



Christmas Bird Count Sponsored by Pilchuck Audubon

No participation fee!



Evening Grosbeak by
112th CBC participant, Mike Tivnan

Everett/Marysville – December 14, 2013
Edmonds – December 21, 2013

This will be the 114th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) and it takes place from December 14, 2013 to January 5, 2014. The local counts occur on one day during this time period. It is the longest running Citizen Science survey in the world and provides critical data on population trends. In 2011, tens of thousands of participants gathered data from a new record total of 2248 CBCs that included 410 in Canada, 1739 in the United States, and 99 counts in Latin America, the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands.

The data collected by observers over the past century has allowed researchers, conservation biologists and other interested individuals to study the long-term health and status of bird populations across North America. When combined with other surveys, it provides a picture of how the continent's bird populations have changed temporarily and spatially over the past hundred years. This long-term perspective provides the basis for strategies to protect birds and their habitat.

Your help is needed for two Christmas Bird Counts sponsored by the Pilchuck Audubon Society. The Everett/Marysville count will be December 14. The Everett

No December Program Meeting

You will notice that we have a shortened version of the Profile this month due to the holidays. We'll be back in full force in January. In the meantime, the Board of Directors and President, Kathleen Snyder, wish you all a joyful holiday season filled with birds and other wonders of nature. And let us hope that the New Year spurs our political leaders to work together on the very serious threat of climate change.

Want Ways to Help PAS This Holiday Season

Amazon Smile

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Pilchuck. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Amazon portal is located at <http://tinyurl.com/smilepas>.

Larkwire

Do you or someone you love want to become a better birder "by ear"? Larkwire is a game-based learning system that uses cognitive techniques to make it easier to learn and remember bird sounds. Combining quiz games, an extensive sound library, and tips, Larkwire makes the learning process not only much easier but fun. Customizable levels from beginner to advanced invite both the backyard birder and the serious student to play and learn. Enter our code when you purchase and we'll receive 20% of the purchase price! Our code is PILAUD at <http://www.larkwire.com/?a=PILAUD>.

Federal Duck Stamp

Pilchuck has purchased 25 federal duck stamps to sell to our members and friends. Proceeds from the sale of these stamps is used to purchase and maintain federal wildlife refuges. They cost \$15 each and you can make arrangements to purchase through the mail by contacting president@pilchuckaudubon.org.

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count area, a 15-mile diameter circle, extends from about mid-Everett north to Island Crossing (Highway 530), and from the southeast tip of Camano Island on the west to roughly 115th Ave NE on the east. The Edmonds count will be December 21. A map of this area is [here](#). If you live in either of the count areas and can easily identify the birds at your feeders and in your yard, we would like you to be a Feeder Counter for these Christmas Bird Counts.

Counting is easy and should be enjoyable. Just record the number of observers, your total observation time to the ¼ hour, and the maximum number of each species visible (or within earshot) at any one time. For example, if observation time is 1 hour and you see ten American Robins initially, then eight 1/2 hour later, followed by 13 near the end of the observation period, you record 13 robins. Your report would then be given to the Area Leader for the location of your home. We do need early notification of your participation and your street address as Field Teams working your area will then be directed by the Area Leader to avoid counting in your yard, if that is a possibility.

If you are interested, you may also join a Field Team during the CBCs. Experienced birders are needed and we will try to place less experienced birders on experienced teams. If you are interested in joining our CBC effort, please contact our Compilers.

Everett/ Marysville CBC

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WANTED Secretary

Your dynamic board is in need of a secretary to finish the term of office ending April 2014. It involves attending board meetings on the first Tuesday evening of the month.

Need to be able to take notes, compile the minutes and distribute via email. Involves about four hours per month.

Call Kathleen at 425.438.1505 if interested.

Trip and Activities Calendar

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

Tuesday, December 3

Everett

Meet at 8 AM at Legion Park off North Marine Drive, Everett. Explore the North Everett Waterfront and the Snohomish River Estuary, including Priest Point and if time permits, the Marysville Sewage Ponds. View eagles, hawks, waterfowl, shorebirds and gulls. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Art Wait 360.563.0181

Saturday, December 7

Edmonds

Work party at the Native Plant Demo Garden from 10 AM –1 PM. Garden is located at 95 Pine Street in Edmonds. We need help and it is a good excuse to be outdoors and not shopping. You are very welcome to join us. We have tools and gloves and provide training, so no experience is necessary.

For more information about the Demo Garden, go to the PAS home page, under Programs and select Willow Creek Habitat Demonstration Garden.

Saturday, December 7

Mill Creek

Join us for the Celebration of Life for Phil Zalesky at the Merrill Gardens Retirement Community from 2–5 PM. Address of the event is 14905 Bothell-Everett Highway, Mill Creek. Phil was active in Pilchuck Audubon and other environmental groups for many years. During his last years, he and his wife, Laura, chaired Pilchuck's Classroom Conservation Award committee, which gives grants to elementary school teachers for conservation projects.

Tuesday, December 10

Lummi Flats

Meet at 8 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. Short-eared Owl, Northern Harrier, Rough-legged Hawk, Northern Shrike and Snow Bunting are very likely. Pack a Lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Tuesday, December 17

Fir Island

Meet at 8 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. Waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors and songbirds Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve

Have a nice holiday (no trip scheduled)

Tuesday December 31, New Years Eve

Happy New Year (no trip scheduled)



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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.

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