

**SINGLETARY TIMBER SALE DELAYED**

*By Kristin Kelly, Executive Director*

Wallace Falls State Park is a shining jewel of Snohomish County.

Its beautiful, mature forest and spectacular waterfalls are enjoyed by approximately 175,000 local citizens and tourists each year. These visitors contribute significantly to the local economy; tourism is a \$2 billion industry in Snohomish County. In fact, the park is so loved that its parking lot and trails cannot accommodate all who wish to enjoy it on pleasant summer days.

Volunteers have invested hundreds of hours in trail planning work here in the Reiter Forest. Snohomish County has purchased land for trailhead parking for a new trail that would ascend the east side of the Wallace River and connect to the state park’s trail system. Trail construction began a few years ago.

In addition, the Department of Natural Resources built a bridge at considerable taxpayer expense across the Wallace River to connect the Wallace Falls trail to the yet-to-be-completed DNR trail.

It is with great pleasure I can report that a majority of the Snohomish County Council passed Resolution 17-006 on Wednesday, February 22. Resolution 17-006 requested that the Department of Natural Resources reconvey the 187-acre Singletary Timber Sale next to Wallace Falls State Park back to Snohomish County and asked for a delay to work out a compromise in order to help stop logging of the areas around the trails at Wallace Falls State Park. The County Council voted 3-2 with Councilmembers Brian Sullivan (District 2), Stephanie Wright (District 3), and Terry Ryan (District 4) voting for the reconveyance and delay. Unfortunately, Council Member Sam Low (District 5) and Councilmember Nate Nehring (District 1) voted against the

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**MARCH PROGRAM MEETING**

**Friday, March 10, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Birds in Our Midst:**

**Creating Gardens Filled with Life**

with Julie O’Donald and Jim Clark

Julie O’Donald, Backyard Wildlife Habitat Steward and Master Gardener, and Jim Clark, Avian Science Board Member for Pilchuck Audubon Society, will give an overview of the elements that create beautiful gardens for birds and people. Focus will be on best native plants for birds and design features that create habitat. Photos of birds with their food plants will show how to bring nature home to any size property. Julie O’Donald is team lead for the Brier Wildlife Habitat Project, and Jim Clark is the team lead for the Community Habitat of Edmonds.



*Red-breasted Sapsucker*

Other presenters include Jed Holmes of the new PAS Backyard Habitat Project in Everett, Val Schroeder with the Camano Island Backyard Habitat program, and Sylvia Kawabata of the Mukilteo Backyard Habitat group.

Julie has more than 30 years’ experience creating wildlife-friendly gardens. She has focused on the use of native plants in the home landscape and the benefits that specific native plants offer to wildlife. Julie’s personal certified wildlife habitat contains more than 200 species of native plants and has been successfully attracting birds, butterflies, pollinators, and beneficial insects for more than 25 years. In 2012, the rare Western bumblebee was found in this garden.

Jim Clark has a Bachelor’s degree in Fisheries from the University of Michigan and a Master’s and PhD in Ecology from Virginia Tech. Jim enjoyed a broad-ranging career of environmental work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for 14 years and then ExxonMobil for 18 years. He moved to Edmonds, WA, from Reston, VA, when he retired from ExxonMobil in 2010, to be near his grandchildren.

**Everett Firefighters’ Hall**

**2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett ([map](#))**

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resolution. Later that day, Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz stopped the sale so Snohomish County can work with DNR, PAS, and other environmental groups who requested the reconveyance to work to save some of the forest from being clearcut.

If you are interested to hear the remarks of the councilmembers as to why they voted the way they did, the County Council videotapes all their meetings. Visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), click on Webcasts, then click GLS Meeting on 2/22/2017 (or go to [http://snohomish.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=2&clip\\_id=5615](http://snohomish.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=5615)).

To summarize, Councilmember Low, who represents the district of Wallace Falls State Park, felt that he worked in good faith to find a solution several weeks ago with Resolution 17-003 that was presented to the Board of Natural Resources (BNR), who voted it down, and that he wanted to stand by his word at that time that he would abide by the BNR vote. Councilmember Nehring agreed with Low's position and also was representing his district and Darrington Lumber Mill, which would have benefited from the sale.

However, Councilmembers Sullivan, Wright, and Ryan voted for the reconveyance because it was in the best interest of all the stakeholders, and they felt that Wallace Falls State Park was an important asset to Snohomish County. Delaying the sale gives time to work out a compromise that would be a win-win-win for the economy of tourism businesses in Sky Valley, a solution for compensating the junior taxing districts (Sultan School District and the hospital), and a benefit to the lumber industry in Snohomish County.



Wallace Falls State Park

PAS wants to thank everyone who wrote to the County Council and Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz asking for this delay and reconveyance. We know there was an onslaught of action alerts during the last several weeks, but it definitely paid off. Your activism made a huge difference in the outcome.

During the next month, PAS will be working with our coalition partners, Snohomish County, DNR, and others to find an environmentally and economically healthy solution to one of the most favorite hiking areas for Snohomish County residents and visitors. We will keep you updated as best we can. Look for more action alerts on this and other important issues in the future. ✧

## 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. PAS is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

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Submit articles to [newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org) or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

**To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.610.8027.**

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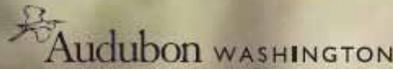
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# Sagebrush Songbird Survey Annual Report

FALL 2016

A community science partnership of National Audubon Society, Audubon Washington, Audubon chapters, and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife



## Sagebrush Songbird Survey 2017

2017 promises an extraordinary lush and song-filled shrub steppe spring once the snow melts! Hone your songbird identification skills with training from our partner, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife experts, experience new adventures exploring the back country to survey for our focal species Sage Thrasher, Sagebrush Sparrow, Brewer’s Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, and more. Join volunteers from eight chapters in our [community science breeding bird survey](#) covering eastern Washington’s public lands to help conserve our birds and their habitats. Here’s how: Contact **Christi Norman, Audubon Washington Program Director**, at [cnorman@audubon.org](mailto:cnorman@audubon.org) or (206) 652-2444 x 104, and register for trainings.

**April 1-2, 2017** The “**Gold Standard**” for Sagebrush Songbird Survey field training! Day One is Bird ID and Day Two is GPS practice:

- Instructors: WDFW’s **Matt Vander Haegen** and **Dr. Micheal Schroeder**, plus **David St George**
- Training site: Nature Conservancy’s Moses Coulee Field Station and WDFW Sagebrush Flats Wildlife Area
- Mileage and hotel reimbursement
- RSVP to Christi Norman at [cnorman@audubon.org](mailto:cnorman@audubon.org)

**March 22-23** for eBird trainings with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust and Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife:

- March 22, 6-8 pm Wenatchee, CDLT Conference Room, 18 N. Wenatchee Ave. RSVP to Susan Ballinger at [susan@cdlandtrust.org](mailto:susan@cdlandtrust.org)
- March 23, 9-11:30, Leavenworth, Wenatchee River Institute, 347 Division Street. RSVP to Brook Hinton at [bhinton@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](mailto:bhinton@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org)
- Mileage and hotel reimbursement

**Survey dates.** Choose your date from two weeks each month:

- April 13-16 AND April 20-23
- May 11-13 AND May 18-21
- June 1-4 AND June 8-11
- Mileage and hotel reimbursement

For more information, check out the citizen science tab under “Ways to Help” on the Audubon Washington website: <http://wa.audubon.org/songbird-survey-eastern-washington-underway> ✧

## Backyard Habitat Volunteers Needed

By Jed Holmes, PAS Everett Backyard Habitat Coordinator

As a part of the ongoing Everett Backyard Habitat Program, we will be working to certify 3-4 public spaces in the city during the month of April, including a special Earth Day event on Saturday, April 22. Volunteers are needed to help plant seedlings, put up bird houses, and provide guidance to our novice helpers (schoolchildren and boy scouts).

We also are seeking people to help staff our backyard habitat display table and distribute literature at various locations and events. We are building a



busy schedule that will include evenings at neighborhood meetings, mornings at the senior center, and weekends at public events. A brief training session and pep talk will be provided to all volunteers.

Also, do not forget to start with your own backyard! We can connect you with the resources and expertise to make your property a sanctuary for wildlife. A \$10 gift certificate to Wild Birds Unlimited is available to residents of Everett (postal addresses) upon successful completion of certification.

For more information, please contact me by email or phone: [habitat@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:habitat@pilchuckaudubon.org); 360 421 8423. ✧

# WELCOME SPRING! WELCOME HUMMINGBIRDS!

*“Green is the prime color of the world and that from which its loveliness arises.”*

**Pedro Calderon de la Barca**

We’ve been hit with a chilly and very wet winter, but there is optimism that spring is around the corner. For me, recent hope has come in hearing more frequently a unique sounds of spring: the exploding squeak made by male Anna’s Hummingbirds during courtship. This noise, produced through their tail feathers, comes at the end of their daredevil dives designed to impress a potential mate.

Hummingbirds can be early nesters in our region. Their nests are endearingly small, but, should you find one, it is best to let it be. Some nests get refurbished and used again in subsequent years.

Because they are so territorial, it’s pretty unusual to see several hummingbirds together, but I love the idea that a collection of hummingbirds is called a “bouquet.” — *Cindy Easterson*

## Anna’s Hummingbird



Named after the 19<sup>th</sup> century Italian duchess Anna De Bella Massena, this tiny new world bird was of great fascination for the first Europeans who arrived on the continent. Hummingbirds feature prominently in Native American lore where they are often depicted keeping the world in check by bringing rain or using their bills to open up holes in the night sky to become stars.

**Identify** – Anna’s Hummingbirds are mostly green with the male head and throat covered with iridescent reddish-pink feathers that glow when hit with direct sunlight. Unlike most other species of hummingbird, the female can also show red or metallic looking patches on the throat. Broken eye-ring visible in both male and female.

**Conservation** – Up until the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Anna’s Hummingbirds stayed in California to breed, but the planting of more exotic flowers and the rise of feeders in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia have created an environment where this species can stay year round. Anna’s Hummingbirds are wide-spread and occur in healthy numbers.

## Rufous Hummingbird



Always ready for a fight, this tiny bird does not back down from a fight ... even when he’s just passing through or pitted against a much larger species of hummingbird.

The Rufous Hummingbird does not stay in the Pacific Northwest through the winter; it has the longest migration route of all North American hummingbirds.

**Identify** – Rufous Hummingbirds were named for the bright orange back and belly of the male. The female is less vivid overall but still has rufous-washed flanks below a green back. The male has a vivid iridescent-red throat. Smaller and more wide-ranging than the Anna’s Hummingbird, the female Rufous Hummingbird can be very difficult to distinguish from a female Allen’s Hummingbird in the southern inland areas of its range.

Short wings that do not extend beyond the tail.

**Conservation** – Rufous Hummingbird populations have declined almost 2% per year since 1966, which has put them on the **2014 State of the Birds Watch List** for birds at risk of becoming threatened.

## TRIP CALENDAR

Check our website at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org) for the latest information



### **Tuesday, March 7**                      **Snohomish City and Outskirts**

Meet at 8:00 AM at Snohomish Park & Ride, located at the junction of Highway 9 and Bickford Ave. Enjoyable and relaxed trip. We usually have high species counts and surprises. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Art Wait, [360-563-0181](tel:360-563-0181)

### **Tuesday, March 14**                      **Fir Island**

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Wal-Mart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Expect almost anything, Golden Eagle, Northern Shrike, Tundra Swans, Merlin, etc. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-435-3750](tel:360-435-3750)

### **Tuesday, March 21**                      **Silvana Roads**

Meet at 8:00 AM at Quilceda Village Wal-Mart west of Marysville (I-5-Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. Pipits, Waterfowl, Shorebirds, Falcons, all the winter LBJs. We may also visit the Nature Conservancy site. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-435-3750](tel:360-435-3750)

### **Saturday, March 25**                      **Woodland Park Zoo**

Those who want to carpool meet at 9:00 AM at Everett Mall. Park in the back, near the transit facility by LA Fitness. Those who don't need to carpool, meet us at the Zoo south entrance at 9:45 AM, 750 N. 50<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, WA 98103. The meeting time at the Mall is half an hour later than usual because of when the park opens in the morning. Admission plus parking \$19.75. Carpooling strongly encouraged. For our traditional late lunch gathering, we may find a café within walking distance in the neighborhood due to parking issues. Trip Leader: Jonathan Blubaugh, 425-244-7633, [aracfi@msn.com](mailto:aracfi@msn.com)

### **Sunday, March 26**                      **South Lynnwood Park**

Meet at South Lynnwood Park, 20915 61st Avenue West in Lynnwood at 1:30 PM for a family picnic. At about 2:15 PM, after the picnic, we'll explore the park, including the forested trail, looking and listening for birds and other critters. If the weather is nice enough and time allows, we'll walk to the nearby Hall Lake to look for waterfowl. No experience is necessary—you need bring only your curiosity and binoculars, if you have them. We have several pairs of binoculars to lend for the event if you do not have your own. For the bird walk, bring: snacks, water, binoculars, and foul weather gear just in case. This is a family event, and children are welcome. Please, no pets. Trip Leader: Terry Nightingale, [206-619-2383](tel:206-619-2383) [tnight@pobox.com](mailto:tnight@pobox.com)

### **Tuesday, March 28**                      **Point No Point**

Meet at 7:15 AM at the Edmonds Wade James Theater

## CONSERVATION REPORT

By Allen Gibbs, Chair, Conservation Committee

### **State Legislative Update**

February 24 was the last day for any policy bills to be voted out of committees in chambers of origin. This means that unless policy bills originating in the Senate or House have been passed out of assigned committees of origin, they are now "dead." This reduces about half of all bills submitted this session. If passed on the floor, the bills go to the other chamber.

"Money bills" in House fiscal, Senate Ways and Means, and Transportation committees continue to "live" in their committees of origin.

March 8 is the last day for policy bills to have a floor vote and pass out of chamber of origin to the other chamber. Anticipate "alerts" to contact your legislator(s) coming up on this date.

March 29 is the last day to pass bills in committee received from the opposite chamber, with the exception of the "money bills." Anticipate alerts.

The regular session ends April 23. All signs are there will be at least one extraordinary session after that date to fund state government after June 30. July 1 is the beginning of the 2017-2019 biennium.

### **Sign Up!**

I will notify the PAS Extended Board of any alerts to contact our respective legislators about particular bills. Sometimes the alert will ask to vote in favor of a bill; other times, to vote against. Nonboard members of PAS who want to receive direct "Audubon alerts," here is what you must do, if not already done.

Go to Audubon Washington's website ([wa.audubon.org](http://wa.audubon.org)). Look to far right on the screen and click on "Sign up." That takes you to a form to fill out, using your residential address. The software determines your legislative district and three state legislators (two House members and one Senator).

From then on, when important votes come up before committees on which your own legislator(s) sit, you will automatically be alerted and invited to either submit the draft letter on the bill which accompanies the alert, or you can reword the draft, or completely write a new letter, then submit to your legislator. Easy! ✧



parking lot. The theater's address is 950 Main St., Edmonds, 98020, just east of 9th Ave. on the south side of Main St. We'll take the ferry to Kingston and bird the voyage, the docks, Point No Point, and Foulweather Bluff. Waterfowl, shorebirds and passerines, and much beauty and serenity. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-435-3750](tel:360-435-3750) ✧

## SMART GROWTH REPORT

By Kristin Kelly, Smart Growth Executive Director

It is with a sad heart I report that we lost our appeal to the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board (CPSGMHB) regarding Snohomish County's Critical Area Regulations Update in 2015. Our (Futurewise and Pilchuck Audubon Society) appeal was combined with an appeal from the Tulalip Tribes. Some of our issues overlapped, but we also had separate issues. Only one issue from the Tulalip Tribes was approved by the GMHB. Thank you to Tim Trohimovich, Director of Planning and Law for Futurewise, for litigating our appeal.

The Final Decision and Order was based primarily, but not entirely, on the county's argument that the issues we appealed were not part of the 2015 update, but were part of the 2007 update, and, therefore, could not be litigated as new issues. While we had an argument as to why we believed the GMHB should consider our issues, they sided with the county. In a nutshell, our issues had to do with better protections for wetlands, fish and wildlife conservation areas, water quality protection in our rural areas, and better protections for people and property from potential landslides. You can read Case No. 15-3-0012c, plus the entire briefs and motions at <http://www.gmhb.wa.gov/CaseDetail.aspx?cid=1640>.

While a setback, the future with land use continues with more opportunities and challenges this year. This spring begins the amendment process for Snohomish County's Land Use Comprehensive Plan, which will continue until 2019. The public process begins with a public hearing by the County Council, who will determine which proposals will continue for more analysis and more public process. Two proposals are to expand the Southwest Urban Growth Area to allow for more urban residential development. Those proposals are also asking for urban growth area reductions in several areas of the county in order to justify the legality of the urban growth area expansion. I am also serving on a stakeholder committee for the county's Transfer of Development Rights Program (TDR). While this program exists to allow for farmers to sell their development rights to developers who can get more density to save farmland, it has not been used, so we hope to come up with new incentives that may help entice the development community to begin using the program. I will also continue my work on the Sustainable Lands Strategy and the Everett Station District Alliance. Links to their websites can be found on my Smart Growth webpage, <http://pilchuckaudubon.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page&sectionid=150>. ✧

## UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, and FESTIVALS farther afield

Compiled by Rick Brauer

### International Festival of Owls March 3-5 Houston, MN

Immerse yourself in owls at the only annual, full-weekend, all-owl festival in North America. Highlights include nine species of live owls, owl prowls, a birding and natural history bus trip. Learn from Spotted Owl and Blakiston's Fish Owl experts from the U.S. and Japan. You can buy owl merchandise, enjoy owl art and photography, and have a hoot eating owl-themed food.

<http://www.festivalofowls.com/>

### Monte Vista Crane Festival March 10-12 Monte Vista, CO

Every year, 20,000 Sandhill Cranes descend on Colorado's scenic San Luis Valley for a six-week stopover to rest and refuel before continuing their northward migration. To celebrate the cranes' return, the town of Monte Vista hosts this festival. The highlight is the opportunity for close-up views of thousands of cranes at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge as they prance and display for each other, lift off en masse in the mornings, and return to their roosting spots at sunset. <http://mvcranefest.org/>



Mick  
Thompson  
Photos



### Othello Sandhill Crane Festival March 24-26 Othello, WA

For two decades, Othello has celebrated the annual return of nearly 35,000 Sandhill Cranes every March as they migrate north to their breeding grounds in Alaska. The festival offers an incredible opportunity to view the cranes up close, with tours led by local experts. It also boasts other specialty tours of the flora, fauna, and geology of the area, many lectures, as well as children's activities, vendors, WSU Raptor Club, food, and much more. <http://www.othellosandhillcranefestival.org/>

### Olympic Peninsula BirdFest April 7-9 Sequim, WA

This festival provides participants the opportunity to view a wide variety of birds normally seen on the Olympic Peninsula. Field trips are planned for Sequim Bay, Port Angeles Harbor, Ediz Hook, Dungeness Spit, the Elwha River, Salt Creek, and at Neah Bay, as well as trips through wooded areas to view songbirds and locate owls in the evening. Boat trips to Protection Island are also planned. The North Olympic Peninsula is widely known as a great place for bird watching. The days of the Olympic BirdFest are timed to overlap wintering birds and the beginning of spring migration. <http://www.olympicbirdfest.org/>.

<http://www.seattleaudubon.org/sas/GetInvolved/Classes/ClassSchedule.aspx> ✧

## FEAST ON THE FARM: Save the Date and Call for Chefs

By Kristin Kelly, Smart Growth Executive Director

The annual Feast on the Farm fundraiser to help support the Smart Growth Program is **Wednesday, August 30**, at Craven Farm. The feast celebrates our local farms, chefs, wineries, breweries, and distilleries, and brings our community together for culinary treats, with great live music from one of our finest local bands.



If you or someone you know would like to be one of our chefs this year, contact Kristin Kelly at [execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org). It is a great way to showcase the chef's talents and advertise a business, support the work of the Smart Growth Program, learn about the great local products from our local farmers, and network with all our wonderful guests and dignitaries. ✧

## ANNUAL PAS MEETING

Our annual business meeting and board election takes place the evening of the April program meeting, Friday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Everett Firefighters Hall.

This year, the offices of Vice-President and Treasurer are open. The Vice-President assists the President in the carrying out of his/her duties and presides at all meetings in the President's absence. The Treasurer is the custodian of the Society's funds and is responsible for keeping accounts, disbursing funds, and providing financial reports at board meetings and annually to the membership. A full description of duties for each office may be found in our chapter bylaws.

If you're interested in running for either of these offices, or would like to nominate someone, please contact us by phone at 425-610-8027 or send an e-mail via the "Contact Us" page at [pilchuckaudubon.org](http://pilchuckaudubon.org). We will also take nominations from the floor.

The business agenda also includes:

Summary of the year's budget

Presentation of Volunteer of 2016 Award

Please plan to attend this important meeting. ✧

*Osprey in flight.*  
Mick Thompson Photo



## BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

Another short report. There are just four bird sighters for January. Hilka is out for a while, and I have not heard from Mary Sinker. This will be Linda Kielland's last report. So, if there is anyone out there who would like to participate in our backyard birding, please let me know.

As usual, I begin with Carole and Larry Beason's report from Lake Bosworth. They always report so many different species. Their report included 14 American Coot on the lake, a Bald Eagle flying over the lake, 2 female Barrow's Goldeneye and 50 Canada Goose on the lake, 10 Bushtit at the suet, 2 Common Raven flying over, 4 Common Merganser and 5 Double-crested Cormorant on the lake, 3 Golden-crowned Sparrow, a Great-Blue Heron, 4 Hairy Woodpecker, a Merlin, 6 Mourning Dove, 24 Pine Siskin, a Red-breasted Nuthatch, 40 Red-winged Blackbird, 2 Ringed-neck Duck, 8 Varied Thrush, and a Sharp-shinned Hawk, for a total species count of 40.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett listed 2 Spotted Towhee, 3 American Robin, 2 Song Sparrow, 4 Northwestern Crow, 6 Western Gull, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 2 Northern Flicker, 8 Black-capped Chickadee, 12 Dark-eyed Junco, 18 Bushtit, 34 European Starling, 4 Steller's Jay, and a Bewick's Wren, for a total species count of 19.

Linda Kielland's report from her home in Lake Stevens included 12 Dark-eyed Junco, 11 Spotted Towhee, a Steller's Jay, 2 House Sparrow, 2 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Common Raven, 2 male Rufous Hummingbird, a Hairy Woodpecker, a Downy Woodpecker, and a Northern Flicker. At work, she spotted 4 male Bufflehead near Cernex in Everett, 23 Canada Goose near the 10th Street boat launch, a Bald Eagle in a tree just north of Legion Golf course, and 5 Mallard Duck in the Port of Everett, for a total species count of 16.

My report from Marysville included an Anna's Hummingbird, 27 Mourning Dove in my backyard, 3 Northern Flicker, 25 Dark-eyed Junco, a Pileated Woodpecker, 20+ Mallard Duck at Twin Lakes, 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Great-horned Owl calling in the woods, 20+ American Crow in the fields along with 30+ European Starling, a Cooper's Hawk sitting on top of the feeders, 4 Bushtit at the feeders for the first time, a Great Blue Heron sitting in the street near the YMCA, and 4 Kinglet species, for a total species count of 21.

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

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**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.

- New Member ..... \$28
- Renewal ..... \$28
- Lifetime Member ..... \$1,000
  - 10 monthly payments of \$100
  - 4 quarterly payments of \$250
  - 1 payment of \$1,000
- Donation ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - My employer will match my contribution  
 My employer's gift-matching form is enclosed with my contribution

Make checks payable to **Pilchuck Audubon Society**

Mail to: Pilchuck Audubon Society  
 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198  
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Send me these via e-mail (check all that apply & include your e-mail address above):

- Profile Newsletter
- Program Announcements
- Action Alerts

Pilchuck Audubon Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable corporation registered with the Washington Secretary of State. Your contributions are tax deductible.

**Spring Seed Sale March 8**

**Order Deadline: March 1**



For a price list and to order seed and suet, contact Carolyn Lacy at carolacy@gmail.com or 206-245-5836.

**Orders must be placed by Wednesday, March 1.** Pick up orders in Everett between **4:00 and 6:30 p.m.** on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**, in the first floor lobby of the Sno-Isle Natural Foods Co-op, 2804 Grand Avenue, Everett 98201 (enter building from the back alley) ([map](#)).

Volunteers will be on hand to collect payment and help load the seed. If you'd prefer to pick up your seed in Edmonds, let Carolyn know when you place your order.