

## March Program Meeting

# Wild Stories from the History of Bird Migration Research

Guest Speaker: Rebecca Heisman

March 14, 2024

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

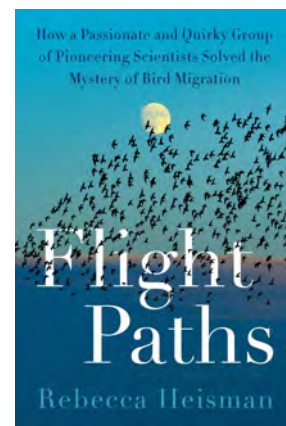
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We've all heard amazing facts about bird migration—the long distances that birds travel, the ways that they navigate, etc. But did you ever wonder how we figured all of this out? While working for the American Ornithological Society, Rebecca Heisman became fascinated with the varied and creative techniques that scientists have used to study bird migration, and this eventually became the

basis for her book *Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration*. In her talk, she'll share some surprising stories from the history of bird migration research and discuss why understanding migration is so crucial for bird conservation.

Rebecca Heisman is an award-winning science writer who lives in Walla Walla, Washington, and has worked with organizations including the Audubon Society, the American Bird Conservancy, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and the American Ornithological Society. *Flight Paths* is her first book.



**[Get a copy of her book on Bookshop.org](#)**

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## Early Spring at the Native Plant Demonstration Garden

By Laura Walls, Demo Garden Co-Steward

Snow may be falling in the foothills, but spring has come to our Native Plant Demonstration Garden. Down on Willow Creek, bright yellow skunk cabbages are piercing through the muddy flats. Crimson salmonberry flowers are just starting to open, tall Oregon grapes are topped by bright yellow pyramids of flower buds, and the trails are lined with Indian plum blossoms, bright green leaf-shoot candelabras dangling panicles of white flowers. Up by the road, early iris blades are being nibbled back by winter-hungry critters—soon they'll be outgrowing even the rabbits.

Big changes are coming! Early this February we lost the great maple in the lower garden, as the City of Edmonds deemed it hazardous and cut it down. The remaining moss-covered stump will decay slowly back into the ground, and for many summers to come the lower garden will be awash with afternoon sunlight. Once the City removes the piles of slash, we plan to hold a cleanup party to restore and replant the area.

And the Garden is getting bigger, too. Recently we received permission to plant and maintain the area to the north of the driveway. Many thanks to the students in Hillary Ethe's Edmonds College class in Restoration Ecology who for their final projects are developing plans to restore and maintain this area. And thanks as well to Don Norman of Go Natives! Nursery who is working with us to donate plants. What's more, Go Natives! is now offering many of their classes in the Willow Creek Fish Hatchery building, including on-site training in the Demo Garden. (For more information, see their website: <https://gonativesnursery.com/>.)

Finally, a new feature for the Garden is under construction: our other co-steward, Gary Pyle, is installing a Medicinal Plants garden near the parking area, and a few plants are already in. So Watch This Space—there's lots happening! And come on down anytime to take a look around.

**Interested in volunteering at the native plant demonstration garden?**  
Please reach out to us by responding to our [opportunity on VolunteerMatch](#).



This month's report is dedicated to our tour of Costa Rica. I added sixty new bird species and this wasn't even a birding trip; it was a cultural and natural history tour. Wildlife diversity in Costa Rica is often mentioned but it's hard to appreciate until you see it. For example, there are fifty species of hummingbirds, 1,500 species of orchids, over 130 species of snakes (22 venomous), 4 species of monkeys, plus lots of tree and other plant and animal species.

We started on the Caribbean side of the country at Tortuguero National Park. This is a spectacular area of canals running through the coastal jungle. Lots of birds, crocodiles, caiman, turtles, monkeys, and sloths. Then our bus tour went to the rainforest and cloud forest around Monte Verde and finally the dry deciduous forest along the Pacific Coast.

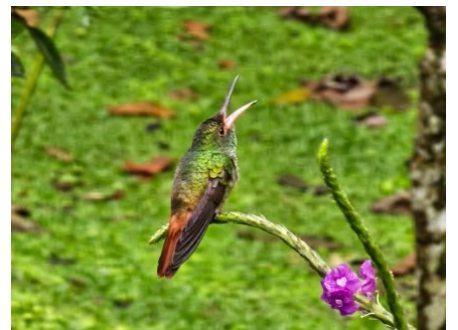
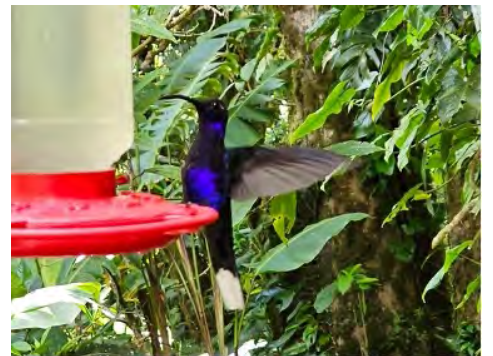
Costa Rica is celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> year of being a democracy this year. They abolished their army in 1948 and have used the money to develop an excellent education system, free health care and social security. It's a beautiful country with friendly people. What troubled me was that there has been a tremendous amount of forest removed to raise cattle, a food that is not particularly good for us and a contributing factor to climate change and loss of biodiversity. In the U. S. you can add the issues of air and water pollution, the trampling of stream banks and inhumane confinement of cattle in feedlots.

I encourage everyone to reduce or eliminate the amount of beef and dairy products that you eat.

The following photos were shot with my new Samsung phone...



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## Legislative Session

The current short session ends March 7, and many Audubon priority bills will not be allowed to advance. Look for “resurrections” in the long-term 2025 session.

The following information is provided by Adam Maxwell, our senior policy staff for Audubon Washington. Thanks to Adam for his work this session!

It wasn't a strong session for our priorities, but the 100% Clean School Bus bill (HB 1368) at the end of February is still very much alive, as are a couple of bills we are supporting that relate to pollinators. Legislators are feeling they did a lot in 2023 and now want to see more accomplished through implementation and budget investments.

**HB 1368** has passed out of the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Ways & Means.

The April PROFILE will have a wrap-up report on the 2024 legislative session.

## Senator John Lovick

Here are some excerpts from recent emails between Allen Gibbs and Senator John Lovick (44<sup>th</sup> District):

**“Regarding HB 1368 – Requiring and funding the purchase of zero emission school buses** – I plan to vote for this bill if it reaches the Senate floor for a vote. [It] gives our children a safe and healthy environment to learn and grow, [which] is one of my biggest priorities.

**“Concerning Senate Bill 6052 (petroleum products supply and pricing)** -- this bill did not make it out of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means this year, and likely won't pass this session.

“I appreciate your concern that oil companies are pricing unfairly, polluting our air, and contributing to climate change. I want all Washingtonians to have clean air to breathe and enough money to take care of their family.”

## Other State News

According to Washington Conservation Action, the Washington Department of Ecology is establishing statewide rules to ensure that vessels and facility

owners and operators have adequate resources to pay cleanup and damage costs arising from an oil spill. Notice of public hearings will be sent to PAS members. No dates have been provided so far.



## Federal News

PAS has for more than 20 years been part of a coalition in Washington and Oregon seeking additional funding for the Forest Service to repair its road and trail systems, and remove roads no longer needed by timber harvesting programs. Former WA Congressman Norm Dicks and Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell have supported special appropriations bills to provide some funding for this effort. Removal of roads identified by the Forest Service as no longer needed will reduce erosion in watersheds, and in many cases, return the road right-of-way to the natural contours of the landscape.

The Forest Service trail system is woefully in need of repair, in part, because of a huge increase in the popularity of outdoor recreation. Better maintenance would lessen the need for repair. Reliance upon volunteers to do repairs has been helpful but is not sufficient. Since 2005, funding has depended on the various and inconsistent support of presidential administrations of both parties.

There is now the **Legacy Roads and Trails Remediation Program (LRT)**, a new law, requiring the agency “to establish a process for annually selecting projects for funding” and to “solicit and consider public input regionally in the ranking of projects for funding.”

For us, that is the PNW Region, headquartered in Portland, Oregon. It includes all national forests in Washington and Oregon. In the first two years of the statute under which projects have been selected for funding (FY 2022 and FY 2033), **there has been no solicitation of public input and no explanation of how the projects were selected.**

PAS with seven groups (Wild Earth Guardians, American Whitewater, North Cascades Conservation Council, Cascade Forest Conservancy, Olympic Parks Advocates, Washington Wild, and Conservation NW) has sent a letter to Jacqueline Buchanan, Regional Forester, and Christopher French, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, asking the agency to follow the law and include the public in its LRT ranking and selection

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of LRT projects. Washington State Congresspersons involved in this legislation are Representatives Kim Schrier (8th District); Derek Kilmer (6th District); Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell.

### US Navy

The US Navy has opened a public comment period regarding their Eastern Washington Airspace Environmental Assessment for the Okanogan D Military Operation Area (MOA). The new training exercises will

be carried out in expanded airspace over the Methow Valley, including portions of the Pasayten and Lake Chelan/Sawtooth Wilderness Areas and the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. This program has the same purpose as the Navy's low level flights over the Olympic Peninsula, which garnered a great deal of attention among Audubon chapters about 10 years ago.

If you would like to receive more information on this, contact me at: [agibbspr@gmail.com](mailto:agibbspr@gmail.com)

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## Celebrate Migration at the 2024 Puget Sound Bird Fest

*20th annual festival moves to spring!*



Save the date for Puget Sound Bird Fest as it migrates to spring for the 20th annual festival on June 1st – 2nd in Edmonds.

A celebration of birds and nature, Bird Fest features two days of speakers, guided walks, field trips, exhibits, and educational activities for all ages. Most Bird Fest activities are free and open to the public, with some activities requiring a small fee and/or pre-registration.

The Puget Sound Bird Fest was initially held in spring to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. After growing for several years, it was moved to fall to avoid competition with other birding festivals around the region. Last year, festival planners decided to move it back to spring to better coincide with the peak season for bird watching.

"We're really excited about moving Bird Fest to the spring," said Brian Zinke, Executive Director of the Pilchuck Audubon Society, who has partnered with the City to put on the event since it began. "Spring is a time of rejuvenation, a time when we come out of the doldrums of the long Northwest winter, and what better way to celebrate than by welcoming back our splendid migratory birds."

This year's event will kick off early Saturday morning, June 1st, with guided walks offered by the Pilchuck Audubon Society, followed by a presentation by wildlife biologist Gregory Green at 10am in the Edmonds Plaza Room.

Green's presentation *The Ecology of Hummingbirds from Ecuador to Washington* will explore the unique

ecology of hummingbirds and share the results of his research on the northward expansion of Anna's hummingbirds over the past 75 years. Other presentations will follow throughout the day.

Also on Saturday, families can enjoy a special Bird Fest Family Storytime at the Edmonds Library starting at 10am, then head next door to the Kids Corner in the Exhibits Hall in the Frances Anderson Center gym. Booths staffed by representatives from regional conservation organizations, artists, scientists, and select vendors will be open until 4pm. Be sure to stop by the Pilchuck Audubon Society Photo Contest booth to vote for your favorite.

Additional field activities will be hosted on Sunday, June 2nd, including guided walks, a boat cruise to Protection Island, a native plant sale, and tours of the Edmonds Wildlife Habitat Native Plant Demonstration Garden conducted by the Edmonds Stewards.

Bird Fest is located in beautiful downtown Edmonds where guests can enjoy a rich array of shops, galleries, restaurants, cafes and bistros that cater to the arts and cultural festivals. Many acclaimed eateries in the center of town and along the beachfront are within easy walking distance of the Bird Fest venue.

The Bird Fest Planning Committee is hard at work planning the 2024 event and plans to post the full festival schedule by April 15th. For more information visit the Bird Fest website at [www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org](http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org) or email [Jennifer.leach@edmondswa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.leach@edmondswa.gov).

## Bird Walks in Mukilteo, February 3, 2024

Trip Report by Douglas Resnick

The weather varied over the days leading up to this outing, but during our walk no rain fell from the cloudy sky, the wind was light, and the temperature was mild for a winter's day.

We met in front of the Mukilteo Library, then set out for our first walk along the northern side of the building. The Big Gulch trail system in the main resembles a lollipop: the loop is on the east, and it intersects a long trail to the west. We walked just the loop, which passes through a forest and eventually heads downward to reach the intersection. After that, the trail ascends beside a creek. Although we spotted one Mallard in a pond, most of the birds we found were typical of a forest, for example, Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees. Most notable were four members of family *Picidae*: Downy, Hairy, and Pileated Woodpeckers and a Northern Flicker.

Next, we carpoled to Edgewater Beach Park, which is maintained by Mukilteo, though it lies inside the boundary of Everett. Starting from the parking lot, we walked westward, soon entering Mukilteo, all the while staying as close to the beach as practicable. Most of the birds we saw were swimming in the water or flying over it. These included Common and Barrow's Goldeneyes, Red-breasted Mergansers, and Red-throated Loons. One Bonaparte's Gull stood on the nearby pier. One Killdeer stood on a beached log.

There are several eBird hotspots along the Mukilteo shoreline, so we started a new checklist at each hotspot we encountered. We changed next to the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal hotspot. In this area is the new ferry terminal, which visitors are allowed to walk through without boarding a ferry. Here, we saw a Surf Scoter and a Belted Kingfisher.

At the Mukilteo Community Beach, we continued to see goldeneyes and mergansers, but there were also many cormorants, most of which were perched on the dock of the old ferry terminal. A long discussion as to the field marks of cormorants led to the recording of three species: Double-crested, Brandt's, and Pelagic. After this arduous effort, several of us availed ourselves of the refreshments offered by Ivar's.

Reinvigorated, we entered Mukilteo Lighthouse Park and reached the city's western edge. One addition to our day's observations was a Rhinoceros Auklet. The most numerous species, however, was the Glaucous-winged Gull, of which twenty individuals loitered around the parking lot.

We returned to Edgewater Beach Park via First Street, using the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal as the hotspot for our final checklist. On this stretch we encountered several species for the first time during this outing: White-crowned Sparrow, European Starling, House Finch, and Bald Eagle.

Our outing ended at 12:41 PM. We recorded 41 species in total.

### **PAS Annual Board of Directors Officer Elections**

Our annual officer elections are held each year in April. This year we will be electing the positions of:

- President (2-year term)
- Secretary (2-year term)
- Treasurer (1-year term)

The Treasurer position is typically a 2-year term voted on in odd years, but because the Board appointed Norwyn Johnson as Treasurer mid-term that position will be up for a vote this year, as well.

If you would like to throw your hat in the ring or nominate someone for one of these positions, please contact Brian ([director@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:director@pilchuckaudubon.org)).

### **Other Positions on the Board of Directors**

If you're interested in joining the Board but aren't ready to commit to an officer position, please let us know! The Board consists of 12 positions, only 4 of which are voted on as officers. We have other positions that might be a good fit for you or align more with your interests, and we'd love to speak with you more about your interests in the Board.

# 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>

## All About Owls: Understanding and Identifying Washington's Most Mysterious Birds

February 29, March 7, & March 21

7:00-8:00pm

Online

Instructor: Connie Sidles

Because owls tend to hunt at night and hide during the day, they can be hard to see and even harder to identify. Yet for most birders, every owl sighting is memorable. Join Connie Sidles as she takes you into the secret lives of Washington's 15 owl species. Each species has its unique field marks and its wonders. In this class we will learn how to find owls and ID them. Nesting season is well underway, and the owls will be calling.

\$25 for PAS members

\$35 for non-PAS members

## Who's Calling, Please? Introducing Birding by Ear

March 12 & 19

7:00-8:30pm

Online

Instructor: Whitney Neufeld-Kaiser

Identifying birds by their songs and calls can transform both your everyday life and your birding experience. This 2-part class is perfect for folks who just finished the recent Beginning Birding class or are just starting to recognize the sounds of birds in their neighborhood. We'll take a deep dive into the songs and calls of a few birds that are both common in Puget Sound and that have distinctive and diverse sounds. With the goals that (1) you'll come away having definitively mastered the sounds of at least one bird and (2) you'll have a solid foundation of skills to learn the sounds of as many birds as you fancy.

\$20 for PAS members

\$30 for non-PAS members

## 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

October 19

8:00am-1:00pm

Field Trip

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



# BACKYARD BIRDING

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

December 26, 2023 - January 25, 2024

I have some good news, Carole and Larry Beason are reporting their Bird Counts again. So, I will start with their report.

Reporting from their home in Snohomish, Carole and Larry Beason listed 200 American Crows in the fields along Roe Menzel Rd, 3 Anna's Hummingbirds at the syrup, 2 Bald Eagles over the lake, 6 Black-capped Chickadees, 6 Buffleheads on the lake, 12 Bushtits in the trees, 16 Canada Geese on the lake, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadees at the feeders, 2 Common Ravens flying overhead, 7 Mergansers and 5 Double-crested Cormorants on the lake, a male Downy Woodpecker at the suet, 22 European Starlings, 35 Dark-Eyed Junco on the ground and in the trees, a Cooper's Hawk on top of the feeders, a Fox Sparrow, 10 Golden-crowned Sparrows in the chicken pen, a male Hairy Woodpecker at the suet, 2 male and 2 female Hooded Mergansers and 2 male and 2 female Lesser Scaup on the lake, 12 Mallard Ducks on the lake and flying, 8 Mourning Doves under the feeders, 6 Northern Flickers in the trees and feeders, 7 Pied-billed Grebes on the lake, a Pileated Woodpecker and a Red-breasted Nuthatch at the suet, 24 Red-winged Blackbirds at the feeder and on the ground, 8 Spotted Towhees, a Sharp-shinned Hawk that killed a Dove, 4 Steller's Jays in the trees and at the feeders, a Varied Thrush under the feeders, 4 Western Gulls at Granite Falls, 1 male and 1 female Wood Ducks, and 34 American Coots on the lake for a total species count of 34.

Reporting from Edmonds, Sarah and Paul Bueren listed 2 Townsend's Warblers, a Bewick's Wren, 2 Song Sparrows, 2 Golden-crowned Kinglets, 4 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, a House Finch, 30 American Crows, a Northern Flicker, 2 Black-capped Chickadees, 10 Bushtits, a Downy Woodpecker, a Brown Creeper, a Spotted Towhee, a Varied Thrush, 2 Band-tailed Pigeons, a Pileated Woodpecker, 15 Dark-eyed Juncos, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Red-crowned Kinglet, and 3 Anna's Hummingbirds for a total species count of 20.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett included 13 Black-capped Chickadee,s 6 Chest-nut-backed Chickadees, 2 Bewick's Wrens, 3 Steller's Jays, 25 Bushtits, 34 American Crows, 12 Western Gulls flying over, 6 American Robins, 6 female and 5 male House Finches, 2 male and 2 female Spotted Towhees, 1 male and 1 female Downy Woodpeckers, 4 Northern Flickers, 3 Song Sparrows, 2 male and 2 female Mallard Ducks, 8 Dark-eyed Juncos, 1 male and 1 female Red-breasted Nuthatches, 1 female and 1 male Anna's Hummingbirds, a Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Varied Thrushes, 2 Barred Owls, 20 Canada Geese flying over, and a Cooper's Hawk flying over.

Maureen Schmitz's report from Everett included 2 Golden-crowned Sparrows, 4 Dark-eyed Juncos, 2 Spotted Towhees, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 2 Black-capped Chickadees, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, 3 Steller's Jays, 1 Varied Thrush, 3 Northern Flickers, 40 American Crows flying over, 4 American Crows in the yard, 12 Bushtits in the yard, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, 2 Bald Eagles flying over, and a Hawk Species flying over for a total species count of 18.

Mary Sinker's report from Stanwood included 11 American Robins, 9 Anna's Hummingbirds, 2 Bald Eagles, 2 Barred Owls, 4 Bewick's Wrens, 15 Black-capped Chickadees, 2 Brown Creepers, 8 Bushtits, 11 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, 2 Cooper's Hawks, 150 Dark-eyed Juncos, 6 Downy Woodpeckers, 2 European Starlings, 2 Fox Sparrows, 5 Golden-crowned Sparrows, a Great Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Great Horned Owls, 3 Hairy Woodpeckers, 10 House Finches, 2 House Sparrows, 2 Killdeer in the pasture, 7 Kinglet species, 2 Mallard Ducks at the creek, 24 Mourning Doves in the yard and at the feeders, 6 Northern Flickers, a Northern Pygmy Owl, a Pileated Woodpecker, 5 Pine Siskin, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatches, a Red-breasted Sapsucker in the trees ,a Red-tailed Hawk, 2 Red-winged Blackbirds in the trees, 5 Song Sparrows, 6 Steller's Jays, 5 Varied Thrushes, 4 White-crowned Sparrows, 2 Wilson's Snipes, the first ever for the backyard, and the pair stayed all day, and 4 Winter/Pacific Wrens for a total species count of 39.

Reporting from Marysville my count included 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, 20+ American Crows in the fields, 4 Black-capped Chickadees, 2 Chestnut-backed Chickadees, 40 Dark-eyed Juncos, a Hairy Woodpecker, a Downy Woodpecker, 7 House Finches, 2 Mourning Doves, 3 Northern Flickers, 4 Bushtits, a White-crowned Sparrow, 2 Spotted Towhees, 4 Steller's Jays, 2 Varied Thrushes, 20+ European Starlings, 25 Canada Geese in the fields, 4 Glaucus-winged Gulls, 6 Kinglet Species, and 5 Pine Siskins for a total species count of 21.

If you are interested in joining our Backyard Birding count, please send me an email at [pricemara1@gmail.com](mailto:pricemara1@gmail.com) or you can leave a message on my phone at (425) 750-8125.

# Birding Field Trips

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

## **Saturday March 2. Snohomish River and Lake**

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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

This is a half-day trip. We will visit two sites in Snohomish, which are near the Snohomish River and Blackman's Lake. This will be an easy 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, March 5. Silvana Roads**

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Trip Leader:** Wilma Bayes, 425-344-8599

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quil Ceda Village Walmart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quil Ceda Blvd. (next to I-5). We will explore the Stillaguamish Valley Roads between Silvana and Stanwood, looking for shorebirds, raptors, winter ducks and songbirds. A walk at the Port Susan Conservancy will be included. Perhaps an American Bittern? Pack a lunch. Dress for the weather.

## **Tuesday, March 12. Mid-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). Our focus will be on loons, alcids, Harlequin Ducks, oystercatchers, and other waterfowl at Sound-side sites from Rosario Beach to Swantown/Bos Lake and perhaps beyond to look for Rock Sandpiper. Pack a lunch. Dress for the weather.

## **Saturday, March 16. O. O. Denny Park, Kirkland**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Trip Leader:** David Droppers, [lycaenid@gmail.com](mailto:lycaenid@gmail.com)

Meet in the lot closer to the water on the south side of the road. We will explore O. O. Denny Park, a gem of a park. Prepare for about two miles of walking with some ups and downs. If there is time, desire and the weather is cooperating, we can continue to Juanita Bay Park further south.

After you have submitted your [2024 Field Trip Liability Release](#) online, please contact the trip leader to register for the trip.

## 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>

## **Tuesday, March 19. Elgin and Black Spit**

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Trip Leader:** Phil Dickinson, 336-692-3760

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). We will travel to British Columbia to visit Elgin Heritage Park, Black Spit and Boundary Bay.

Bring a U.S. Passport or Enhanced Driver's License.  
Pack a lunch (no fruit with seeds).

## **Tuesday, March 26. Kiket 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). The outgoing tide should cooperate with a mid-morning visit to Kiket Island. Other stops likely include Pioneer Park in La Conner, Similk Beach, Channel Drive, and March Point. There should be a good selection of water and woodland birds. Dress for the weather. Pack a lunch.

## **Saturday, April 6. Shoreview and Innis Arden**

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**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 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.

## **Saturday, April 20. Wallace Swamp Creek Park**

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Trip Leader:** Linda Phillips, 206-291-3663

Our objective will be to view breeding behavior in this 25 acre riparian forest. Early migrants may also show up as we walk about 1.5 miles along Swamp Creek. The trails may be muddy. Boots are recommended. We will meet near the parking lot kiosk.

## 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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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

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