



April Program Meeting

Member Photography Showcase & Annual Officer Elections

April 11, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (IN-PERSON ONLY)

Snohomish PUD Building
2320 California Street, Everett, WA 98201

Monthly Program

Join us in-person for a fun evening of sharing and comradery! Our program will be a narrated slideshow of photos from our chapter members. Come see their splendid photography and hear their stories behind each photo.

Annual Officer Elections

April is also our annual membership meeting where we vote on and elect our new chapter officers. This year we will be voting for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Like all elections, this is an important process for our organization and we hope to have as many chapter members present to participate as possible.

We hope to see you there!



Photo by Brian Zinke

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March was a busy month for the Pilchuck Audubon Board. We had a day-long retreat on March 2nd to re-set priorities, update our strategic plan for the next few years and update our budget and investment strategies. This was followed by our regular Board meeting two weeks later. A big thank you is due to our Board members for all their hard work and dedication.

Looking forward to April, we will have our first in-person program meeting since covid. This will be a fun meeting. We are inviting all PAS members to share their favorite photographs of birds or birdwatchers and tell the story of the photo. The meeting will be April 11th at the Snohomish County PUD building in Everett from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

I'll also be at the Volunteer Day April 20th at the Edmonds Waterfront Center along with Bonnie Mearns and Laura Walls. Stop by, say hi, and check out our booth along with



Save the Date for the 20th Annual Puget Sound Bird Fest in Edmonds June 1-2, 2024

Mark your calendars for this year's festival which is moving to June!

On Saturday we will have speakers, an exhibit hall, birding field trips, and storytime activities at the Edmonds Library. On Sunday, we'll have more birding field trips, activities at the Edmonds Wildlife Habitat & Native Plant Demonstration Garden, a bird photography workshop, and birding cruise hosted by Puget Sound Express.

Most activities are free and open to the public, with some activities requiring a small fee and/or pre-registration.

The full schedule of events will be posted mid-April, so keep an eye out for it on our event webpage: <https://www.pilchuckaudubon.org/puget-sound-bird-fest>



Meet Me on the Road: Outreach Presentations in April

By Brian Zinke

I'll be giving several presentations throughout the county this month, on topics ranging from bird-friendly communities and climate change to making your yard a haven for birds. Come say hi, I'd love to meet you in-person!

April 4 – Introduction to Birding (Lake Stevens Library at 3:00pm)

April 9 – Making Your Yard a Bird Haven ([Lynnwood Senior Center at 1:00pm](#))

April 17 – Create Bird-friendly Communities to Help Combat Climate Change ([Snohomish Library at 6:30pm](#))

April 20 – Birding for Families ([Stanwood Library at 11:00am](#))

April 20 – Making Your Yard a Bird Haven ([Marysville Library at 2:00pm](#))



Photo: Mick Thompson

Birding for Families

WITH PILCHUCK AUDUBON SOCIETY

Do you spy eagles soaring and hawks perched around Stanwood and want to know more?

Join us for a program about the joys of birds and how you can get started as a birder.

FOR FAMILIES.
Presented by Brian Zinke, executive director of the Pilchuck Audubon Society.

Sign up today!
Registration required.
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Native Plant Demonstration Garden

By Laura Walls, Demo Garden Co-Steward

The Demo Garden is growing! On March 16, Ingela Wanerstrand and Don Norman of Go Natives! Nursery held a class at the Demo Garden to demonstrate proper planting techniques.



Ingela Wanerstrand and Don Norman plant Vine Maple.

The Grand Maple Stump, future site of the new Stumpery, with Osoberry greening in the background.



For more information on Go Natives! Nursery, including future classes, see their website: <https://gonativesnursery.com/>



Birding at a Wastewater Treatment Facility? Brightwater Becomes a Hot Spot for Feathered Friends



Pilchuck Audubon Society members Jeanette Widener, left, Philip Dickinson, Christine Dubois, and Jordan Widener head out for some birding on a sunny day. Photo by Glenn Landberg

Pilchuck Audubon members birded the Brightwater Treatment Plant grounds with staff from the King County Wastewater Treatment Division this past month.

Read the full blog post here: <https://kingcountywtd.com/2024/03/20/birding-at-a-wastewater-treatment-facility-brightwater-becomes-a-hot-spot-for-feathered-friends/>



Photos by Glenn Landberg.

Various conservation groups with priority legislation before the 2024 Washington State Legislature and the Governor have reported on their successes.

Top of most groups' lists is putting money to words (budget making and appropriating), thanks to funding generated by the Climate Commitment Act (CCA).

Under the umbrella of a new state budget, actions will be taken to reduce dangerous pollution, benefitting air quality in our homes, schools, and workplaces, as well as our forests, natural areas and agricultural lands. According to Washington Conservation Action, the budget includes programs to help "...low and moderate income households pay their energy bills and afford climate improvements like heat pumps and insulation."

But will CCA be around come the 2025 legislative session? There is an initiative (2117) on our November General Election ballot to repeal it, pushed by fossil fuel interests and the official Washington State Republican Party. The initiative is also supported by many Washington State registered voters. Understandably, there are people who simply don't want to pay the higher price for fossil fuels for transportation and other energy needs. That includes some "green folks." CCA may need some additional work to "sit better" with both concerns about climate change effects and costs to the personal wallet.

Stay tuned to see how the campaigns, pro and con CCA, develop in coming months.

A surprise success this session is passage of House Bill 1368 (100% Clean School Buses), which strengthened an existing program that funds purchase of zero-emission school buses and charging infrastructure. It was a bill supported by both political parties.

A Different Legislature in 2025

Some legislative leaders of considerable influence in both political parties have announced their

Reflecting on Audubon Washington's 2024 Legislative Efforts: Navigating Challenges and Looking Ahead

By Adam Maxwell, Senior Policy Manager, Audubon Washington

As we wrap up another legislative session, it's time to reflect on the unique challenges and exciting opportunities we faced in 2024. Following a productive [2023 legislative session](#), this year's 60-day

retirements. They will not run for reelection this November to the legislature or for any other political office. To date, here is the list of those who will not run for reelection:



Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig (D-Spokane); Former House Minority Leader J. T. Wilcox (R-Yelm); Senator Sam Hunt (D-Olympia); Ranking Member on the Senate Ways and Means Committee Lynda Wilson (R-Vancouver); Rep. Joel Kretz (R-Wauconda); Senate President Pro Tempore Karen Keiser (D-Des Moines); and Rep. Spencer Hutchins (R-Gig Harbor).

This is a list of legislators who will run for other political offices this year. Some of them, if they lose, will not return to the legislature:

Sen. Mark Mullet (D-Issaquah; running for governor); Sen. Rebecca Saldana (D-Seattle; running for public lands commissioner); Sen. Patty Kuderer (D-Bellevue; running for insurance commissioner); Rep. Jacqueline Maycumber (R-Republic, running for the 5th Congressional District; Republican incumbent Cathy McMorris Rodgers is not seeking reelection); Sen. Drew MacEwen (R-Shelton; running for 6th Congressional District; Democratic incumbent Derek Kilmer is not running for reelection); Sen. Emily Randall (D-Port Orchard; also running for 6th Congressional District); Sen. Kevin Van De Wege (D-Lake Sutherland is running for public lands commissioner); and Sen. Manka Dhingra (D-Redmond is running for attorney general).

As of this writing, no legislators with districts in Snohomish County or Island County have announced any plans to run for other posts or not at all. Stay tuned in coming months to see if there are changes in either list.

session was all about tying up loose ends and addressing pressing issues, with a cautious eye on the upcoming November ballot and the crucial Climate Commitment Act (CCA) referendum.

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The short timeframe meant things moved quickly, leaving little room for error. While we saw some setbacks, like the Re-WRAP Act getting bogged down by amendments on the House floor, we also had cause for celebration. Our top climate priority, the 100% Clean School Bus bill, successfully passed thanks to the incredible support from our dedicated members who contacted their legislators 2,240 times to support the bill. Check out our [2024 Bill Tracker](#) to see what happened to the bills we supported.

Next year, we expect a more robust agenda with key priorities like clean energy siting and shrub-steppe conservation taking center stage. The longer session will allow for deeper collaboration and discussion on these critical issues.

However, the November ballot hangs heavy in the balance. Initiative 2117, if passed, would significantly impact our environmental efforts by weakening carbon pricing and stripping crucial funding for climate and conservation initiatives. We urge all Washington voters to stand up and [defeat this initiative](#).

At Audubon Washington, we remain committed to engaging our members and communities as we advocate for environmental protection and climate action. Together, we can overcome challenges, seize opportunities, and safeguard our precious natural resources for future generations. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our shared mission.

Here's what it took this year to get our top climate priority passed in the legislature:

By the numbers

- **4,250** emails sent to legislators at key moments throughout the session
- **50** Audubon and partner volunteers met with 17 legislators during Advocacy Days
- Targeted op-eds and letters to the editor published, including:
 - Spokesman Review Op-Ed by Will Merg on the Clean School Bus Bill <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2024/feb/21/will-merc-driving-toward-change-why-we-need-zero-e/>
 - Everett Herald Op-Ed by Adam Maxwell on the Re-WRAP Act <https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/comment-rewrap-act-can-help-limit-waves-of-plastic-pollution/>
 - Everett Herald Editorial by Jon Bauer on the Re-WRAP Act <https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/editorial-recycling-bills-could-use-a-little-reuse-refocus/>
- The Columbian LTE by Susan Saul on Community Solar <https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/feb/03/letter-support-solar-act-in-legislature/>

Sign up today to pledge your support to protecting our state's climate commitments.

[Protect the Climate Commitment Act](#)

Bird Walks in the City of Snohomish, March 2, 2024

Trip Report by Douglas Resnick

Our group met near the entrance to the Riverview Wildlife Refuge at 1:00 PM. This was an unusual time of day to meet for birding; most outings begin in the morning, based on an expectation that more birds will be observed then. The weather forecasts during the preceding week, though frequently changing, often listed snow. Since snow was supposed to fall in the morning only, and since the temperature was supposed to increase as day progressed into afternoon, we could hope that snow would not interfere with the rescheduled outing.

Such was the case; there was even a bit of sunshine as we entered the refuge. The trail, for the most part, curls around the wastewater treatment plant that shares this site with the refuge. Thus, as we followed the trail, we walked mostly between the plant's lagoons and undeveloped land. The latter included areas that were variously brushy, woody, or grassy, with the Snohomish River, ponds, and rivulets a bit further away, but still in sight. In the southernmost lagoon, we found many Greater Scaups, a few Gadwalls, and a single Mallard. We could just make out a Ring-necked Duck in the lagoon next closest. As we passed an area of dry reeds, a Northern Harrier came into view, flying over the area's northern edge. In and around the grassy field to the west, we found a number of passerines, including European Starlings, American Robins, Cedar Waxwings, and a Steller's Jay. Overhead, we spotted 3 Common Ravens. At the far corner of the field, we took the stairs down to the river, where we startled some Common Mergansers. As we walked along the field's western edge, we saw a Bald Eagle, carrying nesting material, fly to a nest in a tall tree, where it was joined by a second eagle. Further along that edge, we could look into the ponds and wetland in the Pilchuck Audubon Society's two parcels. There, we found more Mallards, a couple of American Wigeons, a couple of Buffleheads, and a Belted Kingfisher. In the water nearest the exit from the refuge, we found our last waterfowl: 4 Wood Ducks. We then crossed the street and continued along the sidewalk to where we had parked. This part of the walk provided us with our final observations: 4 Steller's Jays and a Red-tailed Hawk.

Our second birding site was Ferguson Park, which lies next to Blackman's Lake. Some of us stopped en route to use the restrooms at the Snohomish Library. When we all reached the park, we ended up variously parked in two different locations. We coordinated via phone, then reconvened at the lake's southern boat launch. We saw ducks again, including more Mallards and more Buffleheads. We also found Ruddy Ducks, a Pied-billed Grebe, numerous American Coots, and a few Double-crested Cormorants. In the field by the southernmost tip of the lake, we saw our only woodpecker for the day, a Northern Flicker.

In total, despite the afternoon's cold winds, we reported 30 species of birds in eBird. Thanks to Hans Dunshee, who afterwards welcomed us into his warm house by the lake.

Volunteer Fair at the Edmonds Waterfront Center

April 20th

10:00am – 1:00pm

Located at 220 Railroad Ave in Edmonds

Visit us at the upcoming volunteer fair in Edmonds to learn how you can get involved with our chapter. Come chat with our chapter President, Bill Derry, and volunteers from the Edmonds Wildlife Habitat & Native Plant Demonstration Garden.

Our chapter has a lot of opportunities to get involved, and there's something for everyone regardless of your skillset or time availability. Even if you're not sure you're ready to volunteer yet, come say hi, we'd love to meet you!

You can also sign up for our volunteer email list. We use the list to send out occasional emails for upcoming volunteer needs, such as festivals and outreach events.

[Sign up for our volunteer email list](#)

BACKYARD BIRDING

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

January 26, 2023 - February 25, 2024

Now that the weather is changing, we should start to see more birds and different species. I am really looking forward to warmer weather.

Carole and Larry Beason's report included 22 American Coots on the lake, 3 American Crows on top of a Fir, 8 American Robins, 1 female and 1 male Anna's Hummingbird, 2 Bald Eagles on the Hemlock, 3 Black-capped Chickadees, 8 Buffleheads and 8 Canada Geese on the lake, 5 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, a Common Raven over the trees, 5 male and 4 female Common Merganser on the lake, a Cooper's Hawk on top of the feeder, 30 Dark-eyed Juncos, 3 Double-crested Cormorants on the lake, 1 male Downy Woodpecker on the suet, 4 European Starlings on the feeder, a Fox Sparrow on the patio chair, 16 Golden-crowned Sparrows, 1 male and 1 female Hooded Merganser and 2 Mallards on the lake, 8 Mourning Doves in the trees, a Pileated Woodpecker on the suet, 8 Purple Finches at the feeders, a Red-breasted Nuthatch at the suet, 4 Ring-necked Ducks on the lake, 6 Red-winged Blackbirds at the feeders, 2 Song Sparrows on the patio, 5 Spotted Towhees under the feeders, a Sharp-shinned Hawk in the yard, 4 Steller's Jays at the feeders, 2 Western Gulls at Granite Falls field, and 1 male and 1 female Wood Duck for a total species count of 32.

Sarah and Paul Bueren's report from Edmonds listed an American Goldfinch, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, 9 American Crows, a Bald Eagle, 4 Black-capped Chickadees, a Brown Creeper, a Band-tailed Pigeon, 4 Bushtits, 4 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, 1 Common Raven, 16 Dark-eyed Juncos, a Downy Woodpecker, a Hutton's Vireo, 2 Golden-crowned Kinglets, 3 House Finches, 3 Golden-crowned Sparrows, 4 Northern Flickers, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 2 Spotted Towhees, 2 Song Sparrows, 2 Townsend's Warblers, 2 Varied Thrushes, and a Pacific Wren (WREX) for a total species count of 24.

Reporting from Everett near the waterfront, Kriss Erickson listed 12 Black-capped Chickadees, 7 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, 2 Bewick's Wrens, 4 Steller's Jays, 22 Bushtits, 13 American Crows, 8 Western Gulls, 4 American Robins, 6 female and 5 male House Finches, 2 male and 2 female Spotted Towhees, 1 male and 1 female Downy Woodpecker, 4 Northern Flickers, 2 Song Sparrows, 2 male and 2 female Mallards, 8 Dark-eyed Juncos, 1 male and 1 female Red-breasted Nuthatch, 1 male and 1 female Anna's Hummingbird, a Hairy Woodpecker, 8 Snow Geese flying overhead, a Barred Owl, a Winter Wren, 2 White-crowned Sparrows, a Cooper's Hawk flying overhead, 1 male and 1 female Green-winged Teal, and 1 Common Raven for a total species count of 25.

Mary Sinker's report from Stanwood included 27 American Robins, 9 Anna's Hummingbirds, 2 Bald Eagles in the yard, 2 Bewick's Wrens at the feeders, 15 Black-capped Chickadees and 13 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, 2 Brown Creepers, 11 Bushtits, 2 Cooper's Hawk in the yard/feeders, 143 Dark-eyed Juncos, 6 Downy Woodpeckers on the suet, 2 European Starlings, 2 Fox Sparrows, 4 Golden-crowned Sparrows, 1 Great Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Great Horned Owls in the trees, 4 Hairy Woodpeckers, 6 House Finches at the feeders, 3 Killdeer in the pasture, 6 Kinglet species in the trees and feeders, 2 Mallard Ducks in the creek and yard, 24 Mourning Doves in the yard, 6 Northern Flickers, a Northern Pigmy Owl in the yard, a Pileated Woodpecker in the trees, 55 Pine Siskins at the feeders, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Red-breasted Sapsucker in the trees, 3 Red-tailed Hawks, 45 Red-winged Blackbirds at the feeders, 6 Song Sparrows, 9 Spotted Towhees in the yard and feeders, 6 Steller's Jays, 2 Varied Thrushes at the creek and feeders, 8 White-crowned Sparrows, 5 Winter Wren/Pacific Wren in the yard/brush pile, and a Yellow-Rumped Warbler for a total species count of 37.

Maureen Schmitz's report from Everett listed 5 Band-tailed Pigeons, a Yellow-rumped Warbler, 4 Dark-eyed Juncos, 5 American Crows in the yard, 5 European Starlings at the feeders, an American Robin in the yard, 20 Red-winged Blackbirds flying overhead, 15 Pine Siskins in the trees and yard, 2 Piliated Woodpeckers in the yard, a Bewick's Wren, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, 1 Chestnut-backed Chickadees in the yard, 2 Black-capped Chickadees in the yard and at the feeders, a Downy Woodpecker in a tree, 4 House Finches in the yard, 5 Golden-crowned Sparrows in the yard and at the feeders, a Gull Species flying over, and 2 Spotted Towhees in the yard and at the feeders. Her total species count is 19.

My report from my home in Marysville included 3 American Crows in the fields, 3 Black-capped Chickadees at the feeders, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadees at the feeders, 30 Canada Geese in the fields, 40 Dark-eyed Juncos, a Downy Woodpecker at the suet, a Cooper's Hawk flying around, 7 House Finches, 10 Kinglet Species in and out of the bushes, 4 Mallard Ducks in the water in the fields, 2 Mourning Doves in the yard, 4 Northern Flickers at the suet, a Pileated Woodpecker at the suet, 3 Steller's Jays at the feeders, 5 Glaucous-winged Gulls in a parking lot, a Varied Thrush in the yard, 2 Hairy Woodpeckers at the suet, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, and 11 Pine Siskins at the feeders for a total species count of 21.

If you would like to join our Backyard Birding Highlights, please email me at pricemara1@gmail.com.

Birding Field Trips

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

Tuesday, April 2. Snohomish Area

8:00 AM - 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, Bob Heirman Preserve and other hotspots. In this transitional period, we should still see winter waterfowl but also watch for early migrants like swallows and Rufous Hummingbirds. Pack a lunch.

Saturday, April 6. Shoreview and Innis Arden

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

This is a half-day trip. We'll visit two sites in Shoreline: Shoreview Park and Inns Arden Reserve Park. This will be a challenging walk. Boots are recommended. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2024 Field Trip Liability Release](#) online, please contact the trip leader, in order to register for the trip.

Tuesday, April 9. Nisqually

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

Meet at 7:00 AM at Walmart at 1400 164th St. SW in Lynwood 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 (probably no Nazca Booby this year). Pack a lunch.

Tuesday, April 16. North Whidbey Island

7:30 AM - 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). Fidalgo Island and North Whidbey Island offer a variety of lake and waterfront settings, including March Point, Campbell Lake, Rosario Beach, Bowman Bay and Deception Pass. More neotropical migrants should be arriving too. Pack a lunch.

Saturday, April 20. Wallace Swamp Creek Park

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trip Leader: Linda Phillips, 206-291-3663

2024 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 this link: [2024 Field Trip Liability Release](#).

UPDATE: We have rescinded our previous COVID-19 requirements, and will be following the current County guidelines, which can be found here: <https://www.snohd.org/538/STATE-LOCAL-Guidance>

We will meet near the parking lot kiosk of Wallace Swamp Creek Park (19851 73rd Ave. NE, Kenmore, WA) Our objective will be to view breeding behavior such as pair bonding, territorial defense, cavity excavation and nest building by resident birds in this 25 acre riparian forest. Early migrants may also show up as we walk about 1.5 miles along Swamp Creek. Trails may be muddy. Rubber boots are recommended.

Saturday, April 20. Washington Park Arboretum's Forster Island and Marsh Island

9:00 AM -

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

Please join Academia Latina and the Pilchuck Audubon Society for a visit to Washington Park Arboretum's Forster Island and Marsh Island Trails. We will meet at 9:00AM in the parking lot at 2300 Arboretum Dr E, Seattle, WA 98112. Additional parking is available alongside Foster Island Road. We will be exploring to see how much (not whether, judging by the Google Maps arial photo) light rail construction is affecting the waters and shore of Union Bay on the northeast side of Lake Washington State. I checked ahead and was informed that the lakeside trails are open. Time permitting, some of us may continue south into the heart of the arboretum, if anyone is interested.

From the Evergreen Point Freeway Bridge/State Route 520 take the Montlake exit. Turn south away from the Montlake Bridge and university. Make an immediate left on East Lake Washington Blvd. Turn left again on Foster Island Road and look for the visitors' center parking.

Bring study walking shoes, hat, fowl weather gear, water, and picnic lunch for your party. Also bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. No dogs.

Sunday, April 21. Sammamish

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Trip Leader: David Droppers, lycaenid@gmail.com

Sammamish has a number of wonderful, small, birds parks. We'll explore several as time allows, with Illahee Pond, Soaring Eagle Park, Hazel Wolf Wetlands, and Yellow Lake likely. We'll meet at 7:00 AM at the Bothell Park and Ride to carpool down. You are also welcome to meet us in Sammamish. After you have submitted your [2024 Field Trip Liability Release](#) online, please contact the trip leader in order to register for the trip.

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Bird Trips continued....

Tuesday April 23. Sequim

7:10 AM - 6:00 PM

Trip Leader: Frank Caruso, 774-238-0698

Meet at 7:10 AM at the Wade James Theatre 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 will be looking for migrating shorebirds and passerines. We will return to Edmonds on the 4:40 or 5:30 ferry. Pack a lunch.

Saturday, April 27. Big Gulch Guided Walk for Beginning Birders (hosted by Mukilteo Library).

****Pre-registration through library required****

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Trip Guide: Jeff Hambleton

This walk will focus on building essential skills for beginners. We will spend about 2 hours walking through [Big Gulch Park](#) and trail system behind Mukilteo Library.

Birding will be slow paced, leaving time for discussion of birding and binocular basics, choice of field guides and birding apps. Bring binoculars. No 'pushing' or playback of bird vocalization will be used. Please be prepared with weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Terrain may be wet, muddy, steep, or uneven

Tuesday, April 30. Montlake Fill-Magnuson Park

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Trip Leader: Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

Meet at 7:30 AM at Walmart at 1400 164th St. SW in Lynwood. 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 4. Canyon and Centennial

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

This is a half-day trip. We'll list two sites in Bothell, the Canyon Park wetlands and Centennial Park. This will be an easy walk. Further details will be provided to registered participants. After you have submitted your [2024 Field Trip Liability Release](#) online, please contact the trip leader to register for the trip.

Upcoming Classes

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

Gulls of Washington

October 17

7:00-9:00pm

[Online](#)

Instructor: David Droppers

Learning your gulls is like getting your flu shot - you don't want to but you know you should. They are daunting, but they are everywhere, and oh so entertaining. David Droppers will share the keys to identifying adult gulls (sorry, he's not so confident on his immatures, maybe a class in several years). David will also share a tool he has developed to make identification a bit more methodical, taking much (but not all) of the pain out of the process. Learn your gulls - can't you hear them? They're laughing at you!

\$15 for PAS members

\$20 for non-PAS members

Gulls of Washington Field Trip

October 19

8:00am-1:00pm

Instructor: David Droppers

This field trip is for those intrepid souls who want to venture out with David the weekend following the online class to put what you've learned into practice. We will likely cruise from marina to marina, looking for wintering and migrating gulls. Space is limited to 12 registrants.

\$25 for PAS members

\$35 for non-PAS members

The Raptors Among Us

November 12, 19, 26, & December 3

7:00-8:30pm

[Online](#)

Instructor: Connie Sidles

Few observations in nature delight the soul more than the sight of a hawk or an eagle circling lazily in the sky. But looks can be deceptive. These are working birds, actively hunting for prey to chase down and eat. "Raptor" comes from the Latin word for "seize or plunder," and that is indeed what these magnificent hunters do. Washington is host to 20+ species of vultures, eagles, hawks, and falcons! Come let master birder Connie Sidles show you how to identify them all. Class is designed for advanced-beginner and intermediate birders.

\$45 for PAS members

\$60 for non-PAS members

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.

- Student.....\$15
 - Senior.....\$30
 - Adult.....\$35
 - Family.....\$50
 - Lifetime Member (one-time payment).....\$1,000
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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 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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