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FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

by Libby Mills

Skagit Audubon Field Trips

Beginning birders are always welcome on Skagit Audubon field trips, and membership in Skagit Audubon is not required. Participants gladly help each other identify and enjoy the birds. Please be prepared for the weather with suitable clothing, and bring field guides, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Don't forget snacks or lunch and a thermos with warm drinks for winter walks. Carpool whenever possible and please offer to contribute to the driver's expense.

Watch the e-mail reminders for the latest information, including any changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the e-mail distribution list, contact Libby Mills: libbymills@gmail.com.

Please note that the field trip descriptions are deliberately brief and do not describe complete trip itineraries. If you plan to join a trip other than at the described starting point, call the leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Plans change as conditions shift and opportunities arise. Timely notification by e-mail isn't always possible.

Saturday, February 6

Washington Park, west of Anacortes Meet at 8:30 a.m.

This field trip will be geared to beginners, but those with more experience will find plenty to see as well. Being on a paved road, closed until 10 a.m. to cars, it is especially

Washington Park and other Field Trips continue on page 5

FEBRUARY MEETING AND PROGRAM

Pilchuck Audubon Society Port Gardner Bay Osprey Project by Bill Lider

Tuesday, February 9, 2010
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center
10433 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, Washington



In Jeopardy: Osprey Nest on Old Pilings

Photo by Bill Lider

Port Gardner in Everett, Washington hosts the largest saltwater concentration of Ospreys on the Pacific Coast due to the shallow tidal flats in this area. These migratory birds fly from Mexico and Central America each year to Everett to nest and raise their young. Many nest on creosote treated pilings that are near collapse. Ospreys are also in jeopardy due to contaminated sediments from over 100 years of industrial pollution.

Come learn about ospreys and what the Pilchuck Audubon Society has been doing to help restore their nesting opportunities in Port Gardner Bay.

Project Leader, Bill Lider, will present the story of this local conservation effort, and share his enthusiasm for protecting this magnificent bird.



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General membership meetings of the Skagit Audubon Society are held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 1043 Bayview-Edison Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA—7:00 PM Social/ 7:30 PM Program—on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. The board of directors meets at the same location at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Skagit Audubon Society (SAS) membership provides a local chapter affiliation and newsletter, **The Flyer**, for individuals who want all their funds to benefit their local chapter. Newsletters from additional chapters can be sought by contacting their websites and membership chairs from links at www.audubon.org/states/wa/. **To join Skagit Audubon Society** please use the form below.

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Skagit Audubon Society is a Chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Skagit Audubon Society Membership Form

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Skagit Audubon's first field trip of 2010 took us to Marine Drive in Blaine and then many places southward from there. We benefit from having field trip leaders who really know their way around, and Andrea Warner and Joan Bird led us to a wide range of excellent spots for viewing waterfowl, seabirds, and more. As we watched scoters (all 3 species: Surf, White-winged, and Black!) diving and then surfacing with big clams they amazingly swallowed whole, and as we scoped out groups of elegant Western Grebes and many other species, I had to reflect on the huge declines of some of these wintering birds in Puget Sound. Surf Scoter numbers are just a little more than half what they were 20 years ago, and Western Grebes have declined by 95% (http://www.psparchives.com/our_work/species/marine_birds.htm).

Even while we enjoy the terrific diversity and abundance of winter birds, those of us without a long history in the area can hardly realize the changes, how much has been lost, and what further declines are possible. Audubon has always been an activist organization that attracts people who want to make a difference. Puget Sound's environmental problems are widely enough acknowledged for our state to have an agency dedicated to its restoration – the Puget Sound Partnership (<http://www.psp.wa.gov/>). Closure of shell fishing areas, decline of orcas, and collapse of salmon runs, are what we generally hear about, but marine birds are indicators of ecological trends indicators too. The problem is a big and complicated one which can easily cause individuals to believe there's nothing they can do, but this is not the case. While all the reasons for decline of species may be as diverse as the ecosystem itself, it's widely recognized that the single biggest threat to the plant and animal life of the Sound is the pollutants from non-point sources; i.e., run-off from the land where we all live. About 75 percent of the toxic chemicals getting to the Sound are carried by storm water that runs off paved roads and driveways, rooftops, yards and other developed land.

There's lots of good information about things you can do to change this; easy things from using less – or no – chemicals on your lawn to washing your car at a car wash that captures and filters waste water, to properly managing pet waste. The education arm of the Puget Sound Partnership has a good website where you can find the information to make a difference. The campaign to get citizens involved is called "Puget Sound Starts Here," "here" being every place in the Puget Sound basin. Please have a look at <http://www.pugetsoundstartshere.org/>. Puget Sound's a beautiful sight, but it and all its inhabitants could use a little help from each of us.

**HELP RELEASE CONSERVATION \$\$\$ FOR THE WASHINGTON DEPT. OF FISH & WILDLIFE
MAKE 2010 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS FOR PERSONALIZED & BACKGROUND LICENSE PLATES**

1. Please write your legislators requesting **release of \$300,000** of the state wildlife account for the fiscal year 2011 from the Personalized License Plate Account to support nongame management activities, wildlife watching activities and endangered species recovery priorities consistent with the funding stipulations of the personalized plates.

2. Please write your legislators requesting **release of \$200,000** of the state wildlife account for the fiscal year 2011 from the Background License Plate Account to support game management activities, wildlife watching activities, and endangered species recovery priorities consistent with the funding stipulations of the background plates.

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SKAGIT AUDUBON FEBRUARY 2010 HIKING SCHEDULE by Joan Melcher

Winter hiking continues in February with four hikes. Unexpected circumstances such as weather, logging, wash-outs, construction, or road conditions may cause cancellations or changes in the following hikes. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, or snowy or icy road conditions. If you have questions or want information on any of the hikes, call JOAN MELCHER, 360-424-0407, or e-mail jdmelcher@comcast.net. All the hikes are on a Wednesday. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

FEBRUARY 3 LUMMI ISLAND: Walk a 7 mile loop on the north end of Lummi Island. Enjoy island, sea, and mountain views. \$4 foot-passenger ferry fare required. Mostly level hiking makes walking shoes recommended. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the I-5/Cook Road Park-n-Ride. No specified return time although most will take the 1 p.m. ferry back.

FEBRUARY 10 CAMANO ISLAND: There are changes in the Camano meeting place this year. Notice the following: Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the S.E. corner of the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot or at **8:30 a.m.** at the Blue Camano Center Building on East Camano Drive. Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) will lead us on hikes up to 11.9 miles on Camano Island, with shorter options available. Lunch is provided with the suggested donation of \$2. There will be a brief orientation there. Restrooms will be available. We will then drive to the Elger Bay Preserve and hike there.

Then either walk or drive to the cul-de-sac at the Cama Trailhead and hike the Cama trails and then down to Camano Island State Park for lunch. Shuttles will be available.

FEBRUARY 17 SUGAR CUBE AND WHISTLE LAKE: Terry Slotemaker (360-293-6514) will lead us on a hike in the Anacortes Forest Lands. The hike will be 6.8 miles, with a 1,600 ft. elevation gain. A 3.41 mile self-guided option around Whistle Lake only, is also available. Meet at **9 a.m.** in the Heart Lake parking lot off the Heart Lake Road south of Anacortes. 1:30 p.m. is the expected return time to trailhead.

FEBRUARY 24 LORD HILL: There are hiking trails in this Snohomish County park up to 11 miles long and with several hundred feet elevation gain. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** in the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot or at the trailhead about **9:15 a.m.** From Highway 9, go south of Snohomish, turn east on 2nd Street. In one mile turn right onto Lincoln Avenue which becomes the Old Snohomish-Monroe Highway. After 2.7 miles turn right, south, onto 127TH Ave SE and proceed 1.6 miles to the park entrance and trailhead. You may leave when your car load of people is back at the trailhead.

MARCH 3 LILY LAKE LOOP: Hike the Lily Lake Trail to Lily Lake and North Butte on Blanchard Mountain. Return to trail head via Max's Shortcut and the Larry Reed Trail. This is a 8.5 mile loop with a 1,600 ft. total elevation gain. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the I-5/Cook Road Park-n-Ride. Return to the trailhead at 2:30 p.m.

SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES: DEC. 2009 ~ JAN. 2010

By Howard Armstrong

This column reports submitted sightings. Any rare sightings should be accompanied by detailed written documentation and if possible a photograph. A second person to verify rare sightings is extremely helpful. Do not hesitate to call any observer to help document unusual sightings. Also do not hesitate to call if you need clarification on locations.

Please submit your sightings to Howard Armstrong godwits@wavecable.com or 766-6657.

Wood Duck 10 at Francis Road on 12/21 rare in winter (GB)
Canvasback 1 at Skagit Airport Ponds on 12/23 (GB)
Ring-necked Duck 250 at Big Lake on 12/22 (GB)

Lesser Scaup 1 at Samish Island on 12/26 (RM)
Harlequin Duck 4 at Rosario Head on 1/9 (GB)
Ruddy Duck 42 at Big Lake on 12/22 (GB)
Pacific Loon 4 at Samish Island on 1/3 & 1/10 (GB)
American Bittern 1 North Fork Access on 1/3 (GB)
Golden Eagle 1 sub-adult near the W 90 on Samish Island Road on 1/7 (HH, CA)
Black Oystercatcher 1 at Skyline on 12/26 (TA, RR, HA); 3 at Green Point on 1/9 (GB)

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Greater Yellowlegs 1 at Hayton Preserve on 1/3 (GB)
Black Turnstone 63 at Samish Island on 12/26 (RM, JBP); 2 at Rosario Head on 1/9 (GB)
Western Sandpiper 1 at Samish Island on 1/10 (GB)



Long-billed Dowitcher 4 at Big Indian Slough on Bayview-Edison Road on 12/22 (GB)
Thayer's Gull 1 at Samish Island on 12/18 (RM) & 12/26 (RM, JBP)
Ancient Murrelet 120 at Green Point, Washington Park on 12/2 (RM)
Eurasian Collared-Dove 11 at Samish Island home on 12/26 (RM, JBP)
Anna's Hummingbird 1 at March Point on 12/2 (RM) & 1 at Samish Island on 12/26 (RM, JBP)
Pileated Woodpecker 1 at Mount Vernon on 12/26 (RMo); 1 at Breazeale on 1/10 (GB)
Hutton's Vireo 1 at Iverson Spit on 12/25 & 1 at Hutchison Park, Camano Island on 12/27 (PP); 2 at Pomona Grange Park on 1/10 (GB)
American Dipper 1 at Etach Slough, Cockreham Island on 1/6 (GB)

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Washington Park, continued:

suited to folks who have difficulty walking on rugged trails. The first half mile is level, so anyone with limited mobility or in a wheelchair is invited to be in the group for this part of the walk. Seabirds, shorebirds, woodpeckers, and songbirds are among the birds we'll seek.

Meet at the parking lot at 8:30 near the restrooms, just past the boat trailer lot, and plan on two hours to walk the loop road. After that, those who wish may join us and visit Heart Lake and look for ducks, about 5 miles away.

To get to Washington Park follow the San Juan Ferry signs through Anacortes (at the roundabout go north on Commercial to 12th, which becomes Oakes Avenue.) At the traffic light just above the ferry, keep to the left and continue on Sunset Avenue to its end at the park. Bring binoculars and scope if you have one, dress for the weather. We'll go rain or shine.

Leaders: Cynthia and Jack Richardson,
richrson@cnw.com

Sunday, February 14

Skagit Flats Wildlife Areas

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 or so

Begin Valentine's Day by celebrating your love of birds with friends.

Waterfowl hunting season is over and we'll explore some of the favorite sites of the Skagit Wildlife Area. Meet at Wiley Slough wildlife area, in the parking lot near headquarters. Footing will probably be wet or muddy and bring layers for the weather. We'll try and track down raptors and waterfowl, songbirds and maybe even an early southern migrant. Please bring your Dept. of Wildlife parking pass to park at the "game

Townsend's Solitaire 1 at Washington Park on 12/26 (HA); 1 at Camano Island on 1/3 (RR)

Orange-crowned Warbler 1 at Camano Island home on 12/24 (PP)

Yellow-rumped Warbler 5 at SWA on 1/3 (GB)

American Tree Sparrow 1 at Butler Flats on 1/3 (JW, KW)

Lincoln's Sparrow 1 at Iverson Spit, Camano Island on 12/25 (PP); 9 at Samish Island on 12/26 (RM, JBP)

Rusty Blackbird 1 female at La Conner-Whitney Road X Downey Road on 12/2 (RM)

Brown-headed Cowbird 2 at Butler Flats on 1/3(GB)



Red Crossbill 10 at Camano Island home on 12/23 (PP)

Pine Siskin 20 at SWA on 1/3 (GB)

(SWA) Skagit Wildlife Area, Wylie Slough

(CA) Cleo Andreason (HA) Howard Armstrong (TA) Thais Armstrong (GB) Gary Bletsch (HH) Helen Heneks (RM) Ryan Merrill (RMo) Robert Morgan (JBP) Joel Brady-Power (PP) Pam Pritzl (RR) Roxie Rochat (JW) Jan Wiggers (KW) Keith Wiggers

range" and other sites along the route. Contact Libby if you need help locating the area.

Leader Libby Mills: 360-757-4139; libbymills@gmail.com

Saturday, February 27

Birding the Upper Skagit Valley

Meet at 8 a.m. in the Thrifty Foods parking lot, SE corner, off Highway 20 in Sedro Woolley.

We'll end the month with a Saturday visit to some favorite birding sites upriver around Rockport and Barnaby Slough, seeking winter resident birds as well as early migrants. The Bald Eagles may have moved on but bird song and grouse booming may be sneaking in from under the sword ferns and around the marsh. There is always some unexpected surprise and fun in the field on a trip with our leader.

Leader John Day, 360-856-0644, jday@fidalgo.net

Samish Island Bird Walks with Howard Armstrong

As weather and time permit, Howard Armstrong leads bird walks on Samish Island for beginners and experts alike. To be contacted when these walks are scheduled, send a message to Howard: godwits@wavecable.com asking to be added to his e-mail notification list.

Local Bird Festivals

Arlington Eagle Festival ~ Saturday, February 6th

http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/north_sound/arl/community/81014917.html

Port Susan Snow Goose and Birding Festival,

Saturday ~ Sunday, February 20-21

<http://www.snowgoosefest.org/Home.html>



PADILLA BAY AND NORTH CASCADES CHRISTMAS COUNTS, 2009

by Tim Manns

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Padilla Bay and/or the North Cascades National Park Christmas Bird Counts in December. The complete results for the counts weren't yet available as this newsletter went to print, but you might like to read this related information:

The **2009 Padilla Bay Christmas Count** tallied 127 species and 72,350 individual birds. Fifty-one observers participated. This count has been conducted 31 years, but there were some years without counts between the first one and 1982. Since then the count has taken place every year. The 2009 statistics place this latest count a bit below the last 15 year average of 128 species seen. (Counts before that had many fewer participants and hence located fewer birds and do not provide a good comparison.) Over the entire life of this count, the average number of species seen has been 123 and the average number of birds, 85,694. In more recent years there have usually been 60 or more observers, which helps explain the slightly lower total of species seen in 2009. With the count taking place the day after Christmas and many observers away for the holidays, **Bob Barry** put in a tremendous effort recruiting enough people to cover all the sub-areas of the count. Thank you, Bob!

The **North Cascades Christmas Bird Count**, with the center point of the standard 15-mile diameter circle in Newhalem, is the only Christmas Count occurring in the Cascades of Washington. The 15 to 20 observers each year are usually all Skagit Audubon members. In 2009, the participants recorded 39 species and 1,267 individual birds, putting this count within the top 5 for the count's 21 years. The average over that period is 34 species and 764 birds. The all time high was in 2001 when 44 species and 1,476 birds were seen. On this particular Christmas Count, one species is by far the most significant in determining the number of birds seen: Pine Siskin. This past December, just over half the total, 685, were Siskins.

Bob Kuntz organizes the North Cascades Count and kindly does the compiling and reporting of both these counts that so many of us enjoy doing. Thank you, Bob! By the time you read this newsletter, Bob will have submitted the results to National Audubon, and you'll be able to find them at http://cbc.audubon.org/cbccurrent/current_table.html. They will also be appearing on the Skagit Audubon website and in a future newsletter. For the broader picture on Christmas Count data and how it's being used, go to <http://www.audubon.org/BIRD/CBC/hr/index.html>.

2010 Great Backyard Bird Count

February 12th through the 15th

How to Participate: It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Plan to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count. You can count for longer than that if you wish! Count birds in as many places and on as many days as you like — one day, two days, or all four days. Submit a separate checklist for each new day. You can also submit more than one checklist per day if you count in other locations on that day.

2. Count the greatest number of individuals of each species that you see together at any one time. You may find it helpful to print out your **regional bird checklist** to get an idea of the kinds of birds you're likely to see in your area in February. You could take note of the highest number of each species you see on this checklist.

3. When you're finished, enter your results through our web page. You'll see a button marked "Enter Your Checklists!" on the website home page beginning on the first day of the count. It will remain active until the deadline for data submission on **March 1st**.

For more information, see the web site: <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/whycount.html>



WASHINGTON STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES COALITION

2010 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of 25 leading environmental groups in Washington state (including Audubon) that influence policy at the state level. Each year, the Coalition selects several priority issues that receive the collective support of this network during the legislative session. For more information, visit:

www.environmentalpriorities.org. Below are descriptions of the three environmental legislative issues chosen for this year.

HB 1180 and SB 6248: Safe Baby Bottle Act This act would phase out BPA in baby bottles, food and beverage cans, and other consumer products.

UPDATES: On Jan. 25th the House passed this bill 75 to 1. The Senate passed this bill, excluding sports water bottles, on Jan. 29th.

More and more evidence shows that the chemical bisphenol A (BPA) is harmful to children's health. Laboratory studies have linked BPA to cancer, miscarriage, obesity, reproductive problems, and hyperactivity. Yet manufacturers can still legally use BPA in products such as baby bottles, infant formula cans, and other food containers.

The Safe Baby Bottle Act would address this problem by phasing out BPA in baby bottles, food and beverage cans, and other consumer products. Learn more about the bill here.

Unfortunately, opposition from chemical companies and Wal-Mart blocked the Safe Baby Bottle Act of 2009 from becoming law in 2009. We will work hard to generate even more support for the legislation to pass in 2010 and to protect children's health.

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HB 1614 and SB 5518: Working for Clean Water Bill - *More popularly known as the Stormwater Bill*

With the rain in the state of Washington, comes a clean sweep of our streets, rooftops, and parking lots, sending **engine oil, grease, and overspill from gas stations** straight into the Spokane River, Puget Sound and anything else downhill.

Contaminated runoff from our roads and urban areas is the number one water pollution problem in the state, and top threat to the health of Puget Sound.

We have a solution that will help prevent this pollution and create jobs to do it. By imposing a \$1.50 per barrel fee on petroleum products that contribute to stormwater pollution, the Working for Clean Water bill would address one of the most pressing water quality problems in the state. The fee would raise over \$120 million a year in critical funds for cities, counties, ports, and the Department of Transportation. From the Spokane River to Puget Sound, it will fund money for jobs to build stormwater infrastructure projects and Low Impact Development programs.

Nicole Fallat, Environmental Priorities Coalition

Sustain Environmental Protections in the Budget

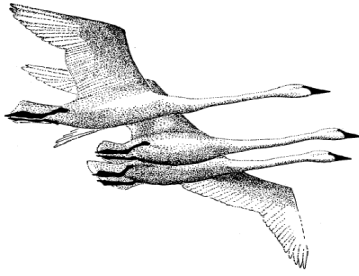
We aim to ensure Washington's budget sustains core environmental protections that safeguard the health of our families, communities and economy. Our state is in the midst of an economic recession that threatens safeguards we all depend on, including core environmental protections. Washingtonians rely on protections that keep our families healthy: clean water to drink, unpolluted air to breathe, and the clean-up of toxic contaminations. Maintaining Washington's clean environment also attracts business and qualified workers to our state, making us a driver in the new green economy.

While environmental protection programs are a small part of the state budget, they are critical in terms of public health, economic opportunity, and quality of life in Washington. Last year, the budget decimated many environmental programs, and we cannot afford to further impair these critical protections. The Environmental Priorities Coalition will work to ensure that our state budget sustains the core environmental protections we depend on to keep our communities healthy and safe.

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February 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan. 31	1	2 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00	3 Hiking: Lummi Island	4	5	6 Field Trip: Washington Park Arlington Eagle Festival
7	8	9 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Hiking: Camano Island	11	12 Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 12 - 15	13 Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 12 - 15
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