



2014 Birdathon Photo Contest 1st Place Winner



Great Horned Owl (Photo by Ken Longley)

Climate Change

*By Kathleen Snyder, President
with Gretchen Starke, Conservation Chair of
Vancouver Audubon Society*

On May 6, the US President released the latest in a series of climate change reports that were mandated by Congress in 1990. It found that climate change is already affecting all of the United States. On May 12, studies by NASA and the University of Washington concluded that Antarctic glaciers have begun an "irreversible collapse" which could raise sea levels by four feet in 200 years. On May 16, the headlines are covered the widespread wildfires in San Diego due to long-lasting drought. In our region, ocean acidification is decimating our oyster industry.

We have heard it before: hotter summers, too much rain sometimes and too little rain at other times, snowpack less in volume and melting sooner, stronger and more frequent storms.

The Pacific Northwest has gotten off easy so far. However the projections don't look good for salmon, people, or birds. One map shows where we may expect an increase in areas burned by wildfires due to the effects of climate change. The Cascade Mountains to the east of us and the

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June Program Meeting Friday, June 13, 7 PM

Puget Sound Birds Over Time

Ed Swan will explore habitat change over time in Puget Sound from the early settlement period to the present. Habitat is usually the key factor in bird species populations and its changes. Vashon Island will be used as an example of how citizen science and action can have a big impact on conservation. Vashon's bird populations appear largely stable, probably due to the efforts of the Vashon Maury Island Land Trust, government agencies, Vashon Audubon and others to protect important wildlife habitat. Ed is a nature writer and master birder who has led field trips for Audubon chapters for over twenty years. He has authored more than 100 articles and two books on the natural history of birds in the Puget Sound. His new book, *The Birds of Vashon Island*, will be available for purchase. For more information, leave a message at 425.252.0926.

Pre-Program Birding with Apps Special Training

We will be holding a special training at 6 PM, right before the program meeting, for birders interested in using more technology. Terry Nightingale will cover the basics of birding with your smart phone, including: How to use field guides like iBird and Sibley. Finding birds near you with BirdsEye. Recording and submitting your observations directly to eBird with BirdLog. For demonstration purposes, we'll use an iPhone but the Android phones are very similar. Bring your questions, and if you have them, answers. This will be an interactive session.

**Everett Firefighters Hall
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett**

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Birdathon Results – What a Great Year!

The expanded 2014 Birdathon came to a successful conclusion on May 22 at a dessert/awards ceremony. Mostly importantly, our goal of raising \$4000 was met and exceeded. All told, \$4340 was raised to support the programs and projects of Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS). Thanks go to supportive merchants, Pilchuck members and other members of the birding public for this success.

Now for the results; the winners of the Most Species found during the Big Month competition were Rick and Tina Taylor. They traveled throughout Washington to record 211 different species! Rick and Tina also nailed the Most Species found during the Big Day competition with 113 species found in Snohomish County and Camano Island during a 17 hour birding binge. This species count will set the standard for next year's efforts. Will anyone surpass it? On a final triumph, the Taylors won the Art Wait Award by finding the most American Coots (5) in our area.

As for the Best Bird competitions, Claire and Hilka Egvedt's find of a Great Grey Owl during the Big Month was the winner. For the Big Day Competition, the Counting Crows team of Terry Nightingale, Jonathan Blubaugh and Doug Resnick found the winning species, a Red-necked Phalarope. The Egvedts also won the Most Pledges award for the Big Month, bringing in \$1900 for PAS. Counting Crows were voted to have the

best team name. The PAS board team, PeePS (Joan Poor, Kathy Piland and Kathleen Snyder), had the most pledges for the Big Day with \$1240. Jim Beneteau won the Big Sit award by finding 27 species in his backyard, including Red Crossbills. Susie Schaefer won the Mentor Award and Yasi Koppel came away with the Rookie Award.

The photography contest garnered the most participation. Seven wonderful photographers submitted 27 incredible photos. Michael Dossett and Dennis Paulson were our judges and the winning photo was of a Great Horned Owl taken by Ken Longley and displayed on the first page of this newsletter. Photos by Rex Guichard and Rick Brauer received honorable mention. All photos submitted can be viewed on the PAS website. Thank you all participants for a fun and rewarding 2014 Birdathon!



Birdathon Awards Night (Photo by John Snyder)

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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Submit articles to newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290-1742.

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Trip Calendar

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

Tuesday, June 3

Big Four Meadows

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Lake Stevens Frontier Village Park and Ride (9600 Market Place). From State Highway 9 turn eastbound onto Market Place (the street the Target Store is on), then north into the Park and Ride just west of Target. Big Four Meadows is a beautiful setting for our annual potluck bird trip. Bring something to share. Virginia provides hot dogs and potato salad and will advise if you want to know what to bring. Expect swallows, hummingbirds, swifts, warblers, vireos and Dippers. A trailhead pass or Golden Age Pass will be needed, but is obtainable en route.

Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

Sunday, June 8

Tumwater Falls Park

Join us for another epic journey south! We'll stroll through the park and take in views of the falls and Capitol Lake. Marine Biologist Sue Miller will teach us about salmon and the invasive zebra mussels now living in the lake. Meet at 8 AM in the back of the Everett Mall near the transit facility by LA Fitness. We'll carpool down to Olympia. Bring snacks for the trail, water, hat, sunglasses, and plenty of sunscreen for this half-day trip. Trip Leader: Terry Nightingale 206.619.2383, tnight@pobox.com

Tuesday, June 10

Ellensburg Area

Meet at 6:30 AM at Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, 1/2 mile west of the Fairgrounds. We will bird portions of Umtanum Creek area, Robinson Canyon and other areas. This will be a long rewarding day. Hope to see Yellow-breasted Chat, Warbling Vireo, Lazuli Bunting and maybe Canyon and Rock Wren. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leaders: Virginia Clark 360.435.3750, Wilma Bayes 360.629.2028

Tuesday, June 17

Snohomish City and Outskirts

Meet at 8:00 AM at Snohomish Park & Ride, located at the junction of Highway 9 and Bickford Ave. Enjoyable and relaxed trip. We usually have high species counts and surprises. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leader: Art Wait, 360.435.3750

Saturday, June 21

Deception Pass State Park

We will be walking Hoypus Point at the northeast tip of Whidbey Island. The interweaving trails wind along the shore and into the forest. The shortest loop is about 3½ miles. We could stretch it to over five miles depending on which trails we choose. Park admission \$10 or Annual Discovery Pass \$30. Round trip ferry toll approx. \$20.60 or we could drive around through Anacortes. We will probably stop on the way home for a little socializing over a late lunch. Meet at 8 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.

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

Tuesday, June 24

Whidbey Island

Meet at 7:30 AM at the Quilceda Village Walmart lot west of Marysville (I-5 exit 200). Park away from the store, to the east, near Quilceda Blvd (next to I-5). This is the area between Crockett Lake and Swantown, an always exciting experience for both birding and scenery. Pack a lunch.

Trip Leaders: Art Wait 360.563.0181, Virginia Clark 360.435.3750

Community Events and Festivals

Washington Ornithological Conference

June 12-16

Yakima

Nestled between the Cascade Mountains and Columbia River, Yakima County has a diversity of habitats including alpine tundra, mixed evergreen forest, open pine forest, desert canyons, riparian woodlands, marsh wetlands, agricultural fields, grasslands and shrub-steppe, which provides shelter for over 250 species of birds. Field trips, lectures, pre-registration required at <http://wos.org/2014conference.html>.

A Bird in the Hand

June 14

Whidbey Island

Whidbey Island Audubon hosts a unique opportunity to examine prepared bird specimens. Observe up close the lush colors, feather patterns, beaks, wings and tails of many of your favorite birds. This free event runs from 10 AM to 1 PM. Families especially welcome. Visit www.whidbeyaudubon.org/#upcoming for more on their upcoming events.

Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival

June 19-22

Sisters, Oregon

More than 10 species of woodpeckers are seen annually at the Dean Hale Woodpecker Festival and birders can also expect to encounter up to 200 or more additional bird species in the diverse habitats the festival covers. In addition to all day and half day hikes with small, intimate groups, a night prowling is a popular part of this annual event. See <http://www.ecaudubon.org/Default.aspx?alias=www.ecaudubon.org/woodpeckers> for more info.

Birding by Ear for Beginners

June 22

Seattle

Take a leisurely 3-4 hour walk around Discovery Park with the Seattle Audubon. The emphasis will be on learning how to identify these vocalizations, but we'll also work on basic identification skills and talk about bird behavior. Visit the Seattle Audubon website for early registration requirements.

Climate Change...

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Coast Range to the west of us show an increase of 400% to 500% of burned areas. That's four to five times as much acreage as were burned, on average, from 1916 to 2007. Right now there is a 5% probability that 2.2 million acres will burn each year. With the increase in temperature, that could increase to a 50% probability of 2.2 million acres burning each year. That doesn't mean that 50% of the land will burn each year but that the chances of 2.2 million acres burning is 50-50.

There will be an increase in pine beetle damage. Plus there will definitely be a change in forest type. Alpine and subalpine forests will be replaced by other types of vegetation which means some species of birds will be gone.

Ocean acidification and warming will affect the production of zooplankton which in turn will affect the production of fish — fish that are the food of sea birds. How will the Marbled Murrelet fair with its old growth forest home burned and its food source missing? Our rivers will have less water because of reduced snow pack and smaller glaciers.

The politics of climate change are convoluted. This issue should never have become a partisan, liberal vs. conservative issue. Naomi Oreskes is a historian of science and co-author of a book called *The Merchants of Doubt*. This book describes a number of aging, cold war warrior physicists who came together to counter any scientific findings they felt would lead to government regulation. They were prominent physicists (two had worked on the atomic bomb and one was a rocket scientist) and media savvy so the press published their views, thus creating confusion on what the scientific consensus was on important issues. The issue of cigarettes causing cancer was one such issue. The result was that the tobacco companies were able to continue to sell their product, even promoting it to children, and many people died.

Doubts were created by these contrarians on climate change as well. The media and their audiences did not distinguish among the branches of science. A rocket scientist cannot speak with any more authority about the climate than a lay person. The result has been that fewer than half of the American people understand that climate change is real and that it is caused by human activities. People are reluctant to change, especially when that might mean driving less or making other life style changes. It was easier to believe the contrarians.

The National Audubon Society report on birds and

climate will be out in September. It will explain how bird species will respond to our changing climate. Some will expand their ranges while others will lose out. Some of our most familiar and iconic birds will struggle to survive in a warmer world. Can you imagine a world without them?

What can you do? First, become knowledgeable. The websites of both Audubon Washington (<http://wa.audubon.org/climate-change-0>) and National Audubon (<http://policy.audubon.org/climate-change-campaign>) have excellent material to explore. Second, let your political leaders know that this issue is important to you with your vote and your communication with them. Third, become active in an organization which is working hard on this issue. This is not a political issue and conservation does not belong to a political party. This is a human and wildlife issue and we need to meet the challenge with resolve and cohesiveness.

And finally, as a reminder, the primary election is in August. If you want a decent choice in the general election, be sure to study up on the candidates and vote in the primary.

Smart Growth Update

By Kristin Kelly, Director

Snohomish County is considering changes to the current tree retention/replacement codes for residential areas in the southwest unincorporated areas. The initial code amendments offered by the county's Planning and Development Services staff would change from a system of using ratios for replanting to a canopy cover system. The current codes and the proposed code never require any trees to be retained in spite of the fact that large, significant trees are very important to the environmental health of our growing urban areas.

In March and April, the Planning Commission held public hearings and finally did not recommend the proposed changes to the county council. Since that hearing, three involved citizens and I met with the Master Builders Association and three area developers in hopes of finding some agreement. After six hours of discussion, there was very little agreement. The changes as first proposed to the planning department will be forwarded onto the county council at some point this year and it will be very important for members of PAS to become engaged.

There are other important county issues happening this year that are keeping me very busy. If you receive an action alert from me, please take a few minutes to respond. Your message will be sent directly to planning commissioners or to the county council. Your voice makes a difference.

Motocross Park Decision

By Kathy Johnson, Forest Practices Chair

On May 13, Hearing Examiner Phil Olbrechts issued his decision regarding the Granite Falls Motocross Park. He ruled in favor of the developer, Gary Strode of MXGP. Mr. Olbrechts approved the rezone of the site from Forestry to Forestry and Recreation, as well as the Conditional Use Permit that will allow the motocross business on the property. The appeal filed by the Mountain Loop Conservancy, PAS, and North Cascades Conservation Council against the Mitigated Determination of Non-Significance issued by Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS) was denied.

We are disappointed in the decision and are consulting with our attorney and co-appellants about taking further legal action. The environmental evaluation of the site by the applicant was inadequate, but the Hearing Examiner failed to call for any more environmental studies (as required by an Environmental Impact Statement). The track will have significant adverse impacts on the wildlife on and near the site, including threatened Marbled Murrelets. The wetlands on the site and around Canyon Creek, the traffic on the Mountain Loop Highway, and emergency services will also be significantly affected. Part of the project site lies within a high risk landslide hazard area. A large portion of the site will be clearcut and this will not only destroy valuable forestland and habitat, it will also increase the chances of a future natural disaster. The US Forest Service recently decided to close down the nearby Gold Basin Campground due to landslide concerns.

We were pleased that the Hearing Examiner added significant conditions to the project for noise monitoring (including in the adjacent murrelet nesting area), sound berm construction, and stormwater improvements that had been lacking in the plans approved by PDS. However, we feel that the decision does not adequately protect Marbled Murrelets and other wildlife, the rights of nearby residents, or those who use the area for quiet recreation.

Conservation Committee News:

Resource Advisory Committee Vacancies

By Allen Gibbs, Conservation Chair

The Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest (MBS NF) is inviting individuals and group representatives to join one of its three Resource Advisory Committees (RACs). Members of the RACs work with the national forest to submit, then recommend projects which improve forest health; restore watersheds; repair recreation and other facilities located on the national forest such as trails and campgrounds, and restore native plant communities.

A pot of money comes to the national forest, generated by the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-

Determination Act of 2000. This is one of several forest restoration acts passed in the waning months of the Clinton Administration. It has been reauthorized since then.

Each RAC has 15 members drawn from a wide array of stakeholder interests including outdoor recreation, conservation, archaeology; local elected officials, Tribal representatives, school officials and educators, timber industry, youth programs, organized labor, and non-timber forest products harvester groups (such as gathers of floral greenery and mushrooms). Past projects include noxious weed control; trail construction; fish passage to restore native fish populations; forest thinning; salaries for trail crew and youth group leaders; boat ramp repairs; native plants for riparian restoration; etc. The RAC members do not do the work. They recommend work to be done and paid for by the Secure School Act funds.

The RACs usually meet twice a year. To apply, a RAC member should live in the county they represent, but not an absolute requirement.

For Whatcom and Skagit Counties, contact Erin Uloth, Mt. Baker District Ranger, in Sedro Woolley at 360.854.2601.

For Snohomish County, contact Peter Forbes, Darrington District Ranger, at 360.436.2301.

For King and Pierce Counties, contact Martie Schramm, Snoqualmie District Ranger in North Bend, at 425.888.8751.

New River Birding and Nature Festival Recap

By Duane Karna

My wife, Karen, and I recently enjoyed this small festival, which occurs annually late April to early May in Fayetteville, West Virginia. It is located in the heart of upland, hardwood forests identified by Cornell Lab of Ornithology as a crucial stopover habitat for species such as Golden-winged, Blue-winged, and Swainson's Warbler. More than 100 bird species are seen on guided birding tours. The back-porch and friendly atmosphere are unmatched by any other birding festival we have attended. Bird banding and afternoon and evening talks by field experts are also featured. Best of all, however, is this non-profit group supports the Fayette County Education Fund, including a free guided nature program that provides much-needed environmental awareness and emphasizes the importance of renewable natural resources. More information can be found at www.birding-wv.com.

Weekend Bird Walk: Crescent Lake Wildlife Management Area

By Jonathan Blubaugh

We had a very good turnout for our bird walk on April 12 in Monroe. The weather cooperated, which is a minor miracle this spring. This trip brought the first significant numbers of Neotropical migrants that I have seen this year. Often we have been reminded that we find a lot of our initial birds at the parking lot. This held true this day. We were seeing lots of birds even as we were entering the parking lot at the Wildlife Management Area. Even beforehand the parking lot at our meeting point at the Everett Mall was again productive. So as we have commonly done in the past, we made our meeting point the first stop and first checklist. The mall ponds and surrounding area harbored a pair of Canada Geese, six Mallards, two Ring-Necked Duck drakes, a Double-Crested Cormorant flyby, a Great Blue Heron flyby, three Glaucous-Winged Gulls, four feral pigeons, and six songbird species. After a while there we raced off to Monroe.

Waiting for us there were four more birders who had gone ahead to meet us, bring our party up twelve observers, a better-than-average turnout. The WMA is administered by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). It is used for hunting waterfowl and upland game birds in season. There is also fishing along the Skykomish River. In the offseason the habitat proves a haven for innumerable species.

Our path circled west from the north parking lot through open, park-like, riparian forest, clearly part of the floodplain. The forest seemed to be dominated by water-loving Red Alder, huge Big Leaf (Oregon) Maple hung with abundant ferns, moss, and other epiphytes, and a scattering of cottonwood. Wikipedia suggests our cottonwoods may be native only to the southwest and east. Some of the species have been lumped with some folks considering them conspecific. They look the same to me, so let's call them Eastern Cottonwood. Among numerous waterfowl were a couple of Trumpeter Swans, one immature and one adult. One astute birder asked me about the grey plumage of one of the individuals. Our BirdLog app suggested that they are rare this time of year. The bill was all black leading us to be comfortable with our ID. We assume they were shortly to depart for their polar breeding grounds. BirdLog gets its filters directly from eBird. Either the filter on the app needs to be adjusted or our swans are late departing. This is one reason eBird data can really help. We had not seen the last of the swans.

Our last stop was the Monroe Prison Farm Ponda place Terry Nightingale and I visited a few years back on New Year's Day. This pond is also used for hunting in season. There are signage and established blinds, so put your worries aside. Here we witnessed the unquestioned

highlight of the day. Three more Trumpeter Swans were present. At first I didn't take much notice because we had been seeing them since arriving at the previous stop. Big mistake. After watching and counting the birds for a while one of the adult swans fly across the lake to its mate. They began to put on a wing-flapping pair greeting display that immediately caught our attention. It was graceful and synchronized. It culminated in them bowing to each other and tenderly touching bills, their necks forming a perfect heart shape. It is a tender and heartwarming display of a pair of creatures who obviously love each other with a strong and lasting bond. And they don't care who knows! I had certainly not seen the behavior, but I instantly recognized it. You see, in my past life I was a stamp collector. The heart-shaped necks with the bills touching (kissing?) is depicted on the 1997 Valentine's Day US postage stamp. Believe it or not, the image was exactly what we saw that day!



We ate lunch at a Mexican restaurant and then stopped by the Sky River Bakery in Monroe to pick out some goodies for the drive home. We had a wonderful trip and we hope to see all of you again on many more PAS Weekend Bird Walks.

The following is the list of most of the birds we saw and loaded to eBird: two Cackling Geese, eighteen Canada Geese, the five Trumpeter Swans, a Wood Duck, fifteen Mallards, a couple of Cinnamon Teal, five Ring-Neck Ducks, three Double-Crested Cormorants, the heron, a Bald Eagle, the three gulls, the four pigeons, a Rufus Hummingbird, two Downey Woodpeckers, heard a Northern Flicker, two Pileated Woodpeckers, a Steller's Jay, three crows, a couple of Common Ravens, ten Tree Swallows, a couple of Violet-Green Swallows, heard a Black-Capped Chickadee, heard a Pacific Wren, heard a few Marsh Wrens, a Bewick's Wren, five American Robins, 21 European Starlings, a Common Yellowthroat, a couple of Audubon's Yellow-Rumped Warblers, heard a Spotted Towhee, heard several Song Sparrows, four White-Crowned Sparrows, two Golden-Crowned Sparrows, 31 Red-Winged Blackbirds, and three Pine Siskins.

Backyard Birding Highlights

By Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

March 26 – April 25, 2014

Looks like another short report as two of my Bird Sighters seemed to have dropped out. The **Beasons'** are leading again with 44 species. Reporting from their home on Lake Bosworth Carole and Larry Beason listed 24 American Robins, 4 Brown-Headed Cowbirds (unfortunately, they are back), 17 Band-Tailed Pigeons, 6 Bufflehead on the lake, a Common Raven overhead with Crows chasing it, 15 Evening Grosbeaks, 5 Golden-Crowned Sparrows, 5 Mourning Doves, an Osprey over the lake, 5 Purple Finch, 2 Red-Breasted Sapsuckers, 3 Rufous Hummingbirds, 41 Violet-Green Swallows flying over the lake, 18 Red-Winged Blackbirds and a Pacific Wren.

Hilkka Egtvedt had a good month also from her home in Mukilteo. She reported 9 Band-Tailed Pigeons in her yard along with 4 American Goldfinch, 2 Anna's Hummingbirds, a Bald Eagle flying over, 2 Black-Capped Chickadees, she heard a California Quail in the bushes, 4 European Starlings in the yard, a Fox Sparrow, 3 Golden-Crowned Sparrows, 4 House Finch, 3 Purple Finch, Red-Breasted Nuthatch, 3 Spotted Towhees, a female Townsend's Warbler and 2 White-Crowned Sparrows for a total species count of 27.

Black-Capped Chickadees abound at **Kriss Erickson's** Everett location. She listed 16 at her feeders. She also listed 9 Golden-Crowned Kinglets, 3 Varied Thrush, 6 Steller's Jays, 6 Mallard in the water, 16 Western Gulls in her yard, 6 Red-Winged Blackbirds at the water's edge, 17 Bushtit in the trees, 12 American Robins, a Bewick's Wren, 4 Band-Tailed Pigeons, 2 White-Crowned Sparrows and 2 Mourning Doves for a total species count of 23.

Wow! Can you imagine 7 Bald Eagles in your yard all at the same time? Well, they started gathering at **Mary Sinker's** home in Stanwood. Her chickens ran for the fully enclosed safe house where they stayed the entire day. Mary Sinker also had a very good month with 37 species reported. She listed 17 American Goldfinch at the feeders, 23 American Robins (one female nesting in a tree by her garage), 33 Band-Tailed Pigeons, 18 Black-Capped Chickadees, 14 Dark-Eyed Junco, 6 Downey Woodpeckers, a Great-Blue Heron by the creek, a Great-Horned Owl, 2 Killdeer in the pasture, 3 Northern Flickers, 2 Pileated Woodpeckers, 5 Pine Siskin, 9 Tree Swallows and 4 Varied Thrush still around, but she expects them to be leaving soon.

I'm not sure why but my report from Marysville is very short with only 18 species this month. The best news is that the California Quail returned after a year's absence. My report of 18 species includes 2 California Quail, 4 American Robins, 5 Black-Capped Chickadees, 4 Dark-Eyed Junco, 2 Common Raven in the woods, 6 European

Starling along the road, 3 Northern Flickers, a Pileated Woodpecker, 3 Mallard in the pond, a Red-Winged Blackbird near the YMCA, 2 Song Sparrows, 3 Steller's Jays and a Pacific Wren in the woods.

My thanks to all the reporters for their continuing support. If you have any questions or would like to be included in the report, please contact me at pricemara@clearwire.net or call my cell at 425.750.8125.



Bald Eagle (Photo by Doug Alcorn)

Oso Landslide Fund: Looking Towards Habitat Restoration

The PAS Board of Directors and Snohomish County Smart Growth Director, Kristin Kelly, are deeply saddened by the terrible Oso Mudslide. Our thoughts are with the families who have lost or who are still missing loved ones, the emergency responders and volunteers working tirelessly toward recovery, and all impacted by this tragedy. PAS members have always been and will continue to be concerned with the way our land is developed and how we can better protect our environment for the benefit of both people and wildlife. When the time is appropriate, we are committed to being part of discussions as to how such catastrophes might feasibly be avoided in the future.

To respond to the landslide, Pilchuck Audubon will be collecting money for environmental restoration of this area. In an amazing show of community support, there has been an outpouring of donations to immediately assist the victims of this event. Pilchuck recognizes that farther down the line, the cleanup of the Stillaguamish River and its adjacent riparian habitat will benefit both humans and wildlife and is integral to our mission to "restore natural ecosystems". We will be accepting donations through the end of June. You can mail a check to PAS, 1429 Avenue D PMB 198, Snohomish 98290. You can also donate on our website. In either case, specify your donation as "Oso fund." Thank you.



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Volunteer Opportunity of the Month

Assistant Treasurer

If you are interested in helping Pilchuck Audubon and like working with numbers, please consider the Assistant Treasurer position. We need someone to help our treasurer for the next year with the intent of becoming Treasurer in the future.

The time commitment would be about four hours per month now and eight to ten hours per month later. Please contact Kathleen at 425.438.1505 or president@pilchuckaudubon.org.