ANNUAL MUSHROOM HIKE WITH GREG HOVANDER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Call or email Kathy to reserve your place on this hike, limited to 12 participants. Please include your phone number in case of last-minute changes.

Due to some welcome late summer rains, fungi are fruiting early this year! Location TBD.

This will be an all-day hike (although if you drive solo you may leave whenever you wish) with expert mycologist and pharmacist Greg Hovander. Greg is a walking encyclopedia of mycological knowledge, from identification of hundreds of fungal species, to medicinal qualities, to nutrition and cooking methods. We’ll proceed at a leisurely pace at first, locating and learning about all types of fungi.

Trip leader: Kathy Johnson 425-244-3281 or forest@pilchuckaudubon.org

October Program Meeting
Friday, October 11, 2019
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
THE EDMONDS MARSH
Everett Firefighters’ Hall
2411 Hewitt Avenue, Everett (map)

Please join us for a special program focused on the Edmonds Marsh. Featured as the first stop on Audubon Washington’s Great Washington Birding Trail – Cascade Loop, the Edmonds Marsh (see photos below) is one of the few urban saltwater estuaries remaining in the Puget Sound area. A product of years and years of specific conditions that have coalesced to create a high valued habitat for birds.

Join us to discover the beauty and birds of the Edmonds Marsh and to hear from current stakeholders about efforts to conserve the area for generations to come. Also featured will be a presentation by Scott Markowitz on the community science avian monitoring effort at the Marsh.

WHEN: Friday, October 11, 2019 (Doors open at 6:30, starting at 7:00 p.m. there will be a short business meeting with the program to follow.
WHERE: Everett Firefighter Hall located at 2411 Hewitt Avenue (three blocks east of the Xfinity Arena). Parking is available in a lot adjacent to the Firefighter Hall as well as street parking.


**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 newsletter@pilchuckaudubon.org or mail to 1429 Avenue D, PMB 198, Snohomish, WA 98290. Submissions must be received by the 21st of the month preceding publication. We reserve the right to edit.

To contact Pilchuck Audubon Society, call 425.610.8027.

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**Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants - Apply Now!**

PAS is starting its 14th year of supporting conservation projects in Snohomish County elementary school classrooms with the Zalesky Classroom Conservation Grants.

If you are an elementary school teacher in Snohomish County, please apply! If you know an elementary school teacher in Snohomish County, encourage him/her to apply! We will be giving multiple grants of up to $400 for conservation and science-related learning activities and/or materials that enhance and enrich a classroom program.

For an application and more information about the grants, please go to the PAS website (find us under “Programs”), www.pilchuckaudubon.org. Applications must be received by November 1, 2019.
FEAST IN THE FOREST

We expect this event to sell out, so don’t delay. RSVP Today!

Tuesday, October 22, 2019,
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Floral Hall in Forest Park, Everett
(map)

Please join us for a special event in support of birds and wildlife. The Feast this year will include small plate cuisines from some of our local chefs, feature wines by Silent Owl Winery, and a presentation on owls by Paul Bannick, award-winning author and wildlife photographer.

Cost is $65.00 per person.

RSVP to Kristin Kelly at edpas2016@gmail.com You can pay one of two ways: credit card by visiting our website at pilchuckaudubon.org. Navigate to our secure on-line donation page. Type in amount ($65.00 per person) and select “Feast on the Farm” from the drop-down menu before including your payment information. OR by check made out to Pilchuck Audubon Society, and mail to Feast in the Forest, Pilchuck Audubon Society, 1429 Avenue D, #198, Snohomish, WA 98290.
I write this report two days before the 2019 annual meeting of the Washington State Audubon Conservation Council (WSACC), comprised of the conservation chairs of the state’s 25 Audubon chapters. The meeting is in Vancouver, WA on Friday, September 27. The Audubon Council of Washington (ACOW) meets on Saturday, September 28. It is comprised of chapter presidents and/or other representatives.

At WSACC, there will be presentations by chapters requesting the WSACC body to approve three resolutions that seek to establish policy questions on conservation issues. Prior to WSACC, all chapters considered board action on the proposals. Here are briefs of the three proposals.

**Spirit Lake Motorized Access Road** — “The Forest Service (USFS) proposes to build a 2.75-mile road across the Pumice Plain for tracked drill rigs and other vehicles to transport equipment, people, and gear to collect geophysical information for management of Spirit Lake and for other administration purposes.” This is submitted by the Vancouver chapter.

WSACC is asked to endorse “... protection of the ecological and scientific values of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument and opposes construction of a motorized road access across and opposes construction of a motorized access road across the Pumice Plain.... WSACC urges the USFS to fully consider and analyze all reasonable alternatives, including the use of helicopter and foot travel to collect geophysical information.” The Forest Service rationale for the road is cost and convenience. WSACC conservation objectives to be addressed are to reduce risks to habitat and to contribute to biological diversity.”

The PAS board voted to oppose the road and to urge the Forest Service to take a “harder look” at options than was done in its NEPA review and analysis.

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Budget** — WSACC is asked to join with Audubon Washington and other statewide organizations in a coordinated effort to: “1) Increase the department’s budget in the 2020 legislative session such time as (its) budget and programs are restored to the 2009 level of service; and 2) identify permanent long-term funding to replace the declining funding from hunting and fishing licenses (to) support the WDFW mission to conserve all Washington species and their habitats.”

The PAS board voted to join originating sponsors, Tahoma and Black Hills chapters, and co-sponsor this proposal along with Seattle and Kittitas chapters. This proposal is similar to a resolution passed at last year’s WSACC and ACOW. There were considerable gains in the 2019 legislative session. More funding is needed.

**Solar Development** — WSACC would ask for “mapping of industrial solar projects to minimize impact on farming, birds, and other wildlife.” The proposal calls “... for an assessment of the optimal path forward for renewable energy siting in Washington state, with a particular focus on developing ‘win-win’ solutions for solar energy development, rural economies, and the natural environment.... This map, along with a compendium of preferred practices, should drive positive economic impacts for rural, agricultural communities while minimizing negative impacts on birds and other wildlife.” This proposal is submitted by Kittitas and Tahoma chapters.

The PAS board voted to give its representative leeway to support the proposal or not depending on the Council’s discussion.

All resolutions passed at WSACC meeting in Vancouver on September 27.


What is asked of us Washington chapters is to endorse this bill, which may be coming up for House votes in early October.
Tuesday, October 1  Camano Island
Meet at 7:00 a.m. 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). We will bird Triangle Cove, Eide Road, English Boom, Iverson Spit, and wherever else Virginia prefers. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Saturday, October 2  Lakes and Ponds near Mill Creek
Meet at 8:00 a.m. Ash Way Park and Ride, which is in the vicinity of I-5 Exit 183; park in the southwest area, by the southernmost entrance to the parking lot. We’ll carpool to Martha Lake, Buffalo Ponds, and Silver Lake. Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811 (cell: 206-617-0019), dresnick1@comcast.net.

Tuesday, October 5  Big Gulch in Mukilteo
Meet at 8:00 a.m. near the entrance to the parking lot of Lynnwood’s Swamp Creek Park and Ride (https://www.communitytransit.org/busservice/transit-centers-and-parking). We’ll carpool to Big Gulch Trail Park. Wear boots! Trip leader: Douglas Resnick, 425-776-4811 (cell: 206-617-0019), dresnick1@comcast.net.

Tuesday, October 8  Smith and Spencer Islands
Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Langus Riverfront Park, Everett. Go north on SR 529 (Broadway) over the Snohomish River; turn right onto 28th Pl. NE. Follow signs to Langus Waterfront Park. Continue past the Shell House and Everett Animal Shelter, making a left turn onto 4th St. SE to a parking lot on the right side of the street. Trying for raptors and returning waterfowl. Walk the trails, view the Everett Sewage Ponds. Lots of walking. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Tuesday, October 15  Point No Point
Meet at 7:10 a.m. at the Edmonds Wade James Theater parking lot. The theater’s address is 950 Main St., Edmonds, 98020, just east of 9th Ave., on the south side of Main St. We’ll take the ferry to Kingston and bird the voyage, the docks, Point No Point, and Foulweather Bluff. Always lots of surprises, both in the air and on the water. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Tuesday, October 22  Clear Lake and Johnson-Debay Slough
Meet at 7:00 a.m. 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. Swans, eagles, hawks, and falcons. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Tuesday, October 29  Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, British Columbia
Meet at 7:00 a.m. 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. The refuge is in Canada, on Westham Island at the mouth of the Frazier River. Expect waterfowl underfoot and chickadees and nuthatches fed in the hand, plus surprise species. Bring birdseed and your US Passport or Enhanced Driver’s License. Pack a lunch. Trip Leader: Virginia Clark, 360-435-3750.

Winter birds at their finest!
Winter Wings brings together birders and photographers of all stripes to learn and explore with top-notch professionals and enthusiastic local guides. The Klamath Basin is renowned for its massive wintering population of Bald Eagles, but is prime habitat for many other raptors including owls, as well as a stunning abundance and diversity of waterfowl. Join us for an extensive array of field trips, workshops, presentations, and receptions that highlight the wonders of the Klamath Basin in winter.

Dates: Thursday, February 13, 2020 through Sunday, February 16, 2020
Host Site: Oregon Institute of Technology, (Oregon Tech), 3201 Campus Drive, Klamath Falls, Oregon, 97601
Website: www.WinterWingsFest.org
Registration: Opens December 7, 9:00 a.m. PST
For information, call 877-541-BIRD (2473) or email to info@winterwingsfest.org
BACKYARD BIRDING HIGHLIGHTS
July 26, 2019 to August 25, 2019
by Mara Price, Sightings Coordinator

So far it has been a great summer for bird watching. Soon the birds will be heading south for the winter.

Carole and Larry Beason reported a total of 42 species from their home on Lake Bosworth. Their report listed 28 American Crow, 4 American Goldfinch, 4 Anna’s Hummingbird on the flowers and syrup, 2 Bald Eagle flying over the lake, 30+ Barn Swallow flying over, 6 Black-headed Grosbeak, a Black-throated Gray Warbler, 25+ Canada Goose at Machias Road, 2 Common Raven chased by crows, 7 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Great Blue Heron, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, an Osprey over the lake, 3 Pied-billed Grebe on the lake, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 24 Purple Finch, 3 Red-breasted Sapsucker, 40+ Red-winged Blackbird, a Swainson’s Thrush, a Turkey Vulture, and a Western Tanager.

Hilkka Egteveld had a big California Quail sighting. She reported 3 in her yard and 16 California Quail across the street from her yard in Mulkiteo. She also reported a Sharp-shinned Hawk preying on the feeder birds, 3 Band-tailed Pigeon, 2 Anna’s Hummingbird, a Downy Woodpecker, 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 3 Northern Flicker, 3 Black-capped Chickadee, 5 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 2 Red-breasted Nuthatch, a juvenile Brown-headed Cowbird being fed by a Dark-eyed Junco, 5 Spotted Towhee, 4 Purple Finch, 5 House Finch, 3 Pine-Siskin, and 3 American Goldfinch, for a total species count of 26.

Reporting from Everett, Kriss Erickson listed 6 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Bewick’s Wren, 36 Bushtit, 6 Northwestern Crow, 8 Western Gull, a Varied Thrush, 7 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, 23 Black-capped Chickadee, 3 Spotted Towhee, 2 Downy Woodpecker, 5 Northern Flicker, 3 Song Sparrow, 2 Hairy Woodpecker, and 2 Rufous Hummingbird, for a total species count of 18.

Mary Sinker’s count from her home in Stanwood included 27 American Goldfinch with lots of fledglings, 11 Anna’s Hummingbird, 2 Bald Eagle, 11 Black-capped Chickadee, 14 Black-headed Grosbeak with several fledglings, 2 Black-throated Gray Warbler, 2 Brown Creeper, 5 Cedar Waxwing, 8 Chestnut-backed Chickadee, a Cooper’s Hawk, 7 Dark-eyed Junco, 2 Great Blue Heron at the creek, 9 House Finch, 2 House Sparrow, 35 Mourning Dove, 2 Pileated Woodpecker, 8 Red-winged Blackbird, 5 Rufous Hummingbird, 7 Song Sparrow, 12 Steller’s Jay, a

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BIRD WALK IN BOEING CREEK AND SHOREVIEW PARKS IN SHORELINE
7 September 2019
by Douglas Resnick, Trip Leader

Lisa, Michelle, Jonathan, Judy, Kelli, and I met on a mild, overcast morning beside Boeing Creek Park. The latter adjoins Shoreview Park, and the two share a trail system. The name of the first is applied to the northern and eastern parts of the combined area, where the creek flows, while the name of the second is applied to the southern and western parts, which include facilities such as tennis courts and an off-leash dog park, as well as some forested land and a lake.

We began our walk by heading westward on the northern part of the Pond Loop Trail, which lies at street level and is surrounded by a mix of grass, shrubs, and short trees. We birded here mainly by ear, identifying such birds as Red-breasted Nuthatch, American Crow, and Pileated Woodpecker, though we also caught sight of an Osprey overhead. At a junction, we turned onto the Boeing Creek Loop Trail, then continued onto the Hidden Lake Loop Trail. These trails descend, reaching the level of the creek in its gulch, then passing across it via the Stepping-stone Crossing. Tall trees hosted a number of small birds, including Black-capped Chickadee, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, and Golden-crowned Kinglet.

We got our first view of waterbirds, where the creek emptied into Hidden Lake. Canada Goose and Mallards were readily in view; a closer look revealed a number of Wood Ducks, too. Views from the eastern shore revealed first a Belted Kingfisher, then a Great Blue Heron. As we resumed our trek, a Swainson’s Thrush landed ahead of us on the trail. Our path continued upward into an area of mixed vegetation, where we found two warblers: Orange-crowned and Black-throated Gray.

After a stop at the restrooms near the tennis courts, we followed the Forest Loop Trail back to the eastern parts of the Hidden Lake and Boeing Creek Loop trails, recrossing the creek via the Dry Bed Creek Crossing. Along this path, we finally obtained a view of a Pileated Woodpecker, as well as close views of 3 Hairy Woodpecker, 2 Brown creepers and 2 Song Sparrows. Our total species count for the walk was 29.

We returned to our meeting point around noon. Several of us then drove on to join Terry and Sue at Hill’s Restaurant and Bar for lunch. ✆
FUNDING CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY SMART GROWTH MANAGER OFF TO A GREAT START

The campaign, launched by Pilchuck Audubon Society and Futurewise to fund a new Snohomish County Program Manager, is off to a great start! Our heartfelt thanks to Karen Guzak and Warner Blake for opening up their home to host our first fund-raising event. We are excited over the success of this first endeavor, but there is still a long way to go to reach our goal. You can contribute to this effort by going on-line to the secure donation page: https://futurewise.salsalabs.org/snohomishcountyprogrammanager/index.html, or by visiting the website: Futurewise.org/snohomishcounty.

Kristin Kelly has been an invaluable asset in Snohomish County as a leader and advocate for smart growth and environmental protections. Her retirement leaves some very big shoes to fill, but there is a lot of enthusiasm about the collaboration of PAS with Futurewise to raise funds in order to hire a new Snohomish County Program Manager to continue Kristin’s excellent work.

The new Snohomish County Program Manager will protect our smart growth wins in Snohomish County and advance new priorities, including:

- Maintaining an influential presence on the county’s Southwest Area Boundary Planning Study, to ensure protection of critical natural resource areas and an equitable, sustainable approach to urban growth;
- Advocating for effective Shoreline Master Plan policies and mitigation and habitat restoration along the Snohomish River to balance the impacts of rural development;
- Developing a campaign to document and correct Snohomish County’s approach to protecting critical areas by ensuring that adjacent lands without native vegetation are included in buffers; and,
- Continuing our legal challenge that aims to improve protections for people and the environment from landslide hazards (such as those causing the Oso landslide).

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PAS VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING THE PUGET SOUND BIRD FEST

HELP WANTED

Pilchuck Audubon Society primarily operates on volunteer power. Please consider how you might offer up a few hours of your time to keep our advocacy, programs and projects running. Consider the following needs and let us know if you might be interested in serving on the PAS Board of Directors in by filling one of these key leadership positions:

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President position consists of assisting the President in the carrying out of his/her duties and shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.

SCIENCE CHAIR: This position leads the Science Committee and supports the Board by offering oversight for any science-based project engaged in by Pilchuck Audubon and offers expertise/researched opinion when needed for conservation advocacy.

DEVELOPMENT CHAIR: This position leads the Development Committee and supports the Board by planning the sources of income needed to fund PAS activities and commitments.

For just a few hours of your time you ensure the fulfillment of the PAS mission while being fully supported by a nurturing Board and grateful environment. Please feel free to contact me, Cindy Easterson at president@pilchuckaudubon.org or by phone at (425) 876-1055 with questions about how you can serve.
Green Everett Day is almost here!
Saturday, October 26, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Thornton A Sullivan Park, 11405 W. Silver Lake Rd.
Join Pilchuck Audubon and event sponsors, Everett Parks & Community Services and Forterra, to improve the health of Everett’s forested parks and natural areas. All are invited to the biggest volunteering event of the year for the Green Everett Partnership and a celebration of Everett’s forested parks. Join more than 100 Everett residents to plant hundreds of trees and shrubs to help care for one of Everett’s favorite forests: Thornton A. Sullivan Park.
RSVP to join us!

Mountain Bluebird © Mick Thompson

Leque Island Field Trip
Due to later-than-planned continued construction at the island to include road access and vehicle parking, the field trip will be delayed.
Details in November PROFILE.

2019 CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
Save the Date
Edmonds / South County CBC
December 14, 2019
Everett / Marysville CBC
December 28, 2019

Backyard Birding Highlights, con’t. from Page 6
Swainson’s Thrush, 2 White-crowned Sparrow, 2 Willow Flycatcher, and 2 Wilson’s Warbler, for a total species count of 41.
The number of Chickadees in the backyard of my home in Marysville have increased. I spotted 6 Chestnut-backed Chickadee and 5 Black-capped Chickadee at the seed and suet feeders. My total species count of 22 included 4 American Robin, 2 Anna’s Hummingbird, 7 Black-headed Grosbeak, 7 House Finch, 4 Pine Siskin, 3 Northern Flicker, 20+ Violet-green Swallow, 7 Spotted Towhee, 8 Steller’s Jay, a White-crowned Sparrow, a Western Wood-Pewee, 2 Western Tanager, and 3 Mourning Dove.

I received a call from Alan Mearns who reported spotting 21 American White Pelican flying over Edmonds on September 5. He took a picture he would like to send to us, but I have been unable to reach him to let him know where to send it.

If you are interested in participating in our Backyard Birding count, please email me at pricemara1@gmail.com or leave a message on my cell phone at (425) 750-8125.

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.

- New Member .............................................$28
- Renewal ...................................................$28
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