous trip, this one was a major success. Trip Leader Rosamaria Graziani said it was the best trip for the kids ever. Well, I will say it was the best trip so far since we resumed gathering together after two years.

I'm no plant expert, but I can at least provide the English names for some of the most popular flowers. Plus, I can hold my own with most of the abundant native plants. The kids & I had a great time enjoying the beautiful sights and smells of the gardens near peak bloom. Naturally, the pollinators were out in force, and what kid doesn't want to examine the bugs!

In addition to their traditional pizza fest, one of the highlights for the students was the suspension footbridge high above a ravine in the garden's native forest zone. It moves and sways with precocious group of children and their parents. OOOH! SCARY!

I rechecked the Tulalip website and sure enough it says there is "a 50-acre natural history preserve." I had misinterpreted the website insofar as there is no ready access to the preserve's grounds. I pled my case to a few whom I hoped

would commiserate, but they ignored me. They all exclaimed what a wonderful picnic they had had, how nice the museum was, how much they loved meeting PAS President Allen Gibbs, and how much they were enjoying their stroll in the forest!

We had arrived earlier than usual: Academia Latina gets off to a later start due to some of their time constraints. This early start pleased me because the parking lot was empty, and we had the lovely grounds to ourselves before more guests began to trickle in.

Here's a list of most of the birds we saw or heard: a Northern Flicker, a Pacific-slope Flycatcher, two Steller's Jays, a California Scrub-Jay, an American Crow, heard a Black-capped Chickadee, a couple of Chestnut-backed Chickadees, an American Robin, heard a Purple Finch, a Dark-eyed Junco, a Song Sparrow, and a very tame Spotted Towhee who came to our picnic table expecting a handout. Naturally, the kids also located two enormous Banana Slugs on the path! 🦋



California Scrub-Jay | ebird.org

Today I begin with Sarah and Paul Bueren's bird report. They listed 3 Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Pacific-slope Flycatcher, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Western Tanager, 2 House Finch, a Pine Siskin, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 Purple Finch, 17 American Crow, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Tree Swallow, 2 Violet-green Swallow, a Black-headed Grosbeak, a Red-tailed Hawk mobbed by crows, a Spotted Towhee, a Bewick's Wren, a Steller's Jay, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Band-tailed Pigeon, an Anna's Hummingbird, and heard a Brown Creeper (confirmed by Merlin), for a total species count of 26.

Reporting from Mukilteo, Hilka Egvædt listed 6 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Mourning Dove, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 1 Rufous Hummingbird, a Downy Woodpecker, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 3 Northern Flicker, 2 Pileated Woodpecker (mamma feeding youngster at feeder), 3 Steller's Jay, 3 American Crow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 12 European Starling, 1 Western Tanager, a Song Sparrow, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, 2 Purple Finch, 5 House Finch, and 2 American Goldfinch, for a total species count of 21.



*Pacific-slope Flycatcher* | [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)

Maureen Schmitz's report from Everett includes 5 American Robin, a European Starling, 3 Northern Flicker, a Bewick's Wren, 2 Black-capped Chickadee and a nest with chicks, 15 Band-tailed Pigeon flying over and 3 in the birdbath, 3 Steller's Jay, 2 Song Sparrow, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 American Goldfinch, 4 House Finch, a Kinglet species, 2 Bushtit, a Swainson's Thrush, 3 American Crow, and 2 Spotted Towhee, for a total species count of 18.

Mary Sinker's total species count of 50 from her home in Stanwood included 2 American Crow, 11 American Goldfinch, 8 American Robin, 9 Anna's Hummingbird, a Bald Eagle, 2 Barn Swallow, 2 Bewick's Wren, 14 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Black-headed Grosbeak, 2 Brown Creeper, 5 Brown-headed Cowbird, 2 Cedar Waxwing, 6 Black-capped Chickadee, a Cooper's Hawk, 4 Dark-eyed Junco, 5 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Eurasian Collared Dove,

2 European Starling, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 7 House Finch, 2 House Sparrow, 2 Killdeer in the pasture, 6 Kinglet species, 2 Mallard Duck at the creek, 18 Mourning Dove, 5 Northern Flicker, an Olive-sided Flycatcher, a Pacific-slope Flycatcher, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Pine Siskin, 5 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-breasted Sapsucker, a Red-tailed Hawk in the trees, 3 Red-winged Blackbird, 4 Rufous Hummingbird, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 8 Song Sparrow, 5 Spotted Towhee, 12 Steller's Jay, 5 Swainson's Thrush, 4 Tree Swallow, 2 Western Tanager, 2 Western Wood Peewee, 4 White-crowned Sparrow, a Willow Flycatcher, 5 Wilson's Warbler, 2 Pacific Wren, and 2 Yellow Warbler.

Walter Zandi's report from Monroe included 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Steller's Jay, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 American Crow, 2 American Robin, 5 House Finch, 4 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Northern Flicker, 6 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Spotted Towhee, a Song Sparrow, 4 American Crow, 3 Pine Siskin, a Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 3 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 7 Black-headed Grosbeak, a Rufous Hummingbird, 2 Mourning Dove, 2 Band-tailed Pigeon, and a Pacific Wren, for a total species count of 21.

Reporting from Marysville, my total species count of 23 included 2 American Goldfinch, 3 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, a Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 4 Black-headed Grosbeak, 6 House Finch, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Steller's Jay, 60+ American Crow flying over, 2 Purple Finch, a Song Sparrow, 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 20+ Glaucous-winged Gull in the fields, 3 Pine Siskin, 2 Western Tanager, 2 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, a White-crowned Sparrow, 2 Downy Woodpecker, and 2 Mourning Dove.

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

## Pilchuck Audubon Society Membership Information

Support your local Audubon chapter by becoming a member. PAS dues are tax deductible (consult your tax professional for details). The PAS tax ID number is 91-6183664.

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## TRIP CALENDAR

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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!

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

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

Presentation by Anne Yen

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### Reproductive Ecology of the White-headed Woodpecker in Washington's Ponderosa Pine Forests

Presentation by Jeff Kozma

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### Of Puffins and Petrels

Presentation by Peter J. Hodum, Ph.D.

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Presentation by Olivia Sanderfoot, Ph.D.

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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.

We serve as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society.

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