

## MAY PROGRAM MEETING

Friday, May 11, 2018 • 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

### ZALESKY CLASSROOM CONSERVATION GRANTS 2017-2018

Everett Firefighters' Hall  
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett ([map](#))

The May Pilchuck Audubon program meeting will highlight some of the projects of the Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants (for Elementary School Teachers). PAS has invited several elementary school teachers to share what they are doing this year in their classrooms throughout Snohomish County.

Through a generous legacy gift from long-time PAS members Phil and Laura Zalesky, Pilchuck Audubon Society is able to recognize and reward innovative educators at the elementary level. The goal of this award is to promote classroom conservation projects that instill



*Gold Bar Elementary School first graders using their new binoculars. Award funds were used to purchase child-size binoculars for all first graders in the Gold Bar Elementary School (Sultan School District).*

in elementary students a sense of need to conserve and protect our natural resources. This will be achieved by supplementing Snohomish County elementary classroom teachers with funds for materials or activities for conservation projects.

Multiple awards are made annually to selected Snohomish County public and/or private school teachers for conservation- and science-related learning



*Jaxon Warrick dissectioning owl pellets*

activities and/or materials (not salaries) that enhance and enrich a classroom program. The first presentation will be First Grade Forest Days by the First Grade teachers at Gold Bar Elementary in the Sultan School District. Phyllis Tubbs, Tanya Christian, and Melissa Jones will introduce and explain the program, and several of the students will share what they learned by participating in the program. Parents may also want to share their thoughts.

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# May Program Meeting

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The second presentation will be by Fourth Grade Teacher MacKenzie Jo Tanguay from Discovery Elementary School in Mukilteo. She and her students will share their experiences participating in the four-day IslandWood Overnight Program on Bainbridge Island.

Following these presentations, there will be a discussion on Environmental Education for today. Teachers, parents, environmentalists, and others will explore this important subject together. ✧



## Spring Birding Classes

Taught by Candy Brown



Rufous Hummingbird | Photo © Mick Thompson

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Learn about our smallest birds, with an emphasis on identification, their unique reproductive habits, and how to attract them to your yard. These beautiful, feisty creatures are fun to observe and are great pollinators.

**Wednesday, May 9, Edmonds, at Frances Anderson Center**

6:30-7:30 p.m.

\$17 for residents, \$19 for non-residents

To register, call 425-771-0230

### BACKYARD BIRDS

Enhance your understanding of common birds, and improve your ability to identify them. Includes basics of anatomy, migration, reproduction, foods, and foraging. We will also discuss the best ways to attract birds to your yard. Designed for adult beginning birders, but children ages 12+ are welcome.

**Wednesday, June 6, Edmonds at Frances Anderson Center**

6:30-8:00 p.m.

\$17 for residents, \$19 for non-residents

To register, call 425-771-0230

## 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.

### Newsletter Submissions

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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## A HUGE WIN FOR SMART GROWTH AND WISE LAND-USE PLANNING

Since last June, I have been writing about Snohomish County's Docket XIX process, and three requests to expand the Urban Growth Area (UGA) in the Southwest UGA area to 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE between Maltby Road and 196<sup>th</sup> Street, which we opposed. Also, these last few months, I've been writing about a proposal to change the county-wide Planning Policies to allow for Urban Growth Area (UGA) land swaps, in order to justify the addition of these UGA expansion proposals to the docket.

I am so happy to report that, in a 4-1 vote on April 11, the majority of votes of the Snohomish County Council said NO to two of the most egregious UGA expansion requests, and NO to changing a county-wide planning policy for UGA Land Swaps that would have affected all UGAs throughout the county. Council Members Stephanie Wright (District 3), Brian Sullivan (District 4), Sam Low (District 5), and Nate Nehring (District 1) voted NO on these proposals.

One UGA expansion proposal was allowed to be added to Docket XIX: a request by the Northshore School District to add land the district owns next to its new high school to the UGA. While not mandated under the Growth

Management Act, this request was not a big concern for us or our coalition partner, Futurewise.

For all those who received my action alerts on these two issues and have already sent a letter to the Snohomish County Council asking them to oppose both issues, thank you very much. If you did send in an email and have not yet thanked the County Council for their wise votes, you can do so by emailing them at the following addresses:

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If you don't already receive action alerts on Smart Growth issues and would like to, please provide me your email address and let me know you want to receive the alerts by sending a message to me at [execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org). ✨



## Thank You, Volunteers of the Year Jonathan Blubaugh and Sherrill Miller

Volunteers are amazing. These are people who give of their time, talent, and treasure to make our world a better place. Truly, all volunteers of Pilchuck Audubon Society are valued and appreciated, but on occasion you find those rare souls who don't wait to be asked, they simply show up with a "how can I help?" Both of our recipients for this year's Volunteer of the Year award are just these kinds of people.

Jonathan Blubaugh and Sherrill Miller are regular supporters whose efforts are sometimes front and center, such as trip leadership or citizen science coordination but often are in the background supporting an infrastructure that keeps us open and operational as an organization. In addition to leading weekend birding trips for Pilchuck Audubon, Jonathan maintains our Meet Up platform and is a strong supporter for our outreach to diverse and underserved communities. Sherrill is a key member of the Puget Sound Bird Fest planning committee and helps support our monthly programming. She is an avid citizen scientist and supports a wide range of projects that help us know more about how birds are managing across our region.

Thank you, Jonathan and Sherrill! You are appreciated for your caring and contributions.



*Sherrill Miller and Jonathan Blubaugh receiving their Volunteer of the Year awards*



## REPORT: Bird Walk at Two Gulches in Mukilteo, 7 April 2018

by Douglas Resnick, Trip Leader

Terry, Jonathan, Michael, and I began our outing in the early morning at Swamp Creek Park and Ride. The forecast had been for rain and high wind, but we encountered little wind during our walk, and the intermittent rain faded over the course of the morning. The rain did leave the trails wet and muddy, though. We carpoled first to Big Gulch, later to Japanese Gulch; we observed a total of 31 species, as recorded on eBird. In addition, we saw several birds on our way to and from those two sites, most notably a Bufflehead in the pond by the ramp from Highway 99 to Highway 525.

Our first stop was 92nd Street Park in Mukilteo. We birded around the pond, into the woodlands, and past the glacial erratic boulder, before venturing through a torii-like gate onto Big Gulch's North Fork Trail. We followed that trail down into the gulch. Where the main trails met, we continued upward beside the creek on the South Fork Trail, which led to the Mukilteo Library and its native plant garden. From there, we looped back to the North Fork Trail by walking along the east side of the gulch. At the outset of this walk, we found two Mallards by the parking lot, but we birded mainly by ear the rest of the way, hearing the usual woodland birds, such as chickadees, kinglets, and sparrows. After the rain had mostly let up, we encountered a flock of Pine Siskins, numbering 101. Back at the parking lot, while we humans were discussing the route to the next site, a Pileated Woodpecker caught our attention, hammering a tree close to the lot.

Our second stop was the 76th Street trailhead of Japanese Gulch. In order to fit the walk into the remaining time and to avoid the most difficult of the trails, we followed a loop in the southern part of this site. After walking east past the Mukilteo Community Garden, we followed the main, though unsigned trail northward along the upper rim of the gulch. When we reached a point roughly as far north as 19th Street, we turned west, in order to reach the 19th Street trailhead. From there, we looped back by following trails leading south and east. Early on during the walk, we heard, then saw two Common Ravens, and we saw an American Crow and a Red-tailed Hawk taking turns chasing one another. A variety of the usual woodland birds showed up during the remainder of the walk, but in particular we saw and heard quite a few woodpeckers, including a Red-breasted Sapsucker.

We finished our birding around noon. We then met up with Judy at Patty's Eggnest Restaurant in Mukilteo for lunch, before returning to the Park and Ride.. ✧

## Meet Richard Smith, PAS Secretary

At the April business meeting, Richard Smith was elected as the new PAS secretary. Richard loves nature, and he considers birds to be the crown jewels of the earth.

Richard is currently serving his third year on the planning committee of the Puget Sound Bird Fest. His main focus is social media.

He has enjoyed being outdoors and immersing himself in the natural world since he was a child with summers of camping and years in scouting. He is again beginning to study bird language, this time in depth, he says.

His job takes him to many places around Snohomish County. While he is out and about, he looks to the skies and trees and listens for birds and other wildlife. There have been times where he has come upon injured



Richard Smith

wildlife, which he has taken to one of the wildlife rescue centers in Snohomish County. He has volunteered at a center for a few months. He states that It is amazing to see a Bald Eagle or Red-tailed Hawk come in with injuries that, without proper care, would have caused death, but the birds survive and are released healthy back to their home. He learned that even the messiest of jobs at a rehab center (cleaning the cages) was rewarding in its own way because it was a part of the process of getting the birds and other wildlife back to where they belong.

He is passionate about the environment and keeping it sustainable and healthy for all.

Three years ago Richard became a certified habitat steward through NWF. Since then he has helped people get started with the steps to have their backyards certified as wildlife habitats with both NWF and WDFW.

Richard lives in Everett with his wife, who is commencing to write her first book, and his son, who will be graduating high school in June.

Welcome to the PAS Board, Richard! ✧

*"There is something of the marvelous in all things of nature." — Aristotle*

## TRIP CALENDAR

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



### Tuesday, May 1 Highway 530, Arlington to Darrington

Meet at 7:30 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart, west of Marysville (I-5 Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. We are going to visit areas along Highway 530 near the rivers. Included are Fortson Ponds, Squire Creek County Park, and Sauk River Boat Launch. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-631-2611](tel:360-631-2611)

### Saturday, May 5 Brier Parks

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Lynnwood Transit Center, which is in the vicinity of I-5 Exit 181; come to Bay D1, which is near the southwest corner of the parking lot. We'll carpool to Brierwood Park, Locust Creek Park, Brier Park, Hickory Way Park, and Abbey View Memorial Park. Boots are advised.

Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, [425-776-4811](tel:425-776-4811)  
(cell: [206-617-0019](tel:206-617-0019)), [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net)

### Tuesday, May 8 Sedro-Woolley to Marblemount

Meet at 7:00 AM at Quilceda Village Walmart, west of Marysville (I-5 Exit 200). Park away from store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd. and next to I-5. We are going to visit areas along the North Cascades Highway. Included are Lyman, Hamilton, Rasar State Park, and the Howard Miller Steelhead Park. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-631-2611](tel:360-631-2611)

### Tuesday, May 15 Cle Elum Area

Meet at 6:00 AM at the Monroe Park & Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the fairgrounds. An all-day trip. Different birds: Red-naped Sapsucker, Northern Goshawk, Calliope Hummingbird, Western Bluebird, Mountain Bluebird, Magpie, Vesper Sparrow, and Cassin's Finch possible. Experience Cle Elum. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-631-2611](tel:360-631-2611)

### Tuesday, May 22 Snoqualmie River Valley Monroe to Carnation

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Monroe Park & Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the fairgrounds. Expect a fun time and exciting birds. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, -2611

### Tuesday, May 29 Leavenworth Area

Meet at 6:00 AM at the Monroe & Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the fairgrounds. Many species rarely seen around home. We will go up Icicle Creek and certainly try for the Calliope Hummingbird and Lazuli Bunting in Camas Meadows. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, [360-631-2611](tel:360-631-2611)

### Saturday, June 2

### County Parks near Mill Creek

Meet at 7:30 AM at Ash Way Park & Ride, which is in the vicinity of I-5 Exit 183; park in the southwest area, by the southernmost entrance to the parking lot. We'll carpool to Martha Lake Park, North Creek Park, McCollum Park, and Lake Stickney.

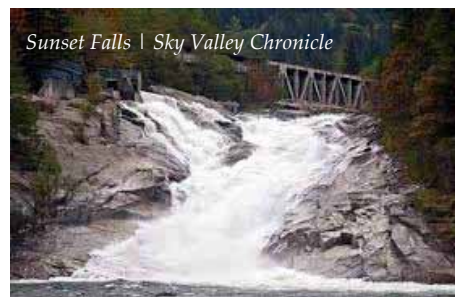
Trip Leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811 (cell: [206-617-0019](tel:206-617-0019)), [dresnick1@comcast.net](mailto:dresnick1@comcast.net)



## SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD DROPS SUNSET FALLS HYDRO PROJECT

After seven years of controversy, the Snohomish County Public Utility District commissioners agreed to close their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission application and cancel the Sunset Falls Project. The hydropower project on the South Fork Skykomish River east of Index was opposed by environmental and fisheries groups.

The Sunset Falls project would have rerouted a 1.1 mile stretch of the South Fork Skykomish River through an underground tunnel to a powerhouse at



the base of Sunset Falls. Thanks to the local community, PAS members, and other environmentalists for their part in preserving this portion of the US 2 corridor.

The U.S. Forest Service has recommended the Skykomish River for federal designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act due to its scenic, recreational, fish, and wildlife values. ✧

## Initiative 1631

After the state legislature failed to pass any meaningful clean energy bills this past session, but did come close to passing a bill in favor of 100% fossil-free energy production by 2025, a number of groups came together with an initiative of the people, Initiative 1631. The ballot title follows:

*“Initiative Measure No. 1631 concerns pollution.*

*“The measure would charge pollution fees on sources of greenhouse gas pollutants and use the revenue to reduce pollution, promote clean energy, and address climate impacts, under the oversight of a public board.*

*“Should this measure be enacted into law?*

*Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_”*

Signature gathering has been underway by various groups and individuals since late April. I received a copy of the initiative and information packet on April 21, a day before the PROFILE deadline.

At the moment, key leader groups are The Nature Conservancy, Climate Solutions, WA State Labor Council, WA Environmental Council, and Edmonds Congregation.

Audubon Washington (state) board of directors will consider degree of participation in the signature-gathering stage come its May 16 Board meeting.

Goal is to collect at least 333,000 signatures of registered Washington state voters by June 30, and submit to the Secretary of State by July 6.

The PAS Board will consider at its May 1 board meeting whether to encourage signature gathering by PAS. If the vote is “yes,” signature forms will be available at PAS program meetings on May 11 and June 8. Forms would also be available for signing at PAS birding tours in May and June. More information will be in the June PROFILE regardless as to PAS Board decisions.



More detailed information will also be provided at the two monthly program events.

If I-1631 signature gathering is successful and is put on the November 2018 general election ballot, the PAS Board will consider whether to support the initiative, and, if it does so, the Board will decide what that support will be regarding the election campaign.

Yes, this is a very unusual way to approach this matter. Given the imminent deadline for an article in PROFILE, and because I’ve already been asked if signature forms will be available at PAS events, it was decided at least to alert PAS members that the Board is aware of I-1631 and will make decisions at upcoming Board meetings.

Please stay tuned, and thanks for your patience! ✧

## CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE BIRD at the 14th Annual PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST September 14-16, 2018, Edmonds, WA *Annual Festival Features Acclaimed Speakers, Field Trips, Exhibits, and Boat Tours!*

Mark your calendars for the return of a beloved fall tradition for nature lovers throughout the Northwest: Puget Sound Bird Fest returns the weekend of **September 14-16, 2018**, in Edmonds. Acclaimed as one of the Seattle area’s best events on [www.events12.com](http://www.events12.com), this annual three-day festival celebrates birds and nature on the beautiful shores of Puget Sound with speakers, guided walks and field trips, Puget Sound boat tours, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults.

Puget Sound Bird Fest 2018 kicks off Friday evening with a keynote address by professional nature photographer Kevin Ebi. Through a collection of stunning imagery and masterful storytelling, Kevin will share how a single family of eagles worked together over one year to teach their eaglets how to fly, hunt, and other essential life skills. On Saturday, celebrity birder Noah Strycker will kick off the Year of the Bird celebration at the Frances Anderson Center. In 2015, Noah saw more than half of the planet’s bird species in a single, year-long, round-the-world birding trip. His humorous and inspiring presentation about his epic World Big Year will leave you with a

new appreciation for the birds and birders of the world. Both speakers will have books for sale and will gladly sign yours during the festival.

For folks wanting to get outside, Bird Fest offers guided nature walks at parks and viewing stations in and around Edmonds, field workshops on bird identification, nature photography, wildlife habitat, and two boat cruises. The Citizen Science mini-symposium will return to the Frances Anderson Center on Saturday, in addition to other exhibits, workshops, and presentations, as well as the popular live raptor presentation by Sarvey Wildlife Center and a People’s Choice Photo Contest—be sure to stop by and vote for your favorite! And if you’re looking to spend some family time learning about bird life through hands-on activities and exploration, you won’t want to miss the Kid’s Room.

Most Bird Fest events and activities are free; however some activities require a fee and advanced registration through the City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation Department. Registration can take place in person at the [Frances Anderson Center](http://FrancesAndersonCenter.org), by phone (425-771-0230), or via [RecZone.org](http://RecZone.org) starting **August 1**. ✧



## BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS

by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

February 25, 2018 to March 25, 2018

What a Spring this has been. The fields near my house were just flooded and full of geese and ducks.

Carole and Larry Beason always report many duck species because they live next to Lake Bosworth. Their total species count of 44 included 19 American Robins, 6 Barrow's Goldeneye, 17 Bufflehead, 3 Canada Goose, 6 Common Merganser, 3 Evening Grosbeak, 6 Golden-crowned Sparrow, a Great-Blue Heron on the deck, a Great Horned Owl, 12 Mallard Duck, 3 Purple Finch, 26 Red-winged Blackbird, 11 Ring-necked Duck, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, 11 Tree Swallow, 9 Varied Thrush, and a Pacific Wren.

Hilkka Egtvedt's report from Mukilteo listed 2 Mallard Duck hanging out in her yard, a Cooper's Hawk, a Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Steller's Jay, 4 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a Bewick's Wren, 3 Spotted Towhee, a Fox Sparrow, 2 Song Sparrow, 3 Golden-crowned Sparrow, a White-crowned Sparrow, 15 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 House Finch, and 6 Pine Siskin, for a total species count of 22.

Reporting from Everett, Kriss Erickson listed 16 Dark-eyed Junco, 12 American Robin, 3 Steller's Jay, 18 Northwestern Crow, 16 Western Gull, 3 Mallard Duck, 12 Black-capped Chickadee, 6 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Pacific Wren, 2 Spotted Towhee, a Northern Flicker, 2 Varied Thrush, 2 European Starling, and a Red-winged Blackbird, for a total species count of 17.

A very busy month at Mary Sinker's home in Stanwood. Her report listed 23 American Robin, 11 Anna's Hummingbird, 3 Bald Eagle, 19 Black-capped Chickadee, 2 Brown Creeper, 4 Bushtit, 35 Dark-eyed Junco, 4 Fox Sparrow, 2 Great Blue Heron at the creek, 3 Great Horned Owl, 5 Hairy Woodpecker, 18 Mourning Dove, 6 Northern Flicker, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, Red-breasted Sapsucker, 11 Red-winged Blackbird, 9 Song Sparrow, 12 Steller's Jay, 4 Varied Thrush, and 4 White-crowned Sparrow, for a total species count of 30.

It was very interesting in my area of Marysville because of the flooded fields along 100<sup>th</sup> Street. I spotted 30+ Mallard Duck, 40+ Canada Goose, 6 Eurasian Wigeon, 8 Ring-necked Duck in the pond, 25+ American Robin in the bushes along 100<sup>th</sup>, a Common Raven that flew into the trees in the yard, a Varied Thrush, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 3 House Finch, 4 Black-capped Chickadee, a White-crowned Sparrow, 9 Mourning Dove, 12 Dark-eyed Junco, a Pileated Woodpecker, and 2 Anna's Hummingbird, for a total species count of 22.

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. ✧

## Jed Holmes Takes on a New Role as PAS Volunteer Coordinator

Many of you know Jed Holmes, who has helped Pilchuck Audubon Society with the certification of backyards and spaces all across the City of Everett. We are excited to keep him onboard with us to help with volunteer coordination. Jed has proven his worth through his excellent contribution to our Backyard Habitat program, and we know he'll bring much needed support for growing our outreach and staffing our events.

Jed will be working with our committee chairs and the Board to help identify needs across the organization that include citizen science, education support, trip leaders, workshop instruction, and much more. He'll also be critical for supporting our main programs and projects such as Swift Night Out and Feast on the Farm. If you are interested in volunteering for Pilchuck Audubon, please let us know. There are needs at all levels of engagement including short-term events to term appointments as committee chairs. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to expanding our volunteer base using Jed's talent for outreach and engagement. ✧

### Feast on the Farm Fundraiser

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 29

Craven Farm

13817 Short School Road, Snohomish 98290

Join us for a festive evening of great food prepared by local chefs using local farm products, accompanied by local wines. Keynote speaker, Noah Stryker, author of *Birding Without Borders*.

\$50 per person

Sponsorships available

Please contact Kristin Kelly at

[execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:execdirector@pilchuckaudubon.org) for more information.

Invitations will be sent out by email in June. Limited seating; first come, first served! ✧



## Noteworthy Events for Your Consideration

### Yakima River Canyon 2018 Bird Fest..... May 11-13

A weekend of field trips (in and around Ellensburg and Kittitas County), workshops (avian illustration, photography, native plants for birds), a river raft trip, falconry demonstrations, keynote speaker John Marzluff from the UW (corvid and urban bird specialist) at the banquet, silent auction, and good company with other folks who share your passion. In and around Ellensburg, WA. Visit the website [www.ycic.org](http://www.ycic.org) for schedule and registration information.

### Annual Wenas Audubon Campout..... May 26-28

You're invited to attend a celebration of birds, botany, and the beauty of spring in eastern Washington. The annual Wenas Audubon Campout takes place on Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-28) at the Wenas Creek Campground (SW of Ellensburg). This casual and friendly gathering offers a variety of activities, including birding field trips, wildflower walks, field sketching, owl prowls, and campfire presentations. You do not need to be an Audubon member to attend. All are welcome. Visit the Wenas Audubon website ([www.wenasaudubon.org](http://www.wenasaudubon.org)) for directions, an outline of field trips and programming, and more information (2018 program coming soon). Pre-registration is not required. The campout is free and open to all ages; however, donations are encouraged. Every vehicle must display a Washington State Discover Pass (<http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>). ✧

## UPCOMING EVENTS, CLASSES, and FESTIVALS farther afield

Compiled by Rick Brauer

### Mother's Day May 13 Your Home Town

We all started out as eggs. Even if your Mother didn't sit on you or feed you worms, today is the official day to say thanks! Perhaps Mom would like to go birding....

### The Biggest Week in American Birding Oak Harbor, OH May 4-13

If warblers are your thing, this festival might just live up to its name. It takes place in Northwest Ohio, which humbly bills itself as the "Warbler Capital of the World". Hyperbole aside, this event does have a solid reputation as among the best.

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

### Horicon Marsh Bird Festival Horicon, WI May 10-14

This weekend-long event provides family-friendly activities and educational experiences designed to showcase Horicon Marsh's role as an important habitat for birds and wildlife in the Midwest region. This year's keynote speaker is birder and humorist Al Batt.

<http://horiconmarshbirdclub.com/bird-festival/festival-event-schedule/>

### Acadia Birding Festival Bar Harbor, ME May 31-June 3

Explore Mount Desert Island and its birds through numerous events and venues. Greet warblers on early morning birding walks, visit with puffins and pelagic birds at sea, and observe Peregrine Falcons at an active breeding site in Acadia National Park. This fest's combination of lectures, walks, and adventures will connect you to Downeast Maine's many bird species, diverse habitats, and local birding experts.

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

### Pilchuck Audubon Society Membership Information

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

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