



Energizing, Birding and Wine Tasting in One Weekend

By Kathleen Snyder, President

During the middle of July, **Joan Poor**, Avian Science Director, and I had the opportunity to attend the first National Audubon Convention in 15 years. I expected to meet interesting people, hear some good ideas, and see beautiful scenery in Stevenson, Washington. I did not expect to be blown away time and time again by passionate conservationists, come away completely energized by more ideas than I can use in years, and become totally committed to the "One Audubon" ideal promoted by our new national president, **David Yarnold**.

The opening session by Mr. Yarnold set the tone for the rest of the weekend. He announced that over 500 people from across the nation plus Panama, Belize and the Netherlands were in attendance. Attendees were organized by flyways (Pacific, Central, Mississippi and Atlantic) because it is his mission that we do our work in the way birds travel - interstate and internationally. By expanding our vision and reach beyond political boundaries, we not only protect habitat for our summer migrants but can focus on their wintering habitat as well. In fact, one of this year's national board meetings took place in Panama to see the work being done by our partner, Panama Audubon Society. Panama Bay is one of the most important shorebird migration locations in the Western Hemisphere. Partnerships were a theme of all the sessions. It was shown time and again how working with other chapters, states, and organizations our efforts can be amplified. I often thought of how Pilchuck's partnership with Seattle Audubon, Eastside Audubon, the City of Monroe and the Monroe School District has resulted in a project that reaches through our entire Pacific Flyway and results in better outcomes for the Vaux Swifts.

Other Audubon successes mentioned were collaborating on the first federal guidelines for the placement of wind power turbines, shepherding the Restore Act through Congress (to restore the gulf coast following the Deepwater Horizon spill), and protecting 11 million acres within the Alaska National Petroleum Reserve from oil exploration.

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No August Program Meeting

Instead we will be celebrating at the Annual Chapter Picnic on August 18. The picnic will be held at the Langus Riverfront covered picnic shelter, 400 Smith Island Road, Everett. The fun kicks off at 10 AM with a guided bird walk to Spencer Island. Lunch starts at 12:30 PM to honor all of our wonderful volunteers. Pilchuck will be providing hot dogs/sausages, condiments, coffee, paper goods and utensils. Please bring salad or dessert and your cold beverages (sorry, no alcohol allowed in the park).

Survey Results

Many thanks to the 120 of you who responded to our recent email "Survey Monkey". The answers you gave will help your leadership team plan programs and projects for Pilchuck Audubon over the next couple of years. A special thank you goes to **Sue Miller** who set up, ran, and compiled the results of this survey. Here are some highlights:

Most requested programs: Ornithologists and bird experts

Most requested activities: Field trips, bird seed sales and bird identification classes

Most requested volunteer projects: Outdoor activities and monitoring of forests and watersheds

Bird Brain



Can you name 20 of the 29 birds that regularly breed in North America that have one -word names? Find the answer in the newsletter.

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NAS Convention...

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Other areas of emphasis for our national organization are in both technology and diversity. An exciting development is the use of GIS mapping for conservation, which Joan followed throughout the convention. As for diversity, youth and people of different nationalities were well represented and brought new energy and perspectives to the table. In one of our sessions, we heard from two college Latinas who had become involved with San Diego Audubon as underserved middle school students and were now on the path to becoming biologists. Talk about touching the future!

About that wine tasting - Monday after the convention, I joined 15 Auduboners from all over the country on a field trip in which we birded the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge in the morning and sampled fine Oregon wines in the afternoon. What fun! As an added bonus, I met a member of the board of the Coeur d'Alene chapter and made her aware of their newest member who arrives with years of chapter leadership experience (you're welcome, Mike B!).

I am home now, going through my notes and deciding which ideas our chapter should pursue. Pilchuck Audubon has many strengths and an activist legacy that is second to none. However, our volunteer base needs broadening and our volunteer opportunities, including legislative action, need expanding. Our social media

presence is demanding attention and our fundraising efforts need leadership. Step by step, we will make progress and join in President Yarnold's goal of making Audubon the most effective conservation force in the world through science, passion and action.

Notes from Joan Poor on new technology featured during the convention:

Emphasis on the flyways of the Western Hemisphere was a theme throughout the convention, as was support for the grassroots efforts of people on the ground. National Audubon has a mission to be the most effective conservation force in the world and recognizes that it is our community of birders and network of chapters that will help foster a healthy future for birds and people alike.

An example of a new platform that is being provided to chapters is access to visual storytelling through geospatial information systems, or GIS maps. With these digital maps a chapter could, for example, overlay a map of occupied Marbled Murrelet habitat with proposed DNR timber sales. This provides a powerful tool that can be loaded to web pages, sent to blogs, broadcast to conservation partners or used to inform legislators. Audubon has stepped up the game in conservation with commitment to the flyways of birds and the wingspans of chapters. We will "do work the way birds go."

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 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, nonprofit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

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Trip Calendar

Check our calendar at www.pilchuckaudubon.org for the latest information

Sunday, August 4 **Corson Wildlife Preserve**

Meet at 8 AM at Everett Station at 3201 Smith Ave. Park in the northwest corner of the parking lot, across Smith Avenue from the Everett Station building. We'll carpool to Lake Stevens and get a tour of the Corson Wildlife Sanctuary. This nature preserve features 160 acres of ponds, fields, marshes and a large collection of exotic birds. Total distance will be between 2-4 miles with minimal elevation gain. Actual distance will depend on how ambitious the group is feeling. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots and foul weather gear just in case. This is a half-day hike so pack a lunch and we'll eat at one of the shelters on the grounds.

Trip Leader: Terry Nightingale, 206.619.2383, tnight@pobox.com

Tuesday, August 6 **Snoqualmie River Valley**

Meet at 7:30 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, one half mile west of the Fairgrounds. Expect a fun time and exciting birds. We saw Forty-seven species last year. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Saturday, August 10 **Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest**

Meet in Marysville at the Park & Ride on the south side of 4th Street at 8 AM. We will walk the beautiful and flat riverside Suiattle Road for two miles to the Huckleberry Mountain trailhead. Once on the trail, we will hike for as long as the group wants to continue. The lookout site would be 17 mile round trip, so we won't expect to get that far. Trail gains approximately 800 ft/mile after leaving the road. Wear sturdy shoes/boots and bring a daypack with layers of clothing, raingear, lunch, snacks and water. Birders are welcome! Please RSVP to trip leader if you plan to attend.

Trip Leader: Kathy Johnson, 360.659.7252, katherine@earthlink.net

Tuesday, August 13 **Hwy 20 from Rockport to Diablo Dam**

Meet at 7 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. Black Swifts and Gray Jays are likely. Pack a Lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Sunday, August 18 **Langus Riverfront Trail**

Let's start off the annual chapter picnic with a bird walk! Meet at 10 AM at Langus Riverfront Park picnic shelter, 400 Smith Island Rd, Everett. Much of the walk is ADA-

accessible. We will be back at the picnic shelter well before the feasting starts, scheduled for 12:30 PM. This one is great for kids and grandkids!

Trip Leader: Jonathan Blubaugh, 425.244.7633, aracft@msn.com

Tuesday, August 20 **Samish Flats**

Meet at 7:30 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. Want to see what a premier winter birding area offers in Summer? Come along! Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Tuesday, August 27 **Mount Baker Highway**

Meet at 7 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. Golden Eagle, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, Ptarmigan, swifts, pipits, larks, and numerous mammals are possible. Expect wildflowers and adventure. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leaders: Art Wait 360.563.0181, Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

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Bird Brain



Answer: Anhinga, Bluethroat, Bobolink, Brant, Budgerigar, Bufflehead, Bushtit, Canvasback, Chukar, Dickcissel, Dovekie, Dunlin, Gryfalcon, Killdeer, Limpkin, Mallard, Merlin, Osprey, Ovenbird, Pyrrhuloxia, Redhead, Sanderling, Sora, Surfbird, Veery, Verdin, Whimbrel, Willet, and Wrentit

Pilchuck Audubon Sponsored Events

Support your local chapter by attending these events!

Demo Garden Work Party

Saturday, August 24

Edmonds

The Demo Garden has been beautiful all spring and summer and a big work party is scheduled to work on opening up the Phase 2 area. The work party will be held from 10 AM – 2 PM. Everyone is welcome and training will be provided. For more information, please contact Susie Schaefer at garden@pilchuckaudubon.org.

have delicious spaghetti dinners available for purchase and there will be information booths and activities for kids. **Larry Schwitters**, our Swift Guru, will also give an update on the Monroe Swifts. Check out www.monroeswifts.org for more information.

In preparation for the fall migration there will be a training session in Monroe at 6:30 PM for volunteer docents on Thursday evening, August 22 in Monroe. Please contact Susie Schaefer at susie.schaefer@comcast.net for more information on this training.

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Sustainable Road Planning

Sunday, October 6

Everett

Eight public meetings were scheduled for hearing ideas from the public concerning future management of the forest road system. Pilchuck Audubon and PNW Four Wheeler Drivers Association members will co-host this meeting at the Everett Library meeting. Plans for PAS' participation in October will be detailed in the September Profile. More volunteers to help at the check-in table are welcomed. PAS members are encouraged to attend as participants and provide comments. Other meeting dates and places include:

August 21, Darrington Community Center
September 10, Bellingham
September 24, Monroe Public Library

To ensure admittance, you must register! Go to the PAS website to find the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest sustainable roads link. When you access the forest website, click on the "RSVP link" to read more about the project, and to register for a seat at one of the public meetings. The site includes dates, locations and times of the public meetings, plus background information about the forest road planning.

Livable Snohomish County Summit and County Council Candidate Forum

Saturday, October 12

Everett

This will be the 4th summit and this year will be focused on "Building Livable Communities." The free event will be held at the Everett PUD Building in Everett from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Activities include have a variety of speakers, presentations, films, free lunch, exhibits and informational tables, networking opportunities, and a County Council candidate forum, all of which will focus on how we can work toward building better urban and rural communities.

RSVPs are encouraged, so we can plan for food for the day. Please RSVP to Kristin Kelly at 425.923.8625 or kristin@futurewise.org.

8th Annual Feast with Friends Fundraiser Snohomish

Thursday, September 12

The event will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 PM at the beautiful home, art studio and gardens of Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak and Warner Blake, 230 Avenue B in Snohomish. The Feast pairs fresh produce from local farmers with the culinary talents of local



chefs along with wines and spirits. Included is a Top Chef Competition for you to vote on your favorite dish.

This is our way to celebrate our extraordinary farming heritage and the abundant food we have right at our back door. The event also highlights the partnership between Futurewise and PAS' Smart Growth efforts to inform our community about the importance of protecting our farm and forest lands.

In 2014, one of the highest Smart Growth priorities will be Snohomish County's 2015 update to the Comprehensive Plan that will direct growth through the year 2035. Your support of this fundraiser along with your involvement during public processes will help ensure that our goal of protecting forests, rural lands, water quality and wildlife habitat is reached.

Invitations for the Feast have gone out. In case you haven't received yours, individual tickets are \$50 and can be purchased in advance by sending a check addressed to Futurewise and mailed to Kristin Kelly, 1429 Avenue D, #532, Snohomish, WA 98290. To pay online, go to <http://futurewise.org/action/events>. If possible, please RSVP no later than the 1st of September.

Swifts Night Out

Saturday, September 14

Monroe

Join the Vaux's Swift Festival for a fun, casual evening on the lawn of the Monroe School District Wagner Center on Main Street. The event starts at 5 PM and ends when the last swift enters the chimney. The Monroe Swift Watch will

Recap of 2013 Washington State Legislative Session

By Allen Gibbs, Conservation Chair

Some Wins

The state will set up a climate change study process to draft options for a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Many projects received funding for clean energy projects and grants to improve energy efficiency of public buildings. More money was allocated for Puget Sound cleanup and improvement of stormwater treatment.

Of special interest to Kittitas and Yakima county residents is a huge commitment to acquire about 50,000 acres of the Teanaway River Valley watershed located northeast of Cle Elum. Controversial elements have divided some conservation and recreation coalitions over aspects of the Yakima River Basin Integrated Plan. Stay tuned for more on this one in coming years.

Some Losses

The "Big Oil Loophole," an accidental tax exemption from years ago and never intended to benefit oil companies, remains on the books. Also, thanks to strong lobbying by

chemical companies and retailers, some toxic chemicals remain in home products and furniture.

Apart from the wins and losses, the Environmental Priorities Coalition (of which WA Audubon chapters are members) was well organized in its outreach to member organizations. Audubon chapters received updates and alerts from **Jennifer Syrowitz**, Audubon Washington's Chapter Associate, asking members to contact their legislators on issues of concern. Volunteers, including PAS members, filled weekly phone banks and called over 19,000 people. Legislative training workshops early in the year saw 70% new attendees. Over 500 EPC folks went to Environmental Lobby Day to hear Governor Inslee and Public Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark and speak to their legislators. Almost 9,000 emails were sent to legislators as a result of EPC outreach. Many thanks to Jennifer for focusing on conservation grassroots communication during the legislative session. Working together made a difference.

Community Events, Festivals, and Conferences

Check our calendar at www.pilchuckaudubon.org for the latest information

Second Sundays at Morse

August 11

Graham

An invitation for the public to visit Morse Wildlife Preserve on second Sundays from 12 – 4 PM in April through October. Walk the traditional trails to appreciate the forest and prairie, take a close look at wetlands habitat by way of an extraordinary boardwalk, then explore the extended trail loops and newly-accessible habitats beyond.

Morse Wildlife Preserve is located at 25415 70th Ave E, Graham, WA. For directions or more information call 253.565.9278 Monday through Friday or visit www.morsewildlifepreserve.org.

Western Field Ornithologists and The Washington Ornithological Society Conference

August 22 – 25

Olympia

This thirty-eighth annual meeting is hosted by Black Hills Audubon. Workshops include Fall Warblers with Jon Dunn and Kimball Garrett, Sapsuckers with Steve Shunk, Gull Identification with Mike Donahue, Dragonflies with Dennis Paulson and more. Keynote talk by John Marzluff on those amazing Corvids. Two sessions of talks on recent research in the region with a plenary talk by Dennis Paulson. Other activities include field trips, photo ID sessions, and sound ID sessions.

For more information and conference schedule, visit www.westernfieldornithologists.org.



Puget Sound Bird Fest

September 6 – 8

Edmonds

This is a yearly celebration of the birds and nature found on the beautiful shores of Puget Sound. Events include speakers, guided walks, land and water-based field trips, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults. Bird Fest provides participants with opportunities for observing birds in their native habitats and for learning how habitats in urban and suburban areas can be restored and preserved for birds and other wildlife.

Visit www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org for more info.

Dungeness River Festival

September 27 – 28

Sequim

Help celebrate the watershed that keeps the Sequim-Dungeness Valley alive. There will be activities for kids and adults, music, art, food, and much more. Explore the works of the Olympic Driftwood Sculptors in the River Center on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, go to www.dungenessrivercenter.org/index.html.

BARK Presentation and Field Trip

By *Kathy Johnson, Forest Practices Chair*

On June 3, three members of the Portland, Oregon group BARK gave a presentation to interested Washington forest activists about their work with post-logging monitoring of US Forest Service timber sales. **Allen Gibbs, Gary Loyd**, and I attended from PAS, along with representatives from North Cascades Conservation Council, Conservation Northwest, and the Mountaineers and Wilberforce Foundations.

BARK has been evaluating compliance with "Best Management Practices" (BMPs), which are used by the Forest Service (FS) to mitigate harmful effects of logging. These practices can include things like stopping work during very wet conditions to reduce erosion, washing equipment to prevent noxious weed invasions, and decommissioning roads (removing culverts, restoring natural drainage patterns, and revegetating road surfaces) after logging is complete.

BARK representatives explained that these BMPs are designed to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act under a Memorandum of Understanding with the state. NOAA Fisheries staff rely on BMPs to protect sensitive fish populations. So it is crucial that FS and their contractors adhere to them faithfully. Unfortunately, the FS has very little funding or motivation to do much monitoring of these practices. This is where BARK's program came in. Initially they worked with academicians who trained them in using equipment like penetrometers to measure soil compaction, a digital clinometer which measures slope, and advanced GPS equipment for photographing and precisely locating areas of concern. BARK has been highly successful in recruiting volunteers

to assist them with this work. In addition to educating volunteers about the detrimental effects of timber sales, the information gathered is shared with the Forest Service, who can use it to improve their logging practices and BMP compliance.

On June 4, BARK members visited one of our own timber sales on the Darrington District of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Forgotten Thin Plus. PAS has been following this sale since 1998 when it was first proposed. We commented at all phases of the NEPA process, and appealed the sale in 2003. In response to our appeal, the FS withdrew the EA and prepared a new EA that incorporated the following requests from the appeal discussion: no logging in Late Successional Reserve or Riparian Reserves, no rebuild of the Falls Creek bridge or logging on the far side of that creek, and closure of several roads after the completion of the logging operations. The timber was sold to several different contractors, and logging was completed from the final units of the sale last fall.

We were excited about seeing the outcome of this sale; and more importantly, to see how the BMP monitoring protocol was implemented. We came away from the Forgotten Thin Plus visit with several concerns about the final results, which we plan to communicate to the Forest Service. We hope to use these methods in the future to evaluate completed timber sales. If you are interested in learning more about these activities, please contact me and/or come on one of our Forest Hikes. For information on our upcoming hikes, please visit our calendar.

Riverview Wildlife Refuge

The four acres of land that Pilchuck Audubon owns next to the city of Snohomish's water treatment plan is now part of the new Riverview Wildlife Refuge. On July 16, the Snohomish City Council approved the master plan that was submitted by the refuge committee. Eventually the interior of this property will become a series of canals, swales and rain gardens which will treat stormwater as well as host a loop trail for wildlife watchers. The trail on the river dike will remain and is open for walking. Dogs will not be allowed in the refuge and Pilchuck will be working with the city to increase native habitat and nesting areas as well as providing a birding checklist pamphlet. The plan calls for some ADA accessible trails and two or three viewing platforms. The main parking area is on the street at 1805 First Street in Snohomish and then the path takes you under Highway 9.

Thank you to **Joyce Kelly, Bill Fulton, Cathy Clark, James Peck** and **Kathleen Snyder** who contributed hours of time and effort to making this vision a reality.

Please come to see this wonderful addition to our county's birding areas although you might want to wait until fall when our ducks and gulls return and the treatment ponds are full of them.



Backyard Birding Highlights

By Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

May 26 – June 25, 2013

We certainly are having a very pleasant summer. It's a great time to get out and bird watch. We had some interesting sightings this period. Cedar Waxwings were spotted at several locations and a couple of Red-Crossbills.

As usual, the **Carole and Larry Beason** had a very good month with a total species count of 42 from their home at Lake Bosworth. They listed 2 Bald Eagles, 4 Barn Swallows, a Kingfisher flying over the lake, 11 Brewer's Blackbirds under the feeders, 20 Band-Tailed Pigeons, a Cedar Waxwing, 8 Evening Grosbeaks, 16 Mallard, an Osprey over the lake, 12 Pine Siskin, 4 Pileated Woodpeckers (2 adults and 2 juveniles), 4 Red-Breasted Sapsuckers, 18 Red-Winged Black Birds, 6 Swainson's Thrush, 6 Violet-Green Swallows and 3 Red-Crossbills.

Kriss Erickson's report from Everett listed 3 Steller's Jays, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, 2 Northern Flickers, 7 American Crow in the yard, 5 Mallard, 7 Black-Capped Chickadees, 3 Chestnut-Backed Chickadees, 3 American Robins, 2 Dark-Eyed Junco, 3 Western Gulls and a Bald Eagle flying over for a total species count of 13.

Hilkka Egtvedt has been busy filling the bird feeders because the food is disappearing so fast. She reported 3 Band-Tailed Pigeons and I think they may be the cause because they can empty out a feeder in no time. Her report from her home in Mukilteo also included 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, a Bald Eagle, a Bewick's Wren, a California Quail (heard in the yard), 4 House Sparrows, an Olive-Sided Flycatcher, 13 Pine Siskin, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 3 Red-Crossbills, 2 Rufous Hummingbirds, 2 Violet-Green Swallows and 2 White-Crowned Sparrows for a total species count of 27.

Sue Klinker's home in Snohomish seems to be a popular site for American Goldfinches and Hummingbirds. She listed 9 American Goldfinch at the feeders, 9 Anna's Hummingbirds, 16 Cedar Waxwings at the Snoho Station, 3 Evening Grosbeaks, 2 Fox Sparrows, a Golden-Crown Kinglet, 3 Pileated Woodpeckers, 5 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 7 Rufous Hummingbirds and 9 Spotted Towhee for a total species count of 27.

Five Cedar Waxwings topped **Gail Dibernardo's** report from Brier along with 8 California Quail (must have included juveniles), 6 Wood Ducks at the Brier Pond, 5 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 2 Swainson's Thrush, 10 Band-Tailed Pigeons at the feeders, 5 Violet-Green Swallows, 3 Spotted Towhee, 4 Dark-Eyed Junco, a Great-Blue Heron overhead, 12 Pigeon Guillemots at the Edmond's Ferry and a Chipping Sparrow for a total species count of 26.

A Western Screech Owl is still frequenting the area around **Julie O'Donald's** home in Brier. Her report also included

10 American Crows in the trees - mobbing, 2 Barn Swallows, a Bewick's wren, 2 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 5 Chestnut-Backed Chickadees in a nest, 2 Golden-Crown Kinglets, a Pacific Wren, a Pacific Slope Flycatcher, 3 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 2 Rufous Hummingbirds in the flowers, 2 White-Crowned Sparrows and a Wilson's Warbler for a total species count of 26.

Mary Sinker reported 8 Cedar Waxwing in her yard in Stanwood. She also reported 18 American Goldfinch at the feeders, 20 American Robins, 6 Band-Tailed Pigeons, 10 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 10 Black-Chickadees, a Brown Creeper, 8 Brown-Headed Cowbirds, a Great-Blue Heron at the creek, 2 Hairy Woodpeckers, 15 Mourning Doves in the yard, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 5 Red-Winged Blackbirds, a Sharp-Shinned Hawk flying around and 2 Wilson's Warblers for a total species count of 36.

Good news from my home in Marysville. The California Quail couple had 7 little Quail so now I have 9 to report. Also the Band-Tailed Pigeons are down to 3 now. My total species count of 25 included 10 American Crows in the field, American Robins, 10 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 4 Dark-Eyed Junco, 4 Evening Grosbeaks, 2 Mourning Doves, 4 Northern Flickers, 2 Purple Finch, 7 Steller's Jays, 3 White-Crowned Sparrows, 2 Great-Horned Owls in the woods, 2 Brown-Headed Cowbirds, 2 Downey Woodpeckers and 3 Tree Swallows.



Hutton's Vireo taken by Judy Rowe Taylor. A new lifer for her. Congratulations!

Judy Rowe Taylor sent a very interesting bird report from her farm in Warm Beach. Her list consisted of 29 species which included an Orange-Crowned Warbler, a Western Wood Pewee, a Red-Tailed Hawk, a Bald Eagle, a Willow Flycatcher, a Red-Breasted Nuthatch, a small flock of Bushtit, 2 Cedar Waxwing, 5 American Goldfinch, an Olive-Sided Flycatcher, 2 Barn Swallows and 5 Black-Headed Grosbeaks.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me a pricemara@clearwire.net or call my cell at 425.750.8125.



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Join our member led field trips this summer!

Jonathan Blubaugh led our members on a recent Weekend Bird Walk on the Centennial Trail. They saw 27 bird species, including some very active Red-Breasted Sapsuckers. Check out the full trip report on the Pilchuck Audubon web site under Birding.