

## April Program Meeting

### Hummingbirds: Masters of the Air

Guest Speaker: Connie Sidles

With their ability to hover in place, fly upside-down or backwards, and cross seas without stopping, hummingbirds seem immune to the ordinary laws of physics. Their jewel-tone feathers flash in the sun brighter than rubies or emeralds. Their wings flap faster than the eye can see. Their courtship flights defy gravity. These tiny dynamos of the avian world both fascinate and flummox us.

Find out more about one of the fiercest birds in the animal kingdom, as Master Birder Connie Sidles shows you the wonders of hummingbirds and tells you how to attract them to your garden.



Rufous Hummingbird | Mick Thompson photo



Anna's Hummingbird | Mick Thompson photo

**When:**

April 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**Where:**

Online

**Register for Meeting:**

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Violence, politics, extreme weather, global warming, bad news; but it's Spring!

The birds are returning, and some are leaving for the far north. The Oregon Grape is blooming along with lots of other trees and flowers. The Bushtit nest off my deck is getting bigger each day, but I haven't seen them working on it. (I think it's a Bushtit nest; see photo below.)



Bushtit | All About Birds

At the March meeting, the PAS Board approved updates to our bylaws. Next up is a review and update of our policies, many of which are outdated and/or unnecessary. Following that, we'll update our chapter handbooks.

On Wednesday, March 29, Brian, Jay, Allen, and I attended an in-person meeting of the Audubon chapters from San Juan, Whatcom, and Skagit counties and Pilchuck. It was good to meet and see lots of dedicated people volunteering their time for the work of these chapters. I got some good ideas and learned that our chapter is doing well in comparison to others.

We are continuing to work toward a successful year-long 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with lots of events and fundraising goals.

On April 15, Brian and I will staff a table at the City of Edmonds Volunteer Day at the Edmonds Waterfront Center. If anyone wants to join us, let us know. We have many volunteer opportunities available for specific tasks, events, committee work, leadership positions, including Board membership.

I organized the first Green Drinks Edmonds, held March 2. Brian and I attended, representing Pilchuck Audubon. About 50 people attended. It was fun, and we received enthusiastic support for the event.

On April 27, we will host the second Green Drinks at the Salish Sea Brewing Boathouse in Edmonds (see below).

**Green Drinks Edmonds April 27**

We will be hosting the second Green Drinks Edmonds on April 27 at the Salish Sea Brewing Company Boathouse: 180 W Dayton Street, #102, Edmonds, at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for some socializing with other environmentally-minded folk.

Green Drinks is an international organization, started in London, England. Typically, there are no presentations—just a chance to meet other people.

At our first meeting, several people asked for brief presentations. We will have a brief presentation about the Edmonds Marsh and Estuary restoration at the April meeting. The marsh is right off the back patio of the Boathouse. Good chance for some evening bird-watching after the event. 🍷



Bushtit | Bill Derry Photo

## Calling All Birders and Photographers - Join Us for Birdathon in May!

Our most exciting fundraiser of the year

**Birders** – do you like to participate in a friendly competition, either with yourself or other birders?

**Photographers** – do you like to share and showcase your work, and potentially win some neat prizes?

Then we hope you'll partake in our Birdathon this year!

### What is Birdathon?

Birdathon is a uniquely Audubon way to support our mission and help protect birds. Our Birdathon has two components:

The first is a friendly competition to see who can spot the most bird species and raise the most money while doing it. Similar to a walk-a-thon, participants collect pledges from family, friends, work colleagues, and others who want to support Pilchuck Audubon. But instead of getting a pledge of \$1.00 per mile walked, participants ask for a pledge for each bird species seen by a person or team. Alternatively, pledges could be fixed amounts, such as \$25, instead of per-species.

The second aspect of our Birdathon is the photography contest. Western Washington is full of talented photographers, and our contest provides opportunities for both young and elder to showcase their photography in our youth and adult categories.

Birdathon is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and all donations and entry fees provide critical support to our work throughout the year.



### When is it?

Birdathon begins May 1 and runs through May 31.

### How can I participate?

- Compete in our friendly birding competition and collect pledges to see if your team can see the most birds and raise the most money. [Sign your team up here!](#)
  - This year we will have the following categories:
    - **Big Day** - see as many species as you can in a 24-hour period anywhere in the world
    - **Washington Big Month** - see as many species as you can anywhere in the state during the whole month
    - **Global Big Month** - see as many species as you can anywhere in the world during the whole month
  - Donate/sponsor a team
  - Submit your photos to our bird photography contest between May 1-31

Find resources on our [Birdathon webpage](#), including pledge sheets, fundraising tips, and species checklists. Now's the time to start planning your birding excursions and finding your best photos from the past year!

Please consider participating in this incredibly fun and important fundraiser for Pilchuck Audubon. All proceeds go toward our mission and programs throughout the year.

[Register my team!](#)



## EXPANDING OUR REACH

By Brian Zinke

The work of a conservation nonprofit has many facets: conducting surveys; commenting on state, county, and municipal planning activities; fundraising; recruiting; creation and dispersal of informational materials; hosting monthly programs; building relationships with other organizations; and the list goes on.

But we cannot fulfill our mission unless we get out there and share our birds' stories—their beauty, their lives, and their struggles. We have to connect with and educate our communities so our efforts will live on and be carried forth another 50 years.

Our Board of Directors knows this, that's why in our 2021-2023 Strategic Plan it included an objective to give  $\geq 2$  presentations per year about our work to other organizations or groups.

I'm proud to say that since adopting that strategic plan, we've surpassed this goal each year. And so far, in the first 3 months of this year, I've already given 6 presentations and have one additional program scheduled.

**This doesn't even include the work our Education Committee does.**

Our Education Committee doesn't get enough credit. This committee volunteers its time on weekdays, weeknights, and even weekends. They attend school science nights, host Flying WILD workshops to train teachers, and help staff events such as Swifts Night Out and the Imagine Children's Museum's Bird Fest. It's a small group, but they continue to build genuine relationships with people of all ages in our communities.

We are also working on ways to provide more access to birds and to be able to connect with people when we're not available in person. For instance, we recently received a grant from the National Audubon Society to fund a few birding backpack kits for our local libraries. These kits will have the basic necessities for a family to go birding together, but will also have some informational materials about birds and Pilchuck Audubon.



*Education Committee member Jessica Steppe (in purple) recently lead a birdhouse building activity for students of Sky Valley Adventist School in Monroe and taught them about chickadees.*

We are a grassroots organization, and to achieve our goals and dreams we have to share our work, our inspirations, and our birds. The more people we reach, the more success we will have as an organization.

### How To Help

If you'd like to help us continue to connect with and reach more people in our communities, please volunteer for our Education Committee. Or if you're involved with another organization, we hope you'll consider inviting us to give a presentation to that organization. Whether it's a Rotary Club, senior community, or sustainability team at your office, we'd love to the opportunity to engage with your group! 🦅



## Second Flying WILD Workshop for Educators a Success!

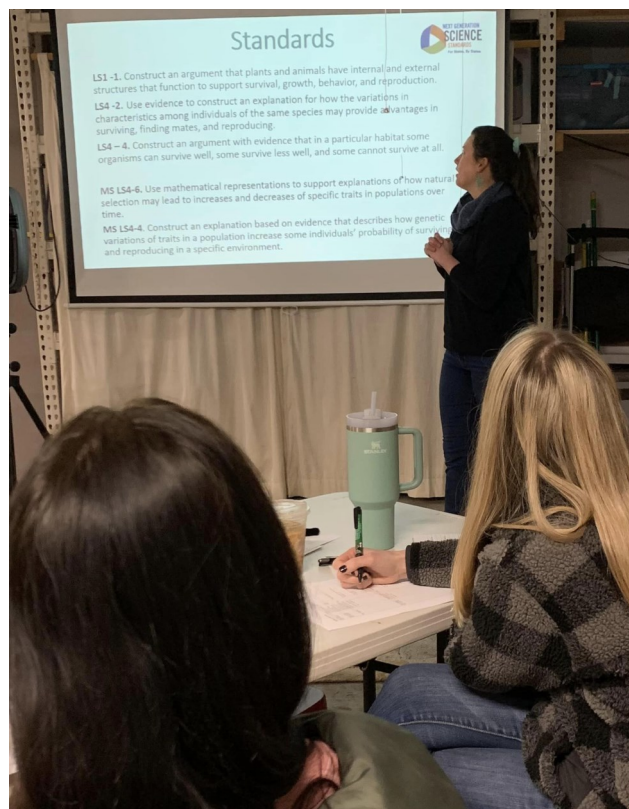
By Madelyn Voelker, Education Committee Chair

On March 18, Education Committee member Teddie Mower and I ventured down to Shadow Lake Nature Preserve to lead our second Flying WILD workshop for local educators.

Flying WILD is a program of the Council for Environmental Education which introduces students of all ages to bird conservation through classroom activities and bird festivals. The lessons can be used in both indoor and outdoor classrooms as well as for engagement and outreach activities.

The wait-listed workshop had 24 registrants who enjoyed a fun-filled, standards-based, STEM-connected training. The goal of the workshop is to provide teachers with the tools and resources needed to incorporate bird- and conservation-centric activities into their lesson plans.

This workshop is a partnership between PAS, which leads the training, and Shadow Lake Nature Preserve, which offers the venue and administrative support. Because of this partnership, we are able to provide teachers with the Flying WILD workbook and continuing education units (CEUs) at no cost. ✍



Want to make a difference in your community? Our Education Committee needs more volunteers to help with trainings like this, but also for staffing other outreach events at schools and festivals. To learn more or to volunteer, please get in touch with Madelyn at [education@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:education@pilchuckaudubon.org).

### Upcoming Class

Class will be conducted over Zoom (and recorded if you cannot make the live session). Register online at <https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/classes>

#### The Color of Feathers

April 27

7:00-8:30pm

Online

Instructor: Connie Sidles



Mick Thompson photo

Who among us has seen a feather, discarded, left behind by a bird who grew new feathers and flew away on the wind? We bend down, pick it up, and twirl it in our fingers, marveling at the colors. Shaft of red, some bands of brown and beige, flaming orange along the wider edge—ah, a flicker left this feather behind. Or midnight black from glossy tip to fluffy base—oh, yes, a crow didn't need this feather anymore. From dazzling to drab, birds' feathers have fascinated us for centuries, their immortal colors lend beauty to our world. Have you ever wondered how and why birds' feathers are colored the way they are? Science tells us at least some of the answers, leaving many great mysteries for future discovery. Come along with Connie Sidles as she takes you on a journey of exploration into the color of feathers.

\$12 for PAS members

\$15 for non-PAS members



## Amazon Smile is No More

As of February 20, 2023, Amazon Smile no longer exists.

Amazon Smile was a program that allowed Amazon shoppers to link their account to a nonprofit. Then, when they made a purchase, that nonprofit would receive a small fraction of the sale as a donation.

Since registering with the program in late 2013, our chapter has received \$1,427.01, averaging about \$142 per year. However, in the last three years, we've averaged nearly \$250 per year. That may not sound like much, but every little bit truly does help our chapter sustain itself and work toward fulfilling our mission.

We're sad to lose a revenue source, but are happy to announce that we have new way for all you book lovers out there to support not only our chapter, but independent bookstores, too!

# Introducing Bookshop.org

Bookshop.org started as a way to help support independent bookstores and their communities as more people are buying their books online. With every purchase through the website, a portion of the sale price goes to financially support independent bookstores.

According to the website:

- ~50% of a book's sale price is paid to the publisher
- ~20% goes to customer discount, payment processing, and fulfillment costs
- The remaining 30% is split one of two ways:
  - o If you're shopping to support a brick and mortar bookstore: the bookstore receives 30%
  - o If you're shopping through an affiliate: 10% goes to the affiliate, 10% goes to the independent bookstore profit pool, and 10% goes to Bookshop.org

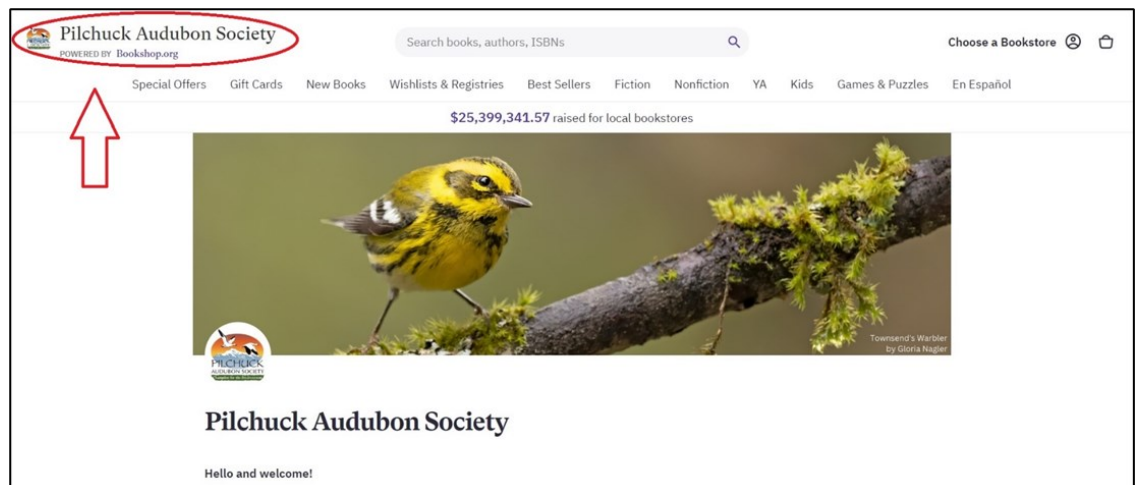
Pilchuck Audubon is an affiliate of Bookshop.org, so when you purchase from our online shop we will receive 10% of your purchase.

### How to support us through Bookshop.org:

- 1) Go to our online shop: <https://bookshop.org/shop/pilchuckaudubon>
  - You'll know you're supporting our organization if you see our name and logo on the top left of your screen when you add a book to your cart (see photo below)
  - If you don't see our name and logo, you may have navigated to a different organization or bookstore, and Pilchuck Audubon will not benefit from your purchase
- 2) Add books to your cart and check out as normal
- 3) Be sure to bookmark our shop page so you can come back to it easily!

If you have any questions please let us know. Thank you for your support through this new opportunity for us!

[Learn more about Bookshop.org here.](#) 🦋





## Conservation Report

by Allen Gibbs



Allen Gibbs

The State Legislative Session ends at close of business on April 23. Before then, bills received from the other chamber must be passed and read into the floor record from the House Fiscal Committee and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees. Indications are that will occur in time so that a special session will not be required.

### Audubon Priorities in the Final Days

#### House Bill 1181

This is the Growth Management Act-climate bill which is currently before the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Adam Maxwell, our Audubon Washington legislative/policy expert, has sent to those of you on the Audubon Washington Action Center, and has made a plea to send the attached form-letter to your state senator, asking to please pass HB 1181.

If you have received that Action Alert, please fill it out by April 4. That is cut-off date for this particular bill language! Your letter can make a difference!

The Action Alert process contains the name and email address of your state legislators, so if you do not know your senator's name, the process will automatically direct your letter to him/her. Please use your residential address, not a PO box, as it is your residential address that identifies your legislative district and your three legislators.

Two weeks ago, more than 1,500 Washingtonians responded to this process and signed on via email "PRO" for the bill at the Senate Ways & Means Committee hearing.

This bill has almost passed the previous two sessions. Time ran out and the bill wasn't passed before a final bill action cut-off date. Let's not repeat with our silence a third time!

#### Senate Bill 5104

This is the Puget Sound Shorelines bill. The shorelines should have had protections going back more than one hundred years, but those were the days of economic and institutional development. There were lots of fish and wildlife to turn into cash and lay the foundations for the state's early economy. Times and awareness have changed.

As Adam Maxwell and other members of the environmental coalition this year say, this bill will pay for the cost to develop and conduct a survey, to be used by state agencies and local jurisdictions in the protection, restoration, and management of shoreline resources.

We are so close, but that success is threatening to some interests who are very active in Olympia in these final days. A strategy of delay is afoot.

Adam sent to us Auduboners on the Audubon Washington Action Alert system a plea to contact our state representative. That was done on March 27. See if you received it. Have you yet responded? Please do so now!

#### State Budgets

Some state budgets Audubon Washington considers of highest priority have been released.

The House Capital Construction Budget for 2023-2025 biennium included \$100 million to fund Washington Wildlife and Recreation agencies and their good work. This was a drop from the Senate proposal of \$120 million. Our environmental coalition is urging the House to meet or exceed the Senate proposal. This may occur during a reconciliation meeting by the two chambers in coming weeks.

If you are in touch with your House legislators, please encourage them to at least meet the Senate's funding level.

#### Bird-Safe Buildings Act

An Action Alert from National Audubon Society says this Act will soon be reintroduced in the Congress. It will sound very familiar to us!

It directs that federal buildings must incorporate bird-safe design and materials, reducing collisions and potentially saving the lives of millions of birds!

Now is the time to ask our members of Congress to become a sponsor of the Act! They can sign up any time.

We will track this legislation and see who among our congressional delegation sign on as co-sponsors in coming months.

#### *Sine Die*

A reminder the legislative session ends COB April 23. There will be an Audubon report on our successes during this legislative session.

The May issue of PROFILE will include the report as to status of state bills that will become law, provide new funding or failed to do so, or died in the process of bills not becoming laws. 🐦



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our chapter depends on volunteers to make progress on our conservation and educational goals. We currently have a number of needs and open positions for people with all kinds of skill sets, from graphic design and event planning to attending public meetings and helping to staff the PAS table at events. Listed below are just a few of our many opportunities and needs.

Every one of you has special talents and skills that could benefit our work. Regardless of whether you can volunteer once a month or once a year, or can identify 200 birds or no birds at all, we would love to hear from you.

For more information about volunteering opportunities, please contact Brian at [director@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:director@pilchuckaudubon.org).

## Board of Directors

Working closely with our Executive Director, our chapter's Board of Directors provides the leadership and direction our chapter needs to fulfill its mission. Our Board is an engaged group, with each member involved in different aspects of the chapter's work. Our Board is made up of twelve positions, and we're always looking for the next cohort of leaders to fill the ranks who are passionate about bird conservation and the environment as a whole. Doesn't this sound like you?



In particular, we have vacancies in the Treasurer and Vice President positions that are vital for our chapter to fill.

### Treasurer - High Priority Need

Our long-time, dedicated Treasurer, Judy Hall, has served several terms as Treasurer and is ready for someone else to carry the torch. Please help us honor her desires by stepping up to fill this position for us. Judy has worked hard to organize and simplify processes, and she is more than happy to help train the new Treasurer.

### Vice President - High Priority Need

Our Vice President position has been vacant for a long time and is a valuable role on our Board. This position fills in for the President when needed, but this role traditionally also helps with other chapter activities or projects that interests the particular individual serving as Vice President. If you'd like to be involved with the chapter in a leadership role and help ensure that our important work continues far into the future, please consider filling this vacancy for us.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you are interested in serving in one of these roles.



## Other Volunteer Opportunities

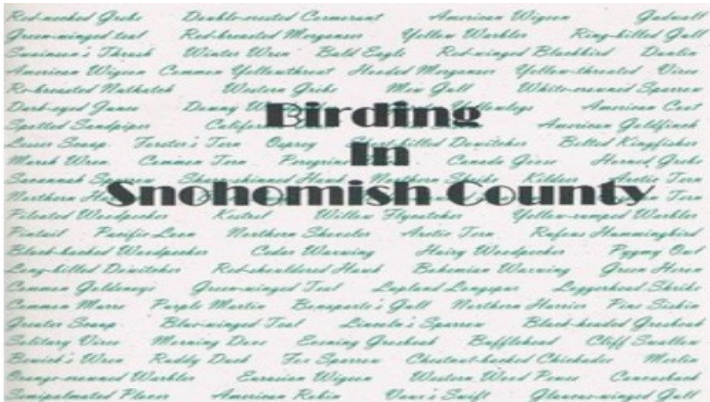
### Education Committee Members

The PAS Education Committee has become more active in the past couple of years, providing talks and activities for schools and at festivals and other events. The committee does wonderful work, so much so that we can't keep up with demand! We get more requests for programs and our presence at events than we can staff with our current committee members. Can you help us?

- Are you able to help staff a Pilchuck Audubon table at events and festivals?
- Could you give presentations to school groups?
- Can you help us develop educational materials and resources?

If you answered yes to any one of those opportunities above, we'd love to have your help on the committee!





**Birding in Snohomish County Book Revision**

We have renewed the effort to update our birding book and are looking for volunteers to help. This book provides information about many birding locations in our county, and we could use help with gathering information about each location. We have a standard template for you to follow, making the park research as easy as can be! Also, if you'd like to have input on the design/format of the book, we'd like to have you involved in those conversations.



**Puget Sound Bird Fest**

Our chapter will be taking a larger role in planning/running Puget Sound Bird Fest this year, and we have several opportunities for you to help us carry out this fun event!

Speakers Committee

- Help us brainstorm some ideas for speakers we could invite to this year's event
- Help us run the presentations on the day of the festival (assist with introducing speakers, being present in the room in case any technical issues arise)

Exhibitor Committee

- Help with determining layout of exhibit hall
- Help with setup/take down of exhibit hall on the day of festival
- Be present to assist exhibitors with any questions or needs they have on the day of the festival



**Field Trip Leaders**

We would love to provide more birding opportunities for our communities, especially weekend outings. If you would be interested in leading birding outings, whether it's once a year or once a month, please let us know.

We welcome and encourage a variety of outing options, too. For example, if you'd rather lead a stationary outing (i.e., sit and watch as opposed to walking a trail) we would be very open to that!

We are also always looking for more field trip leaders for special events, such as Puget Sound Bird Fest and Birdathon.



**Programs Committee**

Do you enjoy our monthly program meetings and the speakers we invite? Do you want to help us find and book speakers for future meetings? Our Programs Committee does just that! The more people we have on this committee, the more connections we'll have in our communities, which will help us find new and intriguing speakers to invite to our monthly meetings. 🐝

March 4, 2023

## Birding in the rain!

Our outing began in the parking lot of Marina Beach Park in Edmonds on a rainy, windy morning. Birding in the waterfront area as a whole is usually easy, because there is little change in elevation, and a large part of the route is a developed walkway. Early March weather made birding more of a challenge, so that the group's size gradually dwindled, leaving just two of us at the end.



Brant at Marina Beach Park, Edmonds, WA | Photo: Douglas Resnick

Marina Beach Park was the first of 5 eBird hotspots on our route. Some of the species observed here occurred again at several of the later spots: Common Goldeneye, Horned Grebe, Red-necked Grebe, Glaucous-winged Gull, Pelagic Cormorant, and Double-crested Cormorant. Most notable at our first spot were Brant, Black Turnstone, and Bald Eagle. The Brant were very cooperative, coming up to the shoreline. There were crows, too, which seemed to like the parking area in particular; 25 American Crow were counted there.

The second spot was Edmonds Marina. Here we observed Common Merganser and Red-breasted Merganser on the water. We also noticed a Belted Kingfisher, which was sitting, mostly with its back to us, on a wooden structure on the far side of the water in the

marina. In addition, we found a pair of Canada Goose, standing below the light at the end of the breakwater.

The third spot was the Edmonds Public Fishing Pier. Here we observed Pigeon Guillemot and Surf Scoter. Also, we had a chance to see a Pelagic Cormorant and a Double-crested Cormorant in proximity to one another. It was a good opportunity to note the Pelagic's white patches on the back, red at the base of the bill, and greenish neck. It was after that observation that increased wind blew away all but two of our company.

The fourth spot was Edmonds Waterfront, as labelled in eBird. This area is just south of the ferry dock and includes a garden-like part near the street. Here our list included Bufflehead, Rock Pigeon, White-crowned Sparrow, and Spotted Towhee.

The fifth spot was Brackett's landing. This area is just north of the ferry dock and includes a spit, as well as the northernmost portion of the shoreline, whose accessibility varies with the tide. Many more Bufflehead were here. Also, there was a gull of indeterminate species; it had pink legs and both red and black spots on its bill.

We two walked back to the parking area on the sidewalk, a more direct route than sticking close to the shoreline. The checklists for the 5 spots included 23 species and other taxa. 🍃





# BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

## TRIP CALENDAR



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

### **Saturday, April 1, 2023 Meadowdale Beach Park**

8:00 AM to 12 Noon

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick, [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net) or 425-776-4811 (landline)

This is a half-day trip. We'll visit Meadowdale Beach Park in Edmonds. This will be a challenging walk, due to a significant uphill climb. One part of the walk will be along the beach, and the trail itself may be muddy, so wear suitable footwear. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2023 Field Trip Liability Release](https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/upcoming-trips) via <https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/upcoming-trips>, please contact the trip leader, in order to register for the trip.

### **Tuesday, April 4, 2023 Snohomish Area**

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

Meet at 8:00 AM at the Snohomish Park and Ride on Avenue D Just off Hwy 9 and Bickford Ave. We will explore the Blackman's Lake area, Riverview Wildlife Refuge, the Snohomish Flats, and Ebey Slough. In this transitional period, we should still see winter waterfowl, but also will be watching for early migrants like swallows and Rufous Hummingbird. Pack a lunch.

### **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Nisqually**

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

Meet at 7:00 AM at Walmart at 1400 164th St. SW in Lynnwood on east side of I-5 at exit 183. Park away from the store. Edmonds riders can drive directly to Nisqually NWR. On this popular trip, we will explore the refuge boardwalks for early spring migrants, check out the waterfowl, and look for a Red-shouldered Hawk. Pack a lunch.

### **Sunday, April 16, 2023 Oxbow Farm, Carnation**

10:00 AM, Oxbow Farm Stand 10819 Carnation-Duvall Rd

Trip Leaders: Rosamaria Graziani and

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

Join Academia Latina and PAS for a visit to Oxbow Farm in Carnation. Oxbow is a working farm that serves as a conservation education center for children of all ages. Students learn how flowers and produce are grown in a

manner that is calculated to demonstrate best practices in farming in harmony with nature. Bring sturdy walking shoes, hat, rain jacket, and picnic lunch for your party. Also bring binoculars and field guide if you have them. No dogs. From US 2 in Monroe, turn south at Lewis St (SR 203). Drive approx. 13 miles to the sign "Welcome to Oxbow." Turn in there, cross the gravel trail, and turn right toward the farm stand.

### **Tuesday, April 18, 2023 Sequim**

7:10 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Frank Caruso, 774-238-0698

Meet at 7:10 AM at the Wade James Theater parking lot at 900 Main St., Edmonds, just east of 9th Ave, to take the 7:55 ferry to Kingston. Sequim should provide good birding in Spring, just as with our usual Fall trip, We especially will be looking for migrating shorebirds and passerines. We will return to Edmonds on the 4:40 or 5:30 ferry. Pack a lunch.

### **Tuesday, April 25, 2023 Montlake Fill- Magnuson Park**

7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

Meet at 7:30 AM at Walmart at 1400 164th St. SW in Lynnwood. Park away from the store. Edmonds riders can drive directly to Union Bay Natural Area (Montlake Fill), 3501 NE 41st St. in Seattle. The itinerary likely will include Montlake Fill, the Arboretum, Magnuson Park, and whatever else we have time for. Spring migration will be under way. Pack a lunch.

### **Saturday, May 6 Ronald Bog and Hamlin Park**

8:00 AM to 12 Noon

Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick, [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net) or 425-776-4811 (landline)

This is a half-day trip. We'll visit Ronald Bog Park and Hamlin Park in Shoreline. The first site is fairly flat, making for easy walking; there may be some noise from nearby traffic. The second is somewhat hilly; hiking boots may be useful. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2023 Field Trip Liability Release](https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/upcoming-trips) via <https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/upcoming-trips>, please contact the trip leader, in order to register for the trip.

### **Sunday, June 4, 2023 Richmond Beach Saltwater Park**

11:00 AM

**2021 NW 190th St, Shoreline**

Meet at 11:00 AM in the lowest parking lot of the park.

Trip Leaders: Rosamaria Graziani and

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

Join Academia Latina and PAS for tidepooling at low tide (an unusually low tide will be about 11:30 AM). Seattle Aquarium staff will lead a tidepool walk. 🦋



November 26, 2022 to December 25, 2022

Reporting from Snohomish, Carole and Larry Beason's total species count of 36 included 34 American Coot on the lake; 15 American Crow; an American Robin; 4 Anna's Hummingbird; a Bald Eagle over the lake; 3 Black-capped Chickadee; 5 Bufflehead on the lake; 45 Canada Goose in the fields; a Chestnut-backed Chickadee; 5 Common Raven; 4 Common Merganser; 40 Dark-eyed Junco in the yard; a Cooper's Hawk; 2 Double-crested Cormorant; a Downy Woodpecker; 33 European Starling at the feeders, suet, and lawn; 10 Golden-crowned Sparrow; a Great-Blue Heron flying over; a Great Horned Owl in a tree; 2 Hairy Woodpecker; 7 Hooded Merganser; 3 Hutton's Vireo; 5 Mallard Duck; 5 Mourning Dove; 4 Northern Flicker; 4 Pied-billed Grebe; a Pileated Woodpecker; 24 Purple Finch; a Red-tailed Hawk; 30 Red-winged Blackbird; 6 Ring-necked Duck on the lake; 3 Song Sparrow; 5 Spotted Towhee; 3 Varied Thrush; and 12 American Goldfinch.

Sarah and Paul Bueren's report listed 6 American Robin, 3 Anna's Hummingbird, 38 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Black-capped Chickadee, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 7 American Robin, 2 Townsend's Warbler, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Song Sparrow, a Bewick's Wren, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2 Spotted Towhee, 16 Mallard Duck flying over during a snow event, a Steller's Jay, a Common Raven, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 11 Varied Thrush, and a Winter Wren, for a total species count of 19.

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo included a Cooper's Hawk menacing other birds, 16 Band-tailed Pigeon, a Mourning Dove, 2 Great Horned Owl calling to each other, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Northern Flicker, 7 Steller's Jay, 2 American Crow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 3 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Pileated Woodpecker, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 10+ Varied Thrush, 12 European Starling, a Townsend's Warbler, 2 Spotted Towhee, a Fox Sparrow, 2 Golden-crowned Sparrow, 19 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Purple Finch, and 5 House Finch, for a total species count of 22.

Reporting from Everett, Kriss Erickson's report listed 16 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Bewick's Wren, 15 Steller's Jay, 24 Bushtit, 20 American Crow, 8 Western Gull, 12 American Robin, 4 House Finch, 4 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 4 Northern Flicker, 3 Song Sparrow, an Anna's Hummingbird, 32 European Starling, 9 Dark-eyed Junco, and 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, for a total species count of 17.

Mary Sinker's report from Stanwood listed 5 American Goldfinch, 11 American Robin, 9 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bewick's Wren, 1 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Brown Creeper, 6 Bushtit, 6 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 125 Dark-eyed Junco, 6 Downy Woodpecker, 15 European Starling, 2 Fox Sparrow, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Great Horned Owl hooting at dusk and at night for 3 weeks now, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, 9 House Finch, 5 Kinglet species, 35 Mourning Dove, 5 Northern Flicker, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-tailed Hawk, 4 Song Sparrow, 14 Spotted Towhee, 12 Steller's Jay, 5 Varied Thrush in the yard all day during the snow, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, and 4 Winter/Pacific Wren, for a total species count of 29.

Reporting from my home in Marysville, I listed an Anna's Hummingbird, 4 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 35 Dark-eyed Junco, 11 House Finch, 15 Mourning Dove, 4 Northern Flicker, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 4 Spotted Towhee, 4 Steller's Jay, 30+ European Starling in the fields, 10 Varied Thrush, 2 American Robin, 3 American Crow, 2 Glaucous-winged Gull, 70+ Canada Goose flying over, a Common Raven, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, and 2 Downy Woodpecker, for a total species count of 19.

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## Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival May 5-7, 2023

Learn more about events for the 3-day celebration on the festival website,

<https://www.shorebirdfestival.com>



Black Turnstone | Bird Photography

December 26, 2022 to January 25, 2023

We still have a lot of Dark-eyed Juncos staying around this winter. The Varied Thrush has been enjoying the winter also.

Carole and Larry Beason's total species count of 36 included 21 American Coot on the lake, 57 American Crow in the fields in Granite Falls, 8 American Robin, 3 Anna's Hummingbird, a Bald Eagle over the lake, 5 Black-capped Chickadee, 8 Bufflehead on the lake, 17 Canada Goose on the lawn, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 7 Common Raven flying over the trees, 7 Common Merganser, a Cooper's Hawk, 10 Dark-eyed Junco, a Double-crested Cormorant on the lake, a Downy Woodpecker, 40 European Starling along Burn Road, 6 Great Blue Heron, a Golden-crowned Kinglet, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, 4 Hooded Merganser on the lake, 2 Hutton's Vireo, 2 Mallard Duck, 15 Mourning Dove on the power line, 4 Northern Flicker, a Pied-billed Grebe, a Pileated Woodpecker, 16 Purple Finch, a Red-tailed Hawk, 30 Red-winged Blackbird, 5 Ring-necked Duck on the lake, 4 Song Sparrow, 7 Spotted Towhee, 5 Steller's Jay, 2 Varied Thrush, and 24 Western Gull in the field off Burn Road.

Sarah and Paul Bueren's report from Edmonds listed 4 Varied Thrush, 18 Dark-eyed Junco, 6 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Northern Flicker, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Song Sparrow, 2 Spotted Towhee, 2 Townsend's Warbler, 30 American Crow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Golden-crowned Kinglet, a Pacific Wren, and a Band-tailed Pigeon, for a total species count of 15.

Reporting from Everett, Kriss Erickson's total species count of 19 included 14 Black-capped Chickadee, 7 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Bewick's Wren, 15 Steller's Jay, 22 Bushtit, 8 American Crow, 9 Western Gull, 4 American Robin, 4 House Finch, 1 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 4 Northern Flicker, 3 Song Sparrow, a Cooper's Hawk, 2 Mallard Duck on the water, 9 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Great Blue Heron flying overhead, and 2 Varied Thrush.

Maureen Schmitz's report from Everett listed 3 Northern Flicker, 8 Dark-eyed Junco, 6 House Finch, 2 Spotted Towhee, 2 Song Sparrow, 4 American Crow, 2 Steller's Jay, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 5 American Goldfinch, a Varied Thrush, 4 American Robin, a Bewick's Wren, a Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Yellow-rumped Warbler, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, a Hairy Woodpecker, 15 Bushtit, 3 Red-winged Blackbird, a Downy Woodpecker, 15 Gull

species flying over, and a Bald Eagle flying over, for a total species count of 21.

Reporting from her home in Stanwood, Mary Sinker listed 2 American Goldfinch, 23 American Robin, 7 Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bald Eagle, 2 Bewick's Wren, 12 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Brown Creeper, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 8 Bushtit, a Cooper's Hawk, 125 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Downy Woodpecker, 6 European Starling, 4 Golden-crowned Sparrow, 2 Fox Sparrow, 2 Great Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Great Horned Owl, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 12 House Finch, 2 House Sparrow, 6 Kinglet species, 25 Mourning Dove, 6 Northern Flicker, a Pileated Woodpecker, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Red-tailed Hawk in the pasture, 8 Red-winged Blackbird, 4 Song Sparrow, 13 Spotted Towhee, 8 Steller's Jay, 2 Varied Thrush, 4 White-crowned Sparrow, and a White-throated Sparrow, for a total species count of 33.

Reporting from my home in Marysville, my bird count included 1 Anna's Hummingbird, 20+ American Crow in the fields, 5 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 20 Dark-eyed Junco, a Hairy Woodpecker, 7 House Finch, 7 Mourning Dove, 2 Northern Flicker, 10 Bushtit, 3 Spotted Towhee, 4 Steller's Jay, 2 Varied Thrush, 20+ Mallard Duck in the fields, 21 Glaucous-winged Gull, 30+ European Starling in the fields, 25+ Canada Goose flying over, and 2 Barred Owl calling at each, other for a total species count of 20.

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## 2023 Field Trip Waivers

All field trip participants must sign an annual liability waiver. This year's waiver is an online form, which can be found at the top of our [Upcoming Trips](#) page of our website or at the link below. Even if you've recently signed a 2022 waiver, we'll need you to sign a new one for the current year. Thank you!

### [2023 Waiver](#)

Please review our current [field trip guidelines as relates to COVID-19 here](#). ✉

In honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we'll be taking a look back at previous issues of *The Profile* throughout the year to relive some chapter history. This will be a fun opportunity to engage in some retrospection about which issues and activities have been priorities for the chapter and how they have changed—or not—over the years.

### ***Issues: September 1981—March 1983***

#### **Lord Hill Regional Park**

For those of you who have been involved with Pilchuck Audubon over the past couple of years, you're likely familiar with Lord Hill Regional Park. Located west of Monroe along the Snohomish River, our chapter has been involved with the recent planning process to update the County's Preferred Plan for the park. But this was by no means our first time being involved with the park's planning.



Mountain Beaver  
cutting twigs

#### **LORD'S HILL**

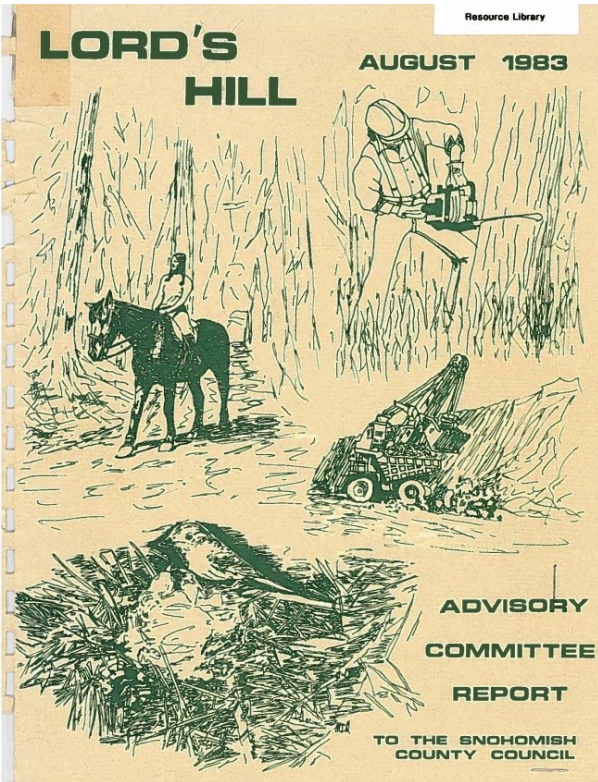
The Lord's Hill Committee has been meeting to try to develop a plan for the use of Lord's Hill. The committee is trying to come up with a plan that will allow logging, quarrying, hiking, and horseback riding to occur in a compatible manner. Representatives on the committee are from the Coalition of Home-owners in the area, Dept. of Natural Resources, Pilchuck Audubon, Horsemen Club, the quarry operator, and the Snohomish County Park Department. For further information contact Sally van Niel at 778-7568.

Sally van Niel, Conservation Committee Chair in 1981, was a member of the original advisory committee for the master plan of what was then called Lord's Hill Park. Our longevity in the county makes us unique in that not only have we had opportunities to be involved in the beginnings of many projects and facets of conservation in the area, but we are still around today to provide follow through and ensure previous work is not forgotten or overlooked.

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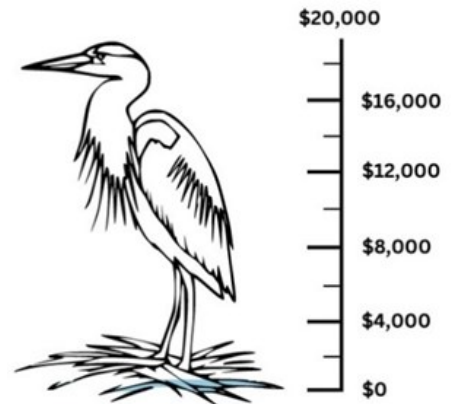
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**Birding Trips — See Page 10**



## 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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Presentation by Anne Yen

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Presentation by Jeff Kozma

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Presentation by Peter J. Hodum, Ph.D.

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Presentation by Olivia Sanderfoot, Ph.D.

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## About Pilchuck Audubon Society

The Pilchuck Audubon Profile, official newsletter of Pilchuck Audubon Society, is published monthly.

Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) is a grass-roots environmental organization with members throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island, Washington.

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife, for the benefit of the earth's biological diversity.

Through education, advocacy, and community activism, PAS is committed to bringing people closer to wildlife in order to build a deeper understanding of the powerful links between healthy ecosystems and human beings, and to encourage the involvement of our members in efforts to protect the habitat this wildlife depends upon for survival.

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

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