

# The Skagit Flyer

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A Chapter of National Audubon Society

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## SEPTEMBER 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](mailto: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.

### End of Aug. or Early Sept. Make-up Dragonfly Field Trip

Date, to be announced on field trip reminder email. We had a good field trip on a sunny day in July and next time the weather offers us reliable sunshine again we'll send out an email to the field trip roster to let you know about the make-up day. Get on the list

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING AND PROGRAM

### Africa Wildlife Tour

By Ivar Dolph

Tuesday, September 14, 2010  
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program  
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center  
10433 Bayview-Edison Road  
Mount Vernon, Washington



**Kori Bustard in Ngorongoro Crater**

*Photo by Ivar Dolph*

The Dolphs, along with eight other birders from western Washington, spent 20 days on a wildlife safari in Tanzania and Kenya. The trip was led by Mark Smith, who is an outstanding birder, but also knows the mammals, plants, and culture of these countries. We saw Ostriches, Secretary Birds, Kori Bustards, Weavers, as well as about 396 other species of birds.

We visited Tarizania National Parks; Tarangire National Park, the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, and Serengeti National Park. In Kenya we drove north to Ssmburu National Park to see Samburu and Gervy's zebras, reticulated giraffes, oryxes, and gerenuks (small antelopes with very long necks).

We then explored the high slopes of Mt. Kenya and the low lands of Lake Beringo. On our list were lions, zebras, rhinos - both white and black, cape buffalo, hippos, leopards, and all kinds of ungulates. We witnessed a flash flood near Olduvai Gorge and were intrigued by the many Maasai tribesman as well as other folks who live in East Africa.

Come enjoy the many great pictures of an unforgettable trip!!!



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**“Serving the Skagit Harvest”**  
 See page 6 for more on this timely  
 local publication

**MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**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/](http://www.audubon.org/states/wa/). **To join Skagit Audubon Society** please use the form below.

**National Audubon Society (NAS) membership is separate from SAS membership** and includes Audubon magazine. National Audubon membership does not provide Skagit Audubon membership; however, NAS will assign you an affiliation with a local chapter. To change your chapter assignment call 800-274-4201. **To join National Audubon Society**, use the form below.

**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**

Annual membership in the Skagit Audubon Society includes 10 issues of our newsletter, *The Skagit Flyer*, available on our website. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 one (1) year                      \$40 two (2) years

I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Skagit Audubon Society.

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**Clip form/Mail to/Payable to:**

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Please do not share my personal information with National Audubon Society. (It is the policy of SAS not to share information with any other groups.)

I wish to make a tax-exempt donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Skagit Audubon Society (a 501(c)3 organization).

Using the form below to initially join the **National Audubon Society** will ensure that the **Skagit Audubon** chapter receives a cost share for local programs.

**National Audubon Society Membership Form**

Annual membership to the National Audubon Society includes a subscription to *Audubon* magazine. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 for one-year introductory membership with one chapter affiliation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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 Palm coast, FL 32142

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September always feels like the beginning of a new year for Skagit Audubon with the end of summer break and the shift in birds as summer species head south and northern nesters return. Year's start is a good time for an overview of Skagit Audubon for new members and others wanting to know more about your organization.

Skagit Audubon Society is one of 26 National Audubon chapters in Washington, the only conservation organization active in every part of the state. Our chapter's approximately 200 memberships represent 300 or more individual and family members. Although our focus tends to be Skagit County we also have very active members living in Island, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties. Skagit Audubon is a non-profit registered with the State of Washington and holding 501(c)3 status with the IRS, making donations tax-deductible.

Skagit Audubon's mission, always to be found on page two of this newsletter, 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." Audubon members generally share an interest in birds, but that can take many forms and manifest itself at various levels from casual to intense. Interest in birds has long been a route to interest in other aspects of natural history and in protecting the habitats and environment on which people and wild creatures depend.

We pursue our Audubon mission in a variety of ways. Birding field trips sustain and encourage interest in birds, help participants increase their birding skills, and add to knowledge about birds in our area. Our chapter's ten monthly meetings each centers around a program, often about birds but also other topics relevant to the Audubon mission. Skagit Audubon's hiking program acquaints participants with a wide variety of protected habitats in this area. As a conservation organization, we track relevant issues at the local, state, and national levels, adding our voice to those of other Audubon chapters and seeking their support for our particular issues, and we participate in multi-organizational coalitions with shared goals. We also support other conservation organizations with contributions, through volunteer and membership recruitment, and in other ways. Finally, we engage in citizen science, especially applying expertise in bird identification and censusing to obtain monitoring data useful to other organizations and agencies.

From board members to field trip leaders, program presenters, and citizen scientists, Skagit Audubon is an all-volunteer organization. To volunteer or for more information about Skagit Audubon, please contact me or any other board member. You can find our contact information on page 2 of this newsletter.

## SKAGIT AUDUBON SEPT. 2010 HIKING SCHEDULE

by Joan Melcher

Great fall hiking begins this month. However, weather conditions, forest fires and smoke, logging, construction, or other unexpected circumstances may cause changes in the following hikes. The WILDERNESS HIKE SCHEDULE is too complicated to print here. Contact JOAN MELCHER, 360-424-0407 or email [jdmelcher@comcast.net](mailto:jdmelcher@comcast.net) for information on or questions about the WILDERNESS HIKES or any other of the following EXCEPT the September 22nd hike. For that hike Terry Slotemaker or his designee will be in charge. Terry can be reached at 360-293-6514. All of the September hikes are on a Wednesday. The Forest Service work party is on a Monday. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

**SEPTEMBER 1 MAPLE PASS LOOP:** One of Ira Spring and Harvey Manning's "100 Classic Hikes in Washington." The hike is a 7.5 mile loop with a 2,000 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. A Northwest Forest Parking Permit is required. Return to the trail head at 3:30 p.m..

### SEPTEMBER 8 WILDERNESS HIKE SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER 13, MONDAY Adopt-A-Trail Work Party** with Dan Rogers in the Okanogan National Forest. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot.

### SEPTEMBER 15 WILDERNESS HIKE SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER 22 CUTTHROAT PASS:** Do this hike on a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail as either a round trip, 10.0 miles, or as a one way to Cutthroat Lake trail head, 10.5 miles with shuttle cars. There is a 1,900 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. A Northwest Forest Parking Permit is required. At 4 p.m. return to the trailhead.

### SEPTEMBER 29 WILDERNESS HIKE SCHEDULE

**OCTOBER 6 RAILROAD GRADE:** There is a 6 to 8 mile round trip with a 1,900 to 2,100 ft. elevation gain. There are significant streams to cross by rock hopping. There may be a log crossing of lower Rocky Creek. (There was this summer.) Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion. Required: Northwest Forest Parking Permit. Return to the trailhead at 4 p.m.



**Skagit Audubon Society Financial Report**  
**Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010**

**Income:**

National Audubon Baseline Funding	\$1,434
Chapter Memberships	\$3,535
Member Donations	\$300
Hospitality Contributions (meetings)	\$61
Memorial Donations	\$425
Sale of bird Song CD's	\$270
Interest Income	\$331
National Dues Share	\$15
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Total	\$6,372

By Wendy Walker  
 Skagit Audubon Society Treasurer

**Expenses:**

Christmas Bird Count, Chapter Contributions	\$265
State Birding Map Project	\$750
Conservation Donations	\$2,050
Padilla Bay Foundation, Exhibit Upgrade	\$1,000
Educational Reprints	\$26
Hospitality – Meetings	\$113
Insurance	\$313
Office Expenses	\$140
Printing, Skagit Audubon brochure	\$154
Skagit Flyer	\$893
Website	\$105
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Total	\$5,809

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by sending your email address to [libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com).

**Saturday, September 11**  
**Watching Vaux's Swifts Roost,**  
**Frank Wagner School, Monroe**  
**Self-guided, but organized by Pilchuck Audubon**

There will be Swift experts on hand to meet you when you get to the school the evening of September 11. Swift fly-in time is between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. Leave Mount Vernon about 6:00 p.m. to arrive in time to watch the swirl. Bring a picnic dinner and chairs and relax on the school grounds. I went to a similar swift show in Portland last September and it was terrific. I recommend this for a self-guided field trip! This phenomenon is a migration event and should be good from roughly Sept 5-20th, with peak numbers somewhere there in the middle.

Here's a link to learn more:

[http://www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs\\_Happening/Vauxs\\_Happening\\_Home.html](http://www.vauxhappening.org/Vauxs_Happening/Vauxs_Happening_Home.html)



Lunch Time, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Big Four Mountain Birding Field Trip  
 Photo by Pam Pritzl

**Saturday, September 18**

**Mountain Birds near the North Cascades Highway**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

On this day-long trip, with a starting point at Blue Lake Trailhead along S.R. 20, we'll search for birds around Rainy and Washington Passes and on the 4-mile roundtrip hike to Blue Lake (1,000 foot elevation gain).

Read about the Blue Lake hike at

[www.seattlepi.com/getaways/32672\\_hike26.shtml](http://www.seattlepi.com/getaways/32672_hike26.shtml). We'll look

for higher elevation species such as Mountain Chickadee, Gray Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Townsend's Solitaire, Three-toed Woodpecker, and more. We may spot Mountain Goats too! Meet in the parking lot of the National Park Service/U.S. Forest Service office in Sedro-Woolley (810 State Route 20 just before Highway 9 North) at **7:00 a.m.** to arrange carpools. If you'd rather camp the night before at one of the campgrounds along the highway, meet us at the Blue Lake Trailhead near milepost 161, one mile west of Washington Pass, at 9:00 a.m. (Northwest Forest Pass required for parking). Bring binoculars, snacks, lunch, water. Wear hiking boots, dress for a range of weather and temperature. Leader: Tim Manns (360-336-8753)

**Saturday, September 25**

**Nichol's (river) Bar, a new park by Lyman**

**7:30 a.m. to Noon**

Let's go birding at a brand-new locale! We will explore Skagit County's newest park, Nichol's Bar, located just west of Lyman. Meet Gary Bletsch at 7:30 a.m. at Lyman Elementary School to arrange car-pooling (the lot at Nichol's Bar is tiny). To get to Lyman, take SR 20 east from Sedro-Woolley. Just east of Minkler Lake (unsigned body of water south of SR 20), take a right (turn south) onto Lyman-Hamilton Road. Drive a couple of minutes to the town of Lyman--you will pass Robinson Road, the access to Nichol's Bar, on the way to Lyman. The school is on the left (south) side of Lyman-Hamilton Road, at the west end of town. After we explore the park, we may also visit other sites nearby, such as the shorebird spot in Lyman. Bring walking shoes, a lunch, and

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maybe some insect repellent. You might want a scope, especially if we go to the shorebird spot. We should wrap things up by lunchtime. **Leader Gary Bletsch** Contact Gary at [garybletsch@yahoo.com](mailto:garybletsch@yahoo.com) for further details.

**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](mailto:godwits@wavecable.com)) asking to be added to his e-mail notification list.

**SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES**

**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](mailto:godwits@wavecable.com) or 766-6657.**

- Trumpeter Swan** 1 at Minkler Lake on 5/18 (GB)
- American Wigeon** 1 at Burlington on 7/13 (GB)
- Blue-winged Teal** 2 at Corkndale on 6/12 (RM)
- Sooty Grouse** 1 at Sauk Mountain on 6/29 (GB)



**Sooty Grouse**

Photo courtesy of Mike Schroeder

- California Quail** 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 5/18 (GB)
- American Bittern** 1 at Green Road Ponds on 5/22 (GB)
- Green Heron** 1 at Lyman on 8/17 (GB)
- Golden Eagle** 1 at Rainy Pass on 6/29 (GB)
- Semipalmated Plover** 3 at SWA on 8/17 (SAS)
- Willet (very rare in Skagit County).** 1 at Padilla Bay Trail on 6/24 (KG & PG) (1 also reported from Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary on 6/21. Same bird?)

**Solitary Sandpiper** 1 at SWA on 8/15 (GB) & 3 or 4 there on 8/17 (SAS)

- Semipalmated Sandpiper** at SWA on 7/18 1 (GB) & 2 at Samish Island (RM)
- Baird's Sandpiper** 3 at SWA on 8/15 (GB) & 9 there on 8/17 (SAS)
- Pectoral Sandpiper** 3 at SWA on 8/17 (SAS)
- Western Screech-Owl** 1 at Illabot Creek on 7/11 (GB)
- Northern Pygmy-Owl** 1 at Sauk Mountain on 6/18 (GB)
- Barred Owl** 1 at Illabot Creek on 7/11 (GB)
- Short-eared Owl** 1 at Samish Flats on 7/23 (GB)
- Common Nighthawk** 1 at Illabot Creek on 7/11 (GB)
- Calliope Hummingbird** 1 at Mt. Hardy burn on 7/16 (GB & HA)
- Red-naped Sapsucker** 1 at Mt. Hardy Burn on 6/26 (PW) & 3 on 7/16 (GB & HA)
- Am. Three-toed Woodpecker** 3 west of Easy Pass Trail Head on 6/12 (RM); 3 or 4 adults & nestlings at Mt. Hardy Burn on 6/20 & 6/29 (GB)
- Western Kingbird**; 1 at Corkindale & 2 at Martin Road on 6/12 (RM); 1 at Van Horn Ponds on 6/18 (GB)
- Eastern Kingbird** uncommon in lower valley, 1 at Green Road Ponds on 6/22 (DA)
- Cassin's Vireo** 2 at Corkindale & 1 at Barnaby Slough on 6/12 (RM)
- Hutton's Vireo** 1 at Illabot Creek on 6/15 (HA)
- Gray Jay** 1 along Easy Pass Trail on 6/29 (GB)
- Clark's Nutcracker** 10 at Mt. Hardy burn on 6/29 (GB)
- Purple Martin** 2 at Ship Harbor on 7/3 (GB)
- Bank Swallow** 35 at Corkindale & 35 at Concrete-Sauk Valley Road on 6/12 (RM); 2 adults & 3 juveniles at Green Rd. Ponds on 7/26 (JW & KW)
- Mountain Chickadee** 1 at Easy Pass on 7/25 (RM)
- Pacific Wren** (a recent split of Winter Wren. This is the species we have in the Northwest.) 1 on Sauk Mountain on 6/20 (GB)

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**Swainson's Thrush** 16 "Olive-backed" between Easy Pass Trail Head & Rainy Pass on 7/25(RM)  
**Townsend's Solitaire** 1 at Mt. Hardy Burn on 5/27 (GB); 5 between Easy Pass Trail Head & Rain Pass on 7/25 (RM)

**Gray Catbird** have been rare in Skagit County, but seem to be breeding up river, 2 at Corkindale on 6/12 (RM); 1 at Illabot Creek on 6/15 (HA); 1 at Illabot Creek on 6/18 & 1 at Corkindale on 6/20 (GB)

**Black & White Warbler** 1 at Corkindale on 6/19 (SAS), on 6/20 (GB, SAt, HA & TA)

**Nashville Warbler** 1 at Rockport Quarry on 6/12 (RM); 1 at Illabot Creek on 6/15 (HA)

**American Redstart** 2 at Bacon Creek & 1 at NP213 Road on 6/12 (RM); 1 at NP213 Road on 6/18, 6/20, 6/29 (GB)

**Yellow-breasted Chat (rare in Skagit County)** 1 at Van Horn Ponds on 6/13, 6/18, 6/20 (GB) & on 6/15 (HA)

**Green-tailed Towhee (very rare in Skagit County)** 1 at Corkindale Creek on 6/22 (JB & GWa)

**Chipping Sparrow** 1 at Bacon Crrek on 6/20 (GB); 1 at Corkindale & 6 near Easy Pass on 7/25 (RM)

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** 5 at Northern State Rec. Area on 5/18 (GB)

**Lazuli Bunting** 1 at Bow Hill feeder on 5/31 (GWO & RMi); 7 at Corkindale Creek on 6/12 & 2 at Martin Raod on 7/25 (RM)

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** 1 near Lyman on 6/5 (GB)

**Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** 1 at Easy Pass on 7/25 (RM)

**Cassin's Finch** 14 at Mt. Hardy Burn on 7/16 (GB & HA); 2 west of Easy Pass Trailhead on 7/25 (RM)

**White-winged Crossbill (rare" in Skagit County), 1 pair with a pair of Red Crossbills at Mt. Hardy Burn on 5/17 (JW & KW)**

(SWA) Skagit Wildlife Area, Wylie Slough

(DA) Dick Abbott; (HA) Howard Armstrong; (TA) Thais Armstrong; (SAt) Scott Atkinson; (JB) Joan Bird; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (KG) Kathy Green; (PG) Phil Green; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (RMi) Ray Minnerly; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Society Field Trip; (GWA) Geri Walker; (PW) Phil Wegener; (JW) Jan Wiggers; (KW) Keith Wiggers) (GWO) Ginny Wolff



**No, it's not a bird! But a Grevy's Zebra!**

See more African wildlife pictures at the Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Skagit Audubon program

*Photo by Ivar Dolph*

**Serving the Skagit Harvest**

Calling all lovers of local food! Don't miss Skagit Valley's new homegrown cookbook, **Serving the Skagit Harvest**, available now. This unique book includes over 100 seasonally-organized recipes and "must-have" growing and food storage tips, profiles of local gardeners, a harvest calendar, and a resource section showcasing the bounty grown right here at home.

Books are \$20 from **Eat Your Yard** and selected local outlets, including Skagit Valley Co-op in Mount Vernon, Calico Cupboard in La Conner, Ace Hardware, Watermark Books, and Pelican Bay Books in Anacortes, and Anderson's Store on Guemes Island. All proceeds benefit **Eat Your Yard** to help our community achieve a more resilient food system. To order, mail \$20 plus \$4.95 for shipping and handling for the first book, \$1.00 s/h for any additional books, to Skagit Beat the Heat, PO Box 1122, Anacortes, WA 98221. Thank you for your support!

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# Climate Stewards Training

## September 16-October 28, 2010



*Trumpeter Swans in Flight, Photo by J. B. Smith*

- Climate Stewards receive 35 hours of FREE professional training:
- Become familiar with the science of climate change and local impacts of global warming.
- Discuss wise choices for living more sustainably in a warming and changing world.
- Learn how to communicate confidently and accurately about climate change.
- Meet new friends and join a community of concerned citizens - be a part of the solution.

In exchange, participants return at least 35 hours of volunteer service, engaging in climate change outreach and projects in their community.

Our global climate is changing and there is scientific consensus that human emissions of greenhouse gasses are driving these changes at unprecedented rates. We are already seeing environmental changes in the Pacific Northwest. Climate change impacts have serious ramifications for our environment, economy, and the health of all species, including ours.

Climate Stewards are trained volunteers who work with their local communities to educate their neighbors about climate change and show how simple changes in our lives can make huge differences.

Climate change may seem a daunting challenge, but because each of us contributes to the problem, we can be a part of the solution!

### **SCHEDULED TRAINING DATES:**

The training will be conducted at the Padilla Bay Reserve.

Seven consecutive Thursdays from September 16 to October 28, 5:30-8:30pm with two Saturday field trips, September 25 and October 9.

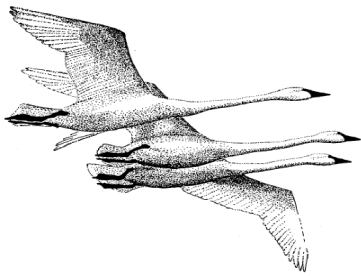
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## September 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31	1 <b>Hiking:</b> Maple Pass Loop <b>Deadline SAS</b> October Flyer	2	3	4
5	6	7 <b>SAS Board Meeting:</b> 7:00	8 <b>Hiking</b> Wilderness Hike Schedule	9	10	11 <b>Field Trip:</b> Watching Vaux's Swifts Roost at Frank Wagner School, Monroe
12	13 <b>Adopt-A-Trail Work Party</b> Okanogan Nat'l Forest	14 <b>General Meeting:</b> social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	15 <b>Hiking:</b> Wilderness Hike Schedule	16	17	18 <b>Field Trip:</b> Mountain Birds Near the North Cascades Hwy.
19	20	21	22 <b>Hiking:</b> Cutthroat Pass	23	24	25 <b>Field Trip:</b> Nichol's (river) Bar by Lyman
26	27	28	29 <b>Hiking:</b> Wilderness Hike Schedule	30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2
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