



# Pilchuck Audubon **Profile**



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## Events and festivals

### **Pilchuck Audubon Society chapter picnic** **Sunday, August 12** Langus Riverfront Park

Plans for the annual Pilchuck Audubon chapter picnic are coming together. Make sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, August 12, at the group picnic shelter at Langus Riverfront Park, 400 Smith Island Road, Everett.

The fun kicks off at 10:30 a.m. with a bird walk, led by Jonathan Blubaugh. Even in August, we're sure to find birds and other surprises. Lunch starts around 12:30 and features Silvana Meats hotdogs (grilled by Virginia) and potluck side dishes. After lunch, we'll recognize our fabulous volunteers and distribute tokens of appreciation.

Everyone is welcome – especially kids and grand-kids. The bird walk, the hot dogs and after-lunch crafts will keep young ones happy.

PAS will supply utensils, coffee, juice and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish to share – and your binoculars. Join us, rain or shine, for a time of relaxation, socialization and celebration of our grassroots, volunteer spirit.

To get to Langus Riverfront Park, take Highway 529 (the highway between north Everett and Marysville) and turn east on Ross Avenue. For detailed directions, visit [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org) or call 425.252.0926 and leave a message.

### **Feast with Friends**

**Thurs., August 30** AngelArmsWorks, Snohomish

The sixth annual Feast with Friends fundraiser is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 6:30–9:30 p.m., at AngelArmsWorks, the home and studio of Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak and Warner Blake. This fantastic and delicious event raises money for the Smart Growth program. Local farmers donate local products. Local chefs create great food. Local wineries donate great wine. All you do is eat, drink and enjoy!

AngelArmsWorks is located at 230 B Street, Snohomish.

For more info – including sponsorship opportunities – visit [www.futurewise.org](http://www.futurewise.org) or contact Kristin Kelly at [Kristin@futurewise.org](mailto:Kristin@futurewise.org).

### **Puget Sound Bird Fest**

**September 7–9** Edmonds

Plan on being in Edmonds September 7–9, for the eighth annual Puget Sound Bird Fest. This three-day event includes speakers, guided walks, land and water-based field trips, exhibits and educational activities for children and adults.

Friday evening features an opening reception and keynote address by Paul Bannick, bird and nature photographer.

### **No August program meeting**

*In September, join us at the opening ceremony of Puget Sound Bird Fest!*

**Friday, September 7, 7 p.m.**

## **Owls of Washington with Paul Bannick**

Paul Bannick is an award-winning wildlife photographer specializing in the natural history of North America with a focus on birds and habitat. Coupling his love of the outdoors with his skill as a photographer, he creates images that foster the intimacy between viewer and subject, inspiring education and conservation.

### **Special location – September only!**

**The Edmonds Plaza Room, 650 Main Street, above the Edmonds Library**

**For more information, call 425.252.0926**

**Watch [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org) for the most up-to-date information.**

## **New look newsletter**

No doubt, you've noticed this issue of the *Profile* is slightly scaled down and some regular articles are missing. Never fear! The articles are available on our web site: [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org). You'll even find links on the home page to make them easy to find.

This change is in anticipation of a new *Profile* editor. Annette has delivered rich newsletter content for the past four years. As she moves on, we're revamping to make the next editor's job more manageable. We're also aligning more with what other chapters and non-profits are doing with their newsletters and web sites. The online universe is ever expanding.

Please visit us at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org)

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# President's message

By Kathleen Snyder, President, Pilchuck Audubon Society



Pilchuck Audubon Society is fortunate to have new energy directed at new projects this summer. In the June newsletter, you might remember reading that students at Archbishop Murphy High School became concerned when an Osprey pair (building a nest on school grounds) was removed by the USDA.

Although that situation could not be rectified, a new project aims to prevent a future occurrence.

New PAS member, Doug Cooper, is a retired biology teacher from the Spokane area. He retired after teaching at all grade levels for 36 years. He and his wife, Candy, moved to Snohomish to be closer to their son and grandchildren.

Doug was eager to get involved and is now working with both the high school and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to erect an osprey nesting platform near the school. If all goes well, the osprey will come

back next spring to a friendlier nest site – which high school students will have helped provide.

Frances Boyens, another new member of PAS, is a woman with boundless energy. Frances works full time as volunteer coordinator for PAWS in Lynnwood, plus she works part time as an education programmer at the Woodland Park Zoo.

And, now, she is our new Education Chair!

Her goals for her first year are to arrange an adult beginning birding class, a family/kid nature event and activities for International Migratory Bird Day in May. Frances would love to have other folks join her on the education committee. You can contact her at [education@pilchuck.org](mailto:education@pilchuck.org).

Pilchuck Audubon extends a big welcome and thank you to Doug and Frances for taking leadership roles in our organization.

## About Pilchuck Audubon Society

The Pilchuck Audubon *Profile*, official newsletter of Pilchuck Audubon Society is published monthly.

Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) is a grass-roots environmental organization with members throughout Snohomish County and Camano Island, Washington.

Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife, for the benefit of the earth's biological diversity.

Through education, advocacy, and community activism, PAS is committed to bringing people closer to wildlife in order to build a deeper understanding of the powerful links between healthy ecosystems and human beings, and to encourage the involvement of our members

in efforts to protect the habitat this wildlife depends upon for survival.

We serve as a local chapter of the National Audubon Society. PAS is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Washington.

### Newsletter submissions

Submit articles to [pas.profile@pilchuckaudubon.org](mailto:pas.profile@pilchuckaudubon.org) or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the fifth of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

**To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.252.0926.**

The *Profile* is available at [www.pilchuckaudubon.org](http://www.pilchuckaudubon.org)



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# Trip calendar

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

## Tues., August 7 SR 20: Rockport to Diablo Dam

Meet at 7 a.m. at the 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. Expect lots of wood warblers. Pack a lunch.

Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Tues., Aug. 14 Snoqualmie Valley, Monroe to Carnation

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Monroe Park and Ride on Highway 2, a half-mile west of the fairgrounds. Expect a fun time and exciting birds. Pack a lunch.

Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Tuesday, August 21 Samish Flats

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the 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. Come see what a premier winter birding area offers in summer. Pack a lunch.

Leader: Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Tuesday, August 28 Mount Baker Highway

Meet at 7 a.m. at the 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 (if the snow has melted by then). Expect wildflowers and adventure. Pack a lunch.

Leaders: Art Wait, 360.563.0181, Virginia Clark, 360.435.3750

## Sunday, September 16

## Mercer Slough canoe trip, Bellevue

Meet at 8 a.m. at Everett Mall – in the back, near the transit facility by LA Fitness. Canoe trip starts at 8:45. Limit is 10 participants. Four people have signed up so far, so we're looking for six more. Cost is \$16 per person. Call to register early with me. I will pay the group registration fee in advance. Please mail your check to PAS at 1429 Ave D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Please let me know, as well, so that I can have a roster when the trip is filled. First come, first served. This will be led by the Bellevue Park rangers who are lifeguards, naturalists and canoe instructors. They will lecture about the natural history and cultural history of the area. We'll stop on the way home for a socializing over lunch.

Leader: Jonathan Blubaugh, 425.244.7633, [aracfi@msn.com](mailto:aracfi@msn.com)

*Notice to field trip participants: Field trips are open to members and non-members alike. No advance notice required unless otherwise stated in the trip description. Trips go, rain or shine. However, in case of snow or ice, contact trip leader! Bring a sack lunch, beverage, binoculars, scope and field guide if you have them. If not, we'll share. Please, no perfume or cologne. Be prepared to share gas money with carpool drivers. Pets, even leashed, are prohibited on field trips. Please leave them at home.*

## Festivals ...

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Saturday field trips include a morning birding cruise on Puget Sound with the Edmonds Yacht Club. There will be workshops and presentations all day Saturday at the Frances Anderson Center featuring bird photography, basic to advanced birding techniques, choosing and using bird feeders and nest boxes and current research on Puget Sound bird species. On Sunday, there will be more guided walks and activities at the Willow Creek Hatchery Wildlife Habitat and Native Plant Demonstration Garden.

Visit [www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org](http://www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org) for more information.

## Swift Night Out September 15

## Monroe

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 15, so you don't miss the return of the Vaux's Swifts to the Frank Wagner chimney in Monroe as they migrate south for the winter. Celebrate the arrival of one of the largest congregations of Vaux's Swifts in North America and see thousands of the small birds squeeze into a 31-foot tall, 4-foot square chimney ... in just minutes. As many as 26,000 Vaux's Swifts have been observed entering this chimney in one evening! We hope to have a large turnout of swifts on September 15.

The event runs from 5 p.m. until dusk. There will be booths with informative displays and nature-related items. One booth allows children and adults to touch actual bird "skins" and to compare the sizes of different species of birds. There will be activities for children, plus food and refreshments for all.

Docents will answer questions from 6-8 p.m. If you are an experienced birder and would like to docent on this evening, please contact Judy Alles at 360.793.1343.

Bring a blanket, a folding chair or just sit on the lawn to watch the swifts' aerial performances. You'll be glad you did!

## Help wanted: newsletter editor

Pilchuck Audubon Society is looking for a new newsletter editor. Annette Colombini has served in this capacity for more than four years, but family demands prevent her from continuing. The PAS Board assembled a committee to evaluate the current newsletter, as well as the newsletters of other chapters of like size. The committee determined there are ways to incorporate some newsletter content on the web site, which means the newsletter can be scaled down a bit.

If you're interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Kathleen Snyder at 425.438.1505. Asking for more information won't be taken as a commitment to take the job.

Thanks to Annette, who has produced an exemplary monthly newsletter for PAS. We look forward to her ongoing help producing our printed pieces.

## Audubon membership information

Joint membership in National Audubon Society (NAS) and Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) includes NAS's quarterly magazine *Audubon* and PAS's *Profile* e-newsletter for one year. Cost is \$20 for an Introductory Membership or \$35 for renewals. When you join National Audubon Society, you automatically become a member of PAS. **All PAS membership dues are tax-deductible.\* The PAS tax ID number is 96-6183664.**

PAS receives only a small portion of your national dues to support the work of the chapter. If you do not want to be a national member or you want your dues to stay local, you can join PAS separately. Local membership in PAS includes a one-year subscription (12 issues) to PAS's *Profile* newsletter. Cost is \$28. A special limited income category is available for \$16.

<p><b>Local PAS membership</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New member ..... \$28</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Renewal ..... \$28</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime PAS member ..... \$1000</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 10 monthly payments of \$100</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 4 quarterly payments of \$250</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> 1 payment of \$1000</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Donation ..... \$ _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Make check payable to: <i>Pilchuck Audubon Society</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mail your check and this form to: <i>PAS Membership Chair 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198 Snohomish, WA 98290</i></p>
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- Contact me about volunteer opportunities.
- I am interested in the Conservation Committee.

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