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MAY FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

About the field trips

Beginning birders and their friends are always welcome on Skagit Audubon field trips. Membership in Skagit Audubon is encouraged but not required for participation. Please be prepared for the weather with suitable clothing, and bring field guides, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Carpool whenever possible and contribute to the driver's expense. Watch the email reminders for the latest information, including any changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the email distribution list contact Libby Mills:

libbymills@gmail.com

If you plan to join a field trip some place other than the described starting point, call the trip leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Trip plans may change.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

**Washington Park
West of Anacortes**

8:00 a.m. to Late Morning

Walk around Washington Park, about 2.5 - 3 miles, using trails where possible and the roads in between, searching for birds and wildflowers on this rocky

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MAY MEETING AND PROGRAM

Tracking the Marbled Murrelet

by Tom Bloxton

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

7:00 Social; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center

10433 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, Washington



Marbled Murrelet
Photo by Phil Green

The Marbled Murrelet is a seabird that spends most of its life in coastal waters, while nesting primarily in large old-growth trees. Decline in its population led to this murrelet's federal listing in 1992 as Threatened throughout its range in Washington, Oregon, and California. For the past 10 years wildlife biologist Tom Bloxton monitored Marbled Murrelets at sea to track the bird's population status and trend. He also engaged in research to determine whether the Northwest Forest Plan (1994) is maintaining and restoring the bird's nesting habitat. The Marbled Murrelet is a fascinating species facing significant challenges both where it breeds inland and where it forages on the saltwater.

Tom Bloxton recently began work as the wildlife biologist for the Northwest Region of Washington Department of Natural Resources in Sedro-Woolley. The past 10 years Tom served on the staff of the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station in Olympia as a Marbled Murrelet Biologist.



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NORTHERN FLICKER

Photo by Joe Halton

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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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Quality of life for Audubon members includes living in a place that continues to accommodate the wild world with its diversity of birds and mammals and the plants and other aspects of habitat on which they depend. Some people see ensuring preservation of the natural world as a moral and ethical imperative. The world, this perspective asserts, is not just the rightful home of *Homo sapiens*. Therefore, our one species does not have the right to put others at risk without truly unavoidable cause. Our dauntingly complex planning and environmental regulations and laws are for the most part not particularly motivated by this philosophy. At every scale these days, there are reminders of this fact. There's the real possibility a big chunk of our county park at Northern State will be given over to a private sports car track. After all, says the non-resident developer, that land is "under-utilized," and our county commissioners have not chosen to disagree. The promise? Land in exchange for jobs of vague number and unspecified wage. There are plans by astonishingly wealthy people in New York, Omaha, and elsewhere to further degrade our home's ecological integrity (and the rest of the planet) by exporting and burning even more coal. There's a plan to clearcut century-old trees beneath the nest of Mount Erie's rare and stunning peregrine falcons. And, of course, there's money to be made in putting our Skagit River water into plastic bottles on a huge industrial scale just upslope of the salt marsh and chinook rearing area our tax dollars recently restored. A person would think the complicated and voluminous regulations about which developers love to complain would prevent or at least significantly mitigate these kinds of schemes. That is not necessarily so at all. The fate of the environment we all share, with its complement of wild plants and creatures, still depends largely on the benevolence and wisdom of property owners, project planners, and people with big money chasing even bigger money.

Heading off or mitigating these schemes would be easier if more such people had a meaningful connection with and knowledge of the natural world. There are project proponents of good heart, who probably believe they care deeply about that world, who say with a straight face, "We can have it all." We can have a race track at Northern State, they say, without affecting the many species of birds living there or the elk, bears, and other wildlife that find habitat in our largest county park. "We can have it all" is, of course, either childish or cynical talk not becoming serious people who have any truly informed relationship with the other-than-human world. The simple practice and joy of observing birds (and mammals, plants, rocks, ...) is proof against the belief we can magically "have it all." The more organizations such as Skagit Audubon and individuals such as you who write letters and speak out, the more possible it is that someday regulations and policies will protect what so many of us hold dear without our having to rise up each and every time our home is threatened.

Great Backyard Bird Count Summary: The First International GBBC: 2013 Results

By Dick Cannings, Marshall Iliff, Geoff LeBaron, and Zach Slavin - April 2013

In the first-ever global Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) this year, participants set all kinds of new records. During the count on February 15-18, 2013, participants reported birds from all 7 continents, including 111 countries and independent territories. Bird watchers reported 4,004 species from about 180 bird families--39% of the world's bird species and 78% of bird families. (Species total differs from the number on the GBBC home page because that page is no longer being updated.) It is truly remarkable that participants recorded such a high percentage of the world's avian biodiversity within four days.

Participation continued to soar in the United States and Canada, where the Great Backyard Bird Count has been conducted since 1998. Many countries new to the count also made impressive contributions, including India, Mexico, Costa Rica, Australia, Peru, the United Kingdom, and others.

We hope GBBC participants will unite again next year to see how many of the world's 10,240 species can be found! For further information see: www.birdsource.org/gbbc/science-stories/2013summary



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 **Pam Pritzl** ppritzl@frontier.com or **360-387-7024**.

WATERFOWL

Greater White-fronted Goose 1 at SR 20 milepost 100 fields 3-15 & 3-23 (GB); 1 adult continues at Sutter Creek rest area reported on 3-18 & 3-25 (RM); 4 on Calhoun Rd. on 4-9 (AW)

Snow Goose 1,000 in field by Big Ditch on 4-19 (PP)

Brant 4000 off Bay View on 3-16 (GB)

Trumpeter Swan seen on Calhoun Rd. on 4-9 (AW)

Tundra Swan seen on Calhoun Rd. on 4-9 (AW)

Wood Duck 2 pair on Gages Slough, District Line Rd. on 4-4 (RH)

Cinnamon Teal pair on Cascade Trail east of Sedro Woolley on 4-9 (DW)

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

Ruffed Grouse 1 heard drumming at the Agg ponds on 3-31 (RM)

Sooty Grouse hooting on Thunder Knob on 3-31 (RM)

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture 1 at Marblemount on 3-18 (RM)

RAPTORS

Sharp-shinned Hawk at least 2 adults and 2 more accipiters that were probably SSHA in Upper Skagit Valley on 3-31 (RM)

Rough-legged Hawk 4 on Samish Flats on 4-9 (AW); 1 on Samish Flats on 4-13 (GB);

Golden Eagle 2 eating a calf at Sauk Prairie and at least 1 more over the ridge at Corkindale on 3-25 (RM)

American Kestrel 1 male on Martin Rd. on 3-18 (RM); seen at Sauk Prairie and Martin Rd. on 3-25 (RM); 2 on Dodge Valley Rd. on 4-9 (AW); 2 on Person's Rd. on 4-9 (AW)

Merlin 2 daily near Hillcrest Park, Mount Vernon throughout period (TM)

Peregrine Falcon 2 at Martin Rd. on 3-25 (RM); 1 dark juvenile on Estes Rd. on 4-9 (AW)

RAILS

Virginia Rail heard at Green Road marsh on 4-13 (KJW)

SHOREBIRDS

Killdeer 2 at Corkindale on 3-25 (RM)

Greater Yellowlegs numerous at Skagit Game Range on 4-9 (AW)

Dowitcher species 1 at Skagit Game Range on 4-9 (AW)

Wilson's Snipe several heard at Skagit Game Range on

4-9 (AW); 3 along Nooachamps River near Babcock Rd. on 4-4 (TM); 4 at Northern State Recreation Area on 4-17 (TM)

GULLS

California Gull 5 on Samish Flats on 4-13 (GB)

DOVES, PIGEONS

Band-tailed Pigeon 3 in Darrington and another in Marblemount on 3-25 (RM)

Eurasian Collared-Dove 2 in Sedro Woolley on 4-9 (PS)

Band-tailed Pigeon 3 in Darrington and another in Marblemount on 3-25 (RM); 6 on Delvin Hill Rd. on 3-25 (RH)

OWLS

Snowy Owl 2 seen from Eide Rd. Stanwood on 4-1 (PP); 1 in Samish Flats (in area of Big Indian Slough) on 4-3 (CS)

Northern Saw-whet Owl 1 sitting out in open near Marblemount on 3-18 (RM)



HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird 1 at Skagit Game Range on 3-16 (GB); 1 male at Diablo on 3-18, early for the area on 3-18 (RM)

Female Rufous Hummingbird

Photo by Joe Halton

WOODPECKERS

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker juvenile female seen on 3-31 (found by SGA) 2.3 miles south of Darrington (RM) **RARE FOR OUR AREA**

Northern Flicker 2 red-shafted x yellow-shafted intergrades in Upper Skagit Valley on 3-31(RM); 1 yellow-shafted and 3 red-shafted in Sedro-Woolley on 4-9 (PS)

FLYCATCHERS

Say's Phoebe 1 at Marblemount on 3-25 (RM); 1 on Martin Rd. near Rockport on 4-5 (GB)

Black Phoebe 1 at Skagit Game Range on 4-1 (JB)

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike 1 at Marblemount on 3-25 (RM); 1 on Martin Rd. near Rockport on 4-5 (GB)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo 1 on power-line-road south of Rockport-Cascade Rd. on 3-23 (GB)

CORVIDS

Gray Jay 2 at 2.3 miles south of Darrington 3-31 (RM)

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SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow pair mating at C Street boat launch, Clear Lake on 4-17 (RH)



Tree Swallows Mating

Photo by Ron Holmes

Violet-green Swallow 1 at Clayton Beach, Larrabee State Park on 4-3 (TM)
North Rough-winged Swallow recent arrivals in a few spots (RM); 1 at Deception Pass on 4-8 (LM)
Barn Swallow 1 on Minkler Flats on 4-13 (GB)

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 26, moving through in decent numbers (RM)

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird 1 male at Corkindale on 3-18 (RM); pair at Corkindale on 3-25 (RM); 1 male in last big field in Marblemount on 3-25 (RM)
Mountain Bluebird 10 at Corkindale on 3-18 (RM); 13 at Corkindale on 3-23 (GB); 16 at Corkindale on 3-25 (RM); 1 female at Marblemount Boat Launch on 4-20 (SAS)
Townsend's Solitaire 1 near Hillcrest Park, Mount Vernon on 4-15 (TM); 5 at Corkindale on 4-20 (SAS)
Hermit Thrush 1 in Burlington yard on 4-17 (LE) 31(RM)

PIPITS

American Pipit 1 in Upper Skagit Valley, a couple weeks early, on 3-31 (RM)

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler 1 at Bay View on 4-2 (LM); 1 at Camano Island home on 4-3 (PP); 1 near Clayton Beach, Larrabee State Park on 4-3 (TM)
Yellow-rumped Warbler "Audubon's" have arrived in Upper Skagit Valley, observed on 3-31 (RM)
Common Yellowthroat 1 at Skagit Game Range on 4-1 (JB); 1 near Cockreham Island on 4-2 (GB); 1 at Bay View on 4-3 (LM); 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 4-13 (SAS); 2 at Iverson Spit, Camano Island on 4-17 (PP)

SPARROWS

Savannah Sparrow have arrived in Upper Skagit Valley, observed on 3-31 (RM); 15+ at Northern State Recreation Area on 4-13 (TM); 1 on Dahlstedt Rd. on 4-17 (RH)
White-crowned Sparrow "pugetensis" have arrived in Upper Skagit Valley, observed on 3-31 (RM)
Golden-crowned Sparrow 2 in Burlington yard on 4/18 (LE)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Western Meadowlark 10 at Corkindale and 1 in Diablo on 3-18 (RM); 2 at Northern State Recreation Area on 4-17 (TM)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCHES

Cassin's Finch 1 singing on Thunder Knob on 3-31 (RM)
Red Crossbill 100+ on Thunder Knob on 3-31 (RM)
Common Redpoll 1 at Marblemount Boat Launch on 3-18 (RM)
American Goldfinch at feeders on Camano Island (SP)

(SGA) Steve & Gail Aslanian; (JB) Joan Bird; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (LE) Larry Edwards; (RH) Ron Holmes; (TM) Tim Manns; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (LM) Libby Mills; (PP) Pam Pritzl; (SP) Sheila Pera; (CS) Cathy Scott; (PS) Paula Shafransky; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Field Trip; (AW) Andrea Warner; (DW) Daria Wheatly; (KJW) Keith & Jan Wiggers



Dark-eyed Junco Nest & Young
Anacortes Yard, April 2013

Photos by Jane Brandt

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest

Celebrate Birdsong!
Explore the Natural World
May 16 – 19 2013

Come bird with us the third weekend in May!
Find the natural beauty of North Central Washington! The Leavenworth area features habitats ranging from snow-capped mountains to sunny ponderosa pine forests, to lush riparian zones, to shrub-steppe!

<http://www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com>



Hikes in May will take us from the North Cascades National Park to the shores of Puget Sound. As usual, weather, logging, construction or other unexpected conditions might cause changes or cancellations in the following hikes. Call **JOAN MELCHER 360-424-0407** or e-mail at jdmelcher@comcast.net for information on or questions about the following hikes. All the hikes are on Wednesdays. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

WEDNESDAY – MAY 1 CHUCKANUT RIDGE

Hike the up and down ridge of Chuckanut Mountain. Elevation gains range from 800 to 2,500 feet. Three options are available:

Options 1 and 2 are longer and more strenuous.

Meeting time for these two options is **8:30 a.m. at the Clayton Beach parking lot** at the south end of Larrabee State Park on Chuckanut Drive.

Option 3 is shorter and less strenuous. Meeting time for this less difficult hike is **9:00 a.m.** at the **North Chuckanut parking lot** located on the east side of Chuckanut Drive between the Old Samish Highway and California Street. This is at about milepost 18.5 .

Contact Joan Melcher: 360-424-0407 or jdmelcher@comcast.net for information on the 3 options.

NOTE: A WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS IS REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY – MAY 8 WALLACE FALLS

This is a hike through forest and near spectacular waterfalls north of Gold Bar along the Stevens Pass Highway. **Meet at 8 a.m.** in the southeast corner of the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot.

Seattle/Snohomish County/Camano Island hikers can go directly to the trailhead. Carpool according to the option below you plan to participate in.

OPTION 1: This is up to a seven mile loop with a 1,400 ft. elevation gain to the top falls. The **return time is 2 p.m.**

OPTION 2: This is a 9.8 mile to 14 mile hike loop with an 1,800 ft. elevation gain to Wallace Lake. The **return time is 3:30 p.m.**

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WEDNESDAY – MAY 15 EBEBY’S LANDING & KETTLE’S AT FORT EBEBY STATE PARK

Today’s hike will be done in two sections. Each car of hikers will be its own group so plan on riding with others who will do the same hikes you do. The first hike will be a 3.6 mile loop hike up the bluff, down to the beach, and back to the cars. There is a low tide of about zero feet about 2 p.m. One can add 2 miles to this hike by walking to the cemetery

and back. The next hike will be a self-guided hike on the Kettle’s trails near Fort Ebey State Park. The miles hiked here depend on the individual. There should be wild rhododendrons in bloom. Meet at 9 a.m. at the March Point Park-n-Ride, which is at the stop light at the intersection of HWY 20 and the Christianson and March Point Roads, turn RIGHT and then an immediate RIGHT turn onto the frontage road and soon turn LEFT into the Park-n-Ride.) **OR** meet at Ebey’s Landing at 9:45 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY – MAY 22 OYSTER DOME

Hike to the Oyster Dome on Blanchard Mountain.

OPTION 1: Begin and end at the Pacific Northwest Trail TH on Chuckanut Drive near mile post 10.9 miles with a 2,000 ft. elevation gain. **Meet at 9 a.m. at this location.** Hikers need to download the map and instructions from the SWITMO web site at SWITMO.org. Go to the “Great Hikes” page and under “Skagit County Hikes” click on “Blanchard, Oyster Dome from Chuckanut Drive and Back”. If you wish, you may meet Joan Melcher at the Chuckanut Park-n-Ride by 8:30 a.m. to get a map and instructions. **2:30 p.m. return to T.H.**

OPTION 2: Begin and end the hike at the Samish Overlook. The hike is 6.0 to 7.4 miles, with a 900 ft. elevation gain and a **2:00 p.m. return to T.H.** There are opportunities for side trips to North Butte, Lily Lake, and Lizard Lake. **Meet at 8:30 a.m.** at the Chuckanut Drive Park-n-Ride, Exit 231 from I-5 on the east side of I-5.

WEDNESDAY – MAY 29 SKAGIT RIVER GORGE

As of April 2013 when the May hiking schedule was determined, the trail below the Ross Dam Trailhead to the base of Ross Dam is still closed due to a huge rock slide that occurred a few years ago. Therefore this hike will begin and end near the North Cascade Institute above Diablo Dam. Hike 2.6 miles for

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about an 800 ft. total elevation gain east to the Ross Dam View point near the power lines or 3.6 miles for about a 1,600 ft. total elevation gain east to the Skagit River. Along the way there are great views of the Skagit River Gorge. There should be wild flowers. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Return to cars by 2:00 p.m. Be sure to check for ticks on your body after the hike.

SATURDAY – JUNE 1 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Celebrate trails! Go for a hike or walk with family and/or friends. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association and SWITMO will sponsor trail work at Deception Pass

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point, shoreline and forest walk. Join bird enthusiasts who enjoy all aspects of May on this western shoreline of Skagit County. Meet at the parking area to the right as you drive into Washington Park, the other side of the speed bumps. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. and be about three hours long. Bring water, snacks, and a lunch if desired.

Leader: Irene Perry, irene.perry@yahoo.com

SATURDAY, MAY 11 Deception Pass State Park Spring Flowers

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Walk in the vicinity of Cranberry Lake and the dunes at Deception Pass, using generally level trails searching for plants and wildflowers in their spring bloom along the edges of the wetland, pond, dune and yew forest communities. Join wildflower enthusiast and photographer Barbara Kiver for this leisurely walk and discussion of the plants and some of their ethnobotanical tales.

Meet at the parking area to the left as you drive into Deception Pass State Park at the Whidbey Island main park entrance off Highway 20. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. and be about three hours long. Bring water, snacks, and a lunch if desired. Birds may join us along the way!

Leader: Barbara Kiver, froghollow@sisna.com

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SATURDAY, MAY 18 Larrabee State Park Clayton Beach parking area

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The variety of birds found around the trailhead

State Park. Contact Joan Melcher (above) for details if interested.

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 5 SAN JUAN ISLAND

Hike on trails at American Camp, Whale Watch Park/Limekiln State Park, and English Camp. Meet at 8:15 a.m. at March Point Park-n-Ride to pool rides. No ferry walk-ons as we will need cars on the island. We will take the 9:30 a.m. ferry from Anacortes, arriving in Friday Harbor at 10:35 a.m. Return ferry sailings are 4:15 and 6:25 p.m. Car pool according to return times. People staying on the island for dinner will take the 6:25 p.m. sailing back.

parking area for Larrabee State Park can be quite wonderful to hear on a mid-May morning. We'll make a trip north of the Edison/Bow Post Office about 7.5 miles up Chuckanut Drive, Highway 11, to the Fragrance Lake trailhead, also known as the Clayton Beach parking area. After checking out the area we'll walk some of the trails in the area and listen for more song diversity. Expect to hear vireos, flycatchers, warblers, wrens, sparrows and woodpeckers. We won't know until the day comes around just what surprises are in store. This field trip will focus on bird song, and is open for beginners and bird enthusiasts alike.

Leader: Libby Mills, libbymills@gmail.com

Cell Phone: 360-708-6975

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SATURDAY, MAY 25 Upper Skagit River Songbirding 7:00 a.m. to Mid-afternoon

Come bird the peak of spring activity with upriver songbirds. To carpool meet in Sedro-Woolley off Highway 20 at the Food Pavilion parking lot's southeast corner at 7:00 a.m. Remember birds don't sleep in in May! This will be a good opportunity to listen to nesting birds as well as observing interesting behaviors in our colorful, migratory species. Bring a lunch and drinks. Plan to be out until mid-afternoon seeking songbirds in some of the best birders' haunts of the lovely upper Skagit Valley. Dress for the weather and enjoy the holiday weekend without the crowds of camping out.

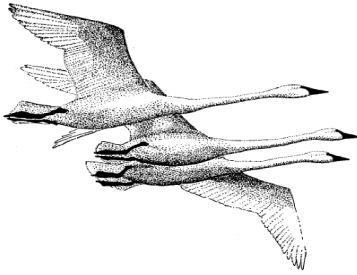
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May 2013 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 28	April 29	April 30	1 Hike: Chuckanut Ridge	2	3	4 Field Trip: Washington Park, West of Anacortes
5	6	7 Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	8 Hike: Wallace Falls	9	10	11 Field Trip: Deception Pass State Park
12	13	14 General Meeting: Social 7:00 p.m./ Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15 Hike: Ebey's Landing & Kettles at Fort Ebey State Park	16 Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest May 16 - 19	17 Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest May 16 - 19	18 Deadline: SAS <u>June Flyer</u> Field Trip: Larrabee State Park
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