



Birds of East Sand and Leque Island Face Change

There are two conservation issues in our region that will interest you. The first is taking place in the Columbia River; the other is closer to home—the Leque Island dike breaching in Port Susan Bay. Both revolve around the decline of our fish populations and the efforts of humans to correct the imbalances they have wrought.

In June, the US Army Corps of Engineers announced a proposal to kill 16,000 Double-crested Cormorants, a quarter of the western population, at a globally-significant Important Bird Area (IBA) at East Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington.

Starting next spring, the Army Corps will begin killing thousands of cormorants at East Sand Island every year for four years, with the intent of protecting endangered salmon and steelhead trout. Each year, millions of young fish leave the Columbia River for the Pacific Ocean, creating a significant food source for cormorants and many other species.

The \$1.5 million draft plan authorizes a series of tactics, such as using rifles with silencers and night-vision scopes, covering eggs in oil, and flooding nesting habitat. This is an attempt to address the recovery of these fisheries by targeting cormorants. Cormorant populations have been growing at the Columbia River site in recent years, and it now contains the largest population of Double-crested Cormorants in western North America. However, their populations are still far lower than historic levels and other colonies in the west have declined.

Cormorants and salmon have coexisted for millennia. While declines in salmon and trout populations have led to listings under the Endangered Species Act, it is a result of manmade causes, including dams, habitat loss, and pollution—not cormorants.

The Army Corps' preferred alternative fails to consider the manmade causes of declining fish populations and does not fully apply and evaluate non-lethal means. The Portland Audubon Chapter is taking a lead in opposing

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Time for Our Annual Pilchuck Audubon Picnic Sunday, August 17

Please join your fellow Pilchuck members for our potluck picnic on Sunday, August 17, at Langus Riverfront Park, 400 Smith Island Road in Everett. We have reserved the covered picnic shelter there and will supply baked ham with sandwich fixings along with juice, coffee and tea (no alcohol allowed in park). You bring a side dish to share, your binoculars and utensils. The lunch starts at noon but you can also join us at 9:30 AM for a bird walk around Spencer Island and water treatment ponds. We will celebrate the vitality of our volunteer organization, the bounty of summer and the joy of birding.

No Program Meeting in August

Our next program will coordinate with the Puget Sound Bird Fest. On Friday, September 6, we will enjoy the keynote speaker for the Bird Fest, Tony Angell. Tony is an artist, naturalist and author. Please join us in the Edmonds Plaza Room, 650 Main Street, for the 7:30 program (doors open at 7 pm).

Fall Bird Seed Sale



Get ready for fall and winter bird feeding and help Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) at the same time. We offer quality seed, suet and meal worms at competitive prices. The date for pick-up of your order is

Saturday, September 20. Watch for ordering details in the September Profile and on the PAS website.

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President's Message

By Kathleen Snyder, Pilchuck Audubon President



PAS will be selling US Fish and Wildlife Service Bird Conservation Stamps again this year. Since 1934, sales of Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$800 million which has been used to purchase or lease over 6 million acres of wetland habitat in the United States. Why buy one? Birders and other visitors to national wildlife refuges buy a \$15 Federal Duck Stamp each year to gain free admission to refuges. Conservationists buy Duck Stamps because they know that the stamps are, dollar for dollar, one of the best investments one can make in the future of America's wetlands. Collectors buy Duck Stamps because the beautiful stamps can gain value over the years and are an important part of America's outdoor culture. You can purchase stamps at our program meetings or stop by our table at the Puget Sound Bird Fest on Sept 5-7. You can email me at president@pilchuckaudubon.org to make other arrangements to purchase by mail as well.

On another note, I took some trips earlier this year which required taking an airplane. By serendipity, I read about a program called Carbon Footprint, Ltd that is based in the United Kingdom. The goal of this organization is to offset carbon emissions both from individuals and businesses. By using their on-line

Carbon Footprint Calculator, I was able to assess how much carbon my flights would generate. Then I choose a project in which to contribute to offset those emissions. I choose to support the planting of trees in the Great Rift Valley of Kenya providing jobs and wildlife habitat as well as offsetting carbon emissions. The official carbon offsetting is achieved through the retirement of credits from a Verified Carbon Standard clean energy project. If you are interested in using the calculator for your next trip (plane, train, boat or car), it can be accessed at www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator1.html.



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.

Newsletter Submissions

Submit articles to newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org or mail to

1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290-1742.

Submissions must be received by the 15th of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.252.0926.

The monthly *Profile* is available online at www.pilchuckaudubon.org.

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Trip Calendar

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

Saturday, August 2

Kubota Garden

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 South Seattle and tour the Kubota Garden, a historic, 20-acre Japanese-style garden. There will be some elevation gain. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots and foul weather gear just in case. This is a half-day event. Trip Leader: Terry Nightingale, 206.619.2383, tnight@pobox.com

Tuesday, August 5

Marymoor Park

Meet at 8 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, one half mile west of the Fairgrounds. Past trips here yielded warblers, waterfowl, woodpeckers, and waders. Last visit may have been in 2003. Some walking is required. Pack a lunch. Trip Leaders: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750, Art Wait 360 563 0181

Tuesday, August 12

Orcas Island

We will visit a real gem in the San Juan Islands. Fantastic scenery and, hopefully, wonderful birds. Due to the ferry schedule, we will be leaving and returning later than normal. Meet at 10 AM at the Quilceda Walmart. Park away from the store on the east side of the parking lot. We will travel up to Anacortes to catch the 12:35 PM ferry. Our return will be on the 5:20 PM Orcas ferry with a Marysville ETA of 7:30 PM. Lunch and dinner will be on the ferry. Bring your own food or patronize the ferry's food concession. Trip Leaders: Kathleen Snyder 425.971.8021, Margaret Bridge 425.367.1062

Sunday, August 17

Spencer Island

To join the group, go through Langus Riverfront Park to the small parking lot past the water treatment ponds, just after the road (4th St. SE) goes from pavement to gravel. We will walk onto the island looking for our resident birds as well as migrants that might be passing through. We will finish at noon and join the Pilchuck Annual Potluck Picnic. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Tuesday, August 19

Samish Flats

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. Want to see what a premier winter birding area offers in Summer? Come along. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Saturday, August 23

Jetty Island

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 two miles west to the Everett Waterfront. There we will search for birds at the marina until the first ferry leaves for Jetty Island at 10 AM. We'll take the ferry and explore the trails on this two-mile island. Once back on the mainland, there will be an optional lunch. Bring snacks, water, hat, sunscreen, and foul weather gear just in case. Note that there is a parking fee at the Everett waterfront. **Please RSVP to the trip leader, so we can make a reservation for the ferry.**

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

Tuesday, August 26

Mount Baker Highway

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. Golden Eagle, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, Ptarmigan, swifts, pipits, larks, and numerous mammals are possible. Expect wildflowers and adventure. Pack a lunch. Trip Leaders: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750, Art Wait 360.563.0181



9th Annual Feast with Friends

Thursday, September 18, 6:30 to 9:30 PM
At the home of Snohomish Mayor
Karen Guzak and Warner Blake
230 Avenue B, Snohomish

This delicious fundraising event for Pilchuck Audubon Society's Smart Growth Program and for Futurewise's work in Snohomish County brings together our local farms, wineries and guest chefs to celebrate Washington's rich agricultural heritage. Funds raised will protect our farmlands, forests and shorelines. Guests will be able to sample delicious signature dishes and wines from some of our best local chefs and wineries.

Please RSVP and pay with credit card on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/mbug66f>. Or send RSVP and check to Kristin Kelly, 1429 Avenue D, Snohomish, WA 98290.

Tickets are \$50 each. Sponsorships are available as well from \$100 to \$1,000. For questions and for becoming a sponsor, call Kristin Kelly at 425.923.8625.

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this ill-conceived plan. You can help by sending a comment email to the Army Corps that this plan is unacceptable and that it needs to rebuild its approach at East Sand Island from the ground up. For email info, go to <http://audubonportland.org/news/sand-island-june2014>.

Pilchuck Audubon board members Joan Poor, Allen Gibbs and Kathleen Snyder have been meeting on Leque Island alternatives since October 2013. Below is a summary of an update received recently from Loren Brokaw, the project coordinator for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). For more information, visit the project website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/skagit/leque_island_project.php. An important point to remember is that funding for this has not been secured and grants for these kinds of projects are often linked to salmon recovery efforts. PAS will continue to advocate for migrating shorebirds and other birds who now use Leque Island. Opportunities for bird watching will be our secondary goal.

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meetings

The committee consists of 32 people representing a broad array of interests including waterfowl hunters, pheasant hunters, wildlife viewers, local jurisdictions, staff from tribal co-managers, restoration groups, the adjacent water district, and local residents.

Design Alternatives Drafting

With input from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee, six design alternatives for Leque Island have been advanced to be modeled by Pacific Northwest National Laboratories. They represent a wide range of options for dike breaches and/or dike construction on the island and are only developed to the degree that is required for the model to be run. Additional details, including possible recreation features and management options, will be discussed when the designs are further developed after the model has been run.

Hydrodynamic Modeling

The modeling referenced above is necessary to understand how each design alternative is expected to change the area. The model will predict water depth, length of inundation, salinity, velocities, and erosion forces. This information will indicate whether or not any of the options present risks to adjacent properties and will generate information to predict the kinds of habitat that will develop in each option. In addition to design options at Leque Island, the model will also incorporate effects of a project that the Stillaguamish Tribe is planning on property they own across the

river. This information, along with input from the advisory committee, will help WDFW select the preferred design alternative. The modeling report is scheduled to be completed at the end of August 2014.

Next Steps

When the modeling report is completed at the end of August 2014, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee will meet to discuss the results. Following that meeting, WDFW will hold a public meeting to present each of the six design alternatives and the modeling results. The public meeting will likely take place this fall.

Granite Falls Motocross Track July 2014 Update

By Kathy Johnson, Forest Practices Committee Chair

In response to our motion for reconsideration, Snohomish County Hearing Examiner (HE) Phil Obrechts ordered that the hearing be reopened—as had been requested by the County Planning and Development Services (PDS). The purpose of this new hearing will be to allow all interested parties to comment on the many new conditions—including requirements for new information—imposed by the HE's decision. New information requested includes a steep slope geotechnical review, construction noise analysis and analysis of noise increases at the nearest marbled murrelet site.

The applicant, Gary Strode, has to submit an estimated completion date for the information requested by July 31. After the information is received, a prehearing conference will be held to set a rehearing date. We expect this will be no sooner than September. We will post the hearing date on our website as soon as it is scheduled. We hope to find an expert on marbled murrelets who would be willing to help us with that portion of the hearing.

However, there has been another development that bodes well for stopping the track. One of the conditions of the MXGP permit is annexation into a fire district. There are two districts possible: FD23 (Robe) and FD17 (Granite Falls). Representatives of the Mountain Loop Conservancy went to the FD23 monthly commissioners meeting July 10. The commissioners voted to reject Gary Strode's proposal for annexation into FD23. He will now have to petition FD17 in Granite falls. Mr. Strode can make a new proposal to FD23, but the commissioners were very negative towards the project, making the point that there was significant and overwhelming opinion from the members of the district to reject the annexation of the motocross site.

Smart Growth Report

By Kristin Kelly, Smart Growth Director

As Smart Growth Director for PAS, as well as Snohomish/Skagit Program Director for Futurewise, a great deal of my work revolves around the protection of our county's farmlands. I work to ensure that commercially designated agricultural lands are not converted into other types of uses (such as car lots, homes, strip malls or ball fields).

Recently the US Department of Agriculture released the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The census portrays what is happening to the farm industry in Snohomish County and elsewhere. The USDA's definition of farm is any business in which at least \$1,000 is produced and sold (or normally would have been sold) during the census year.

From 2007 to 2012, the number of farms in our county declined from 1,670 to 1,438 and arable acreage declined from 76,837 to 70,863, with the average farm sized at 49 acres. There are 1,308 farms which make \$50,000 or less, 69 farms which make between \$50,000-\$249,000, 19 farms which make \$250,000-\$499,999, and 42 farms which make over \$500,000 a year.

In Snohomish County, there has been an increase in farms operated by Asians and Hispanics with a decrease in other nationalities and women. The average age of farmers in Snohomish County is 58 years. The full report from the USDA can be read on their website at: <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>.

While PAS and Futurewise continue to work to keep our farmlands protected, we need you to help keep our farmers in business. One easy way is to buy products from our local farmers every chance you get. A list of farmers markets in your area can be found at <http://www.pugetsoundfresh.org/markets/list>.

Upcoming Events, Festivals, and Classes

Sedona Hummingbird Festival

August 1-3

Sedona, AZ

There is no more beautiful place in America to see hummingbirds than Sedona, Arizona! There will be three days of presentations by world hummingbird experts, thousands of hummers at selected "hot spots", tours of personal hummingbird gardens, banding demonstrations, and dining with the hummers at Sunrise Breakfasts. More information can be found at www.SedonaHummingbirdFestival.com.

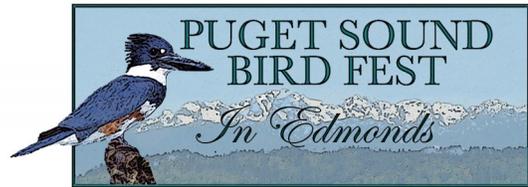
Fisher Slough

August 23

Conway

Join Skagit Audubon for a field trip to property owned and restored by The Nature Conservancy. A Nature

Conservancy staff member will describe the project while participants search for migrating shorebirds in this usually closed off area. Meet at 8 AM at the Park-and-Ride along Old Highway 99 at the corner of East Hickox south of Mount Vernon Road. Contact Bob Kuntz at 360.424.9099 with questions.



Puget Sound Bird Fest September 5-7

Edmonds

Puget Sound Bird Fest in Edmonds, Washington is a yearly celebration of birds and nature found on the beautiful shores of Puget Sound. The three-day event includes speakers, guided walks, land and water-based field trips, exhibits, and educational activities for children and adults. Registration at www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org.



Sherrill Miller and Virginia Clark surveying at Eide Road pond July 19

Volunteer News

Once again, Pilchuck Audubon is assisting David Hope of Bird Studies Canada and the Centre for Wildlife Ecology at Simon Frasier University in a collaborative three year project to study Western Sandpiper abundance and behavior. The project's goal is to understand the characteristics important for Western Sandpiper site selection during southbound migration and how changing conditions may affect these decisions. The first field season involved over 40 volunteers conducting surveys on two weekends in July and August 2013. Surveys were conducted at 35 sites in British Columbia and 4 sites in Washington. This year's surveys are again taking place in July and August at Leque Island and English Boom on Camano Island.

Backyard Birding Highlights

By Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

May 26 – June 25, 2014

Several of the reporters are noting that their numbers are down and wondering where the birds are. It seems the number of species is about the same, but the number of birds are down from last month.

Larry and Carol Beason listed 43 species, but only 188 birds. Their count from their home at Lake Bosworth included 4 American Goldfinch, 4 Barn Swallows over the lake, 1 Belted Kingfisher, 7 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 5 Brewer's Blackbirds, 18 Canada Goose on the lake, 3 Cedar Waxwing, 4 Evening Grosbeaks, 1 Great Blue Heron, 11 Mallard on the lake, 4 Osprey overhead, 11 Purple Finch, 5 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 2 Red-Breasted Sapsuckers, 12+ Red-Winged Blackbirds, 5 Swainson's Thrushes, a Turkey Vulture overhead, 9 Violet-Green Swallows and a Western Tanager.



Brewer's Blackbird (photo by Keith Lehn)

Hilkka Egtvedt also said her count was down. She listed 25 species from her home in Everett which included 5 American Goldfinch, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, 4 Band-Tailed Pigeons, 2 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 3 Adult Brown-Headed Cowbirds and one Juvenile, 4 Adult California Quail and 15 babies, 1 female Hairy Woodpecker with 2 Juveniles, an Olive-Sided Flycatcher heard only, 3 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 2 Violet-Green Swallows, 2 Western Tanager, 2 Spotted Towhees, 4 Steller's Jays and a White-Crowned Sparrow.

Kriss Erickson reported 14 Black-Capped Chickadees from her home in Everett. Maybe the Chickadees have moved to Everett for the summer. She also listed 2 White-Crowned Sparrows, 4 Song Sparrows, 5 Steller's Jays, 2 Northern Flickers, 4 Anna's Hummingbirds, a Female Mallard with 6 Ducklings, 1 Red-Winged Blackbird, 12 Western Gulls, 7 Chestnut-Backed Chickadees, 33 Bushtit, 5 Golden-Crowned Kinglets, 2 Bewick's Wren, 4 Mourning Doves, 3 American Goldfinch and 30 European Starlings for a total species count of 23.

Mary Sinker submitted 2 reports from her home in Stanwood. The April 26 to May 25 report included 11

American Goldfinch, 9 American Robins, 2 Bald Eagles, 5 Barn Swallows, 11 Black-Capped Chickadees, 6 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 2 Brown Creepers, 7 Cedar Waxwing, 6 Downey Woodpeckers, 9 Mourning Doves, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, a Red-Tailed Hawk, 14 Rufous Hummingbirds, 4 White-Crowned Sparrows and 2 Wilson's Warblers for a total species count of 40.

Mary's May 26 to June 25 report included 4 Barn Swallows, 3 Bewick's Wrens, 8 Chestnut-Backed Chickadees, 4 Dark-Eyed Junco, a Great-Blue Heron at the creek, 8 House Finch, 11 Mourning Doves, 2 Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 5 Spotted Towhee, 8 Steller's Jays, 2 Verry and 5 White-Crowned Sparrows for a total species count of 35.

My species count is about the same and the only low count on the number of birds would be the Chickadees. There are just a few now that come to the feeders. I do have something very interesting to report. I think we have a Great Gray Owl living in our forest. I have heard the Whoo-hoo-hoo in the day time. We have also seen a very large gray bird flying through the woods. Now at night we hear the screechy sound of the juveniles. Also, we no longer have a mole or gopher problem as this is a favorite food of the owl. We have not been able to locate the nest, but we keep looking for it.

My total species count of 26 from my home in Marysville included 2 American Goldfinch, 6 Barn Swallow, 2 Black-Capped Chickadees, 2 California Quail, 6 Black-Headed Grosbeaks, 2 Dark-Eyed Junco, 4 House Finch, 2 Mourning Doves, 4 Northern Flickers, 4 Steller's Jays, a Western Tanager, 4 Tree Swallows, 2 Rufous Hummingbirds, 6 American Robins and a Bat Species flying around the house at night.

If you have any questions or requests you can reach me at pricemara@clearwire.net or on my cell at 425.750.8125.

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Webmaster Needed for Monroeswifts.org

Updates needed occasionally through the year. If Vaux's Swifts interest you, this is a perfect opportunity to be part of their conservation. Training provided. Contact Kathleen Snyder at president@pilchuckaudubon.org or 425.971.8021.

Weekend Bird Walk Trip Report: Washington Park in Anacortes

By Terry Nightingale, Pilchuck Audubon Vice President

Despite the overcast skies and forecast of showers on Saturday, July 19, nine birders made the trek north and west to Washington Park in Anacortes, just northwest of the ferry terminal for the San Juan Island ferries. Full credit goes to my colleague Jonathan Blubaugh for arranging the trip, and though he was not able to join us due to work commitments, he was there with us in spirit. Washington Park is a rather large city park, comprising 220 acres, with a 2.2 mile paved loop trail that one can use to circumnavigate the park. There are amenities that include picnic shelters, camp grounds, and a boat launch. The trail is closed to motor vehicles until 10 AM and then opens to vehicular traffic. If you decide to go, and you can get to the park early, you and the other pedestrians will have the trail all to yourselves.

Our birding group arrived there at about 9:30 AM, so we were able to take advantage of at least some of the non-vehicular morning time. The park offers a mixture of forest habitat and beautiful vistas of the surrounding waters of Puget Sound. The first birds to greet us were some of the usual suspects at the forest edge: an **American Robin** and a **Dark-Eyed Junco** in a grassy area just downhill from the trailhead. An at-first unseen **American Crow** greeted us from the opposite direction uphill.

Making our way down the trail, we next became aware that we had stumbled upon a noisy flock of leaf gleaners, or what Jonathan likes to call a "Chiclet" flock, since they usually contain both kinglets and chickadees. True to form, this flock was comprised of **Black-capped Chickadees**, **Chestnut-backed Chickadees**, **Golden-crowned Kinglets**, **Bushtits**, and one of our birders spotted a **Brown Creeper** making his way up the trunk of a Douglas Fir tree! Probably unrelated to the leaf gleaner flock, but nearby nonetheless, were a singing **Spotted Towhee** ("Splee!" he sang in his rapid trill), and a **Pacific Wren** who decided not to grace us with his song, but instead just his "chunk chunk!" calls. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** joined in with the diagnostic "prip prip prip" call, but also chose not to sing his "quick three beers!" song.

Coming next to an open park area, we took the opportunity to look out over the water, and we were not disappointed with what we found. A large group of alcids, including **Marbled Murrelets**, **Rhinoceros Auklets**, and **Pigeon Guillemots** were flocking together and diving for food. More distant there was a group of about 100 gulls, with a few **Pelagic Cormorants** mixed in. Sue explained that they were feeding on what's called a "bait ball," which is a school of small fish also known as forage fish. Typical species are surf smelt, sand lance, tubesnout, or herring. Her best guess from looking

through the binoculars was that these were herring. But how, you may be asking, did she see underwater to identify the fish? Luckily a **Bald Eagle** made that easy for us—he was also diving and grabbing fish from the bait ball, and bringing them up into the air in his talons for easier inspection and subsequent digestion.

We continued on the trail and started to ascend the hill, but the group noticed we were hearing and seeing fewer birds as we rose. So rather than follow the trail further up, we opted to take a spur trail to the main trail's namesake Juniper Point. Sure enough, there were juniper bushes and even bright blue juniper berries littering the trail, making it very clear where the trail's name had come from.

This was where we decided to turn back the way we came and follow the trail back to our cars, since lunch beckoned. Along the way, we picked up a few more species of birds, including a **Bewick's Wren** scolding us from the bushes, first with a harsh buzzy call, and then with the more commonly heard "plip plip" call. A **Great Blue Heron** majestically flapped right over our heads, and we rounded out the trip by detecting the **House Sparrows** back at the parking lot that we had somehow missed on our first pass through.

Bidding a fond farewell to the other half of our group, we split up at this point, half of us hitting the highway back home, and the other half stopping in at the Skagit Valley Co-op in Mount Vernon for lunch. It was another fun day of birding at a destination I can highly recommend, and we didn't even get rained on!



Bushtit (photo via USFWS/George Gentry)

Check out the trip calendar on our web site for the dates of upcoming trips. We have a field trip group that goes out on Tuesdays while I lead trips on the weekends.



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Contact Kathleen Snyder at 425.971.8021. or president@pilchuckaudubon.org if you are interested in learning more about the position.