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FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

About the field trips

Beginning birders and 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, February 3, 2018
Arlington Eagle Festival
Port Susan Bay Preserve
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

This weekend we have a special opportunity to go out on the dike at Port Susan Bay on the
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FEBRUARY MEETING AND PROGRAM

"A Sideways Look at Clouds"

Presenter: Maria Ruth

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Ctr.
10441 Bayview Edison Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Washington



Under a cloud? On Cloud 9? Curious about clouds? Join Olympia natural-history writer Maria Mudd Ruth for an evening of exploring the beauty and mystery of these shape-shifting natural wonders. Maria's new book, *A Sideways Look at Clouds*, blends science and humor to give the lay reader new ways to appreciate the clouds. Maria will explain why birdwatchers make great cloudspotters and will share tips for following your curiosity.

Maria is the author of more than a dozen books including *Rare Bird: Pursuing the Mystery of the Marbled Murrelet*. She is a member of the Black Hills Audubon Society in Olympia. This program will include a slide presentation, short readings, Q&A, and book sales/signing.

STANWOOD SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL Feb 24-25

The Snow Goose Festival is looking for helpers. Please go to the skagitaudubon.org website, click on Activities and then area festivals, Snow Goose and birding festival for details on how to volunteer. It's our month for giving back. Contact Pam Pritzl, ppritzl@frontier.com or 360.387.7024, to volunteer.



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Black Phoebe, 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 <http://wa.audubon.org/audubon-locations/>. **To join Skagit Audubon Society** use the **1st** 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 **2nd** 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 at: <http://www.skagitaudubon.org/newsletter>.

Membership includes all members of your household.

Check one:

\$20.00 one (1) year

\$40.00 two (2) years

Additionally, I wish to donate to Skagit Audubon Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, in the amount of \$ _____

Donations of \$100.00 or more receive a personal field trip by a Skagit Audubon field trip leader.

Check one:

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Renewing Membership

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

SAS does not share your contact information.

Clip form/Mail to/Payable to:

Skagit Audubon Society

P.O. Box 1101

Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1101

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

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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Zip _____

Please mail chapter-created new membership forms to address below: (Payable to same)

National Audubon Society Y21

P.O. Box 97194

Washington, DC 20090-7194

Attn: Chance Mueleck

For membership related questions and address:

Email: customerservice@audubon.org

Phone: (844) 428-3826

For members receiving a paper copy of The Skagit Flyer, the mailing label includes your membership expiration date in the upper right corner. If that date is highlighted in orange it is a reminder that your membership is about to or has expired. All other members will receive an email notice when their membership is about to expire. The Skagit Flyer is published monthly from September through June. Unsolicited material for the next month's Flyer should be sent to the editor by the third Saturday of the current month. For questions or problems about your Skagit Flyer subscription, contact membership chair:

Pam Pritzl membership@skagitaudubon.org



SKAGIT AUDUBON HIKING SCHEDULE-FEBRUARY

BY JOAN MELCHER

Hikes continue in February with 4 hikes scheduled. Safety comes first so hikes may be canceled or destinations changed due to weather conditions, logging, construction or other unforeseen circumstances. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, snowy or icy road conditions, or forecasts of continued heavy rain. All the hikes are on a Wednesday and for questions or additional information contact Joan Melcher at jdmelcher@comcast.net or 360.424.0407. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes and if dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times. General safety note: upon arrival at the destination, if cancellation of the hike is determined at the discretion of the Audubon trip leader, any individual who elects to proceed is no longer considered to be a member of an Audubon-sponsored activity. Additionally, carpools are arranged at the discretion of the driver(s).

FEBRUARY 7: LUMMI ISLAND - THIS HIKE IS DEPENDENT ON THE ROADS BEING DRIVABLE TO THE FERRY TO LUMMI ISLAND. Walk a 7 mile loop on the north end of Lummi Island. This hike offers island, sea, and mountain views. \$7 foot-passenger ferry fare required. Mostly level, walking shoes recommended. **Meet at 8:15 a.m.** at the Chuckanut Drive park-n-ride, exit 231 from I-5 on the east side of I-5. No specified return time although most will take the 1 pm ferry back.

FEBRUARY 14: CAMANO ISLAND - Friends of Camano Island Parks, FOCIP, will lead us on hikes on Camano Island; up to 11.9 miles with shorter options available. Lunch provided; suggested donation of \$2. **Meet at 7:45 a.m.** in the S.E. corner of the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot or at **8:30 am** at the Blue Camano Center Building on East Camano Drive. There will be a brief orientation there; hike options will be discussed; maps will be given out; restrooms will be available. Discover Pass required if you park in either Cama State Park or Camano Island State Park.

FEBRUARY 21: CONWAY-AREA DIKE WALK - Hike up to 3.3 miles one way on the Conway area dike north towards Mount Vernon or drive over to Wiley Slough and hike the trails there. For all hikes meet at 9 am to sign in at the parking area described below. You may leave when you return to your vehicle. Lunch at the Conway Pub & Eatery? If the weather is clear there will be great views. Birds should be plentiful. From I-5 take exit 221 which is signposted Conway and Lake

McMurray. This is also the Pioneer Hwy (SR 534) which leads to Stanwood.

Turn west toward Conway/Stanwood and very shortly (100 yds.) turn right on Fir Island Rd into Conway. Go over the RR tracks and in 100 yds. turn right on Dike Rd just before the bridge. Do not go over the South Fork of the Skagit River Bridge onto Fir Island! Parking is available on the left 200 yds. north of the unsigned dike district building.



FEBRUARY 28: SUGAR CUBE AND WHISTLE LAKE - Terry Slotemaker or his designee will lead us on a hike in the Anacortes Forest Lands. 6.8 miles, 1600 ft. elevation gain. A 3.41 mile self-guided option around Whistle Lake only is also available. Meet at 9 am at the Heart Lake parking lot off the Heart Lake Road south of Anacortes. You may leave when you return to the trailhead.

MARCH 7: GOOSE ROCK PERIMETER HIKE - Hike a loop that includes Cranberry Lake, beaches, the south side of Deception Pass, Cornet Bay and a 450 foot climb up Goose Rock. Total elevation gain for the day is about 1150 ft. Meet at 9 a.m. in the east side parking lot at Cranberry Lake near the main entrance to Deception Pass State Park 6.2 miles for the basic loop hike; add 4.0 miles if you hike on beach south to the naval station border (10.2 miles); You may leave when your car or people has returned to the trailhead. Discover pass required to park in the park. **NOTE: HAVE EAR PROTECTION WITH YOU IN CASE THE WHIDBEY JETS ARE FLYING LOW AND LOUD.**

UPCOMING 2018 BIRDING FESTIVALS

Birds of Winter: A Skagit Valley Experience
Dec. 2017-Feb. 2018, more info: www.birdsofwinter.org

Arlington Stillaguamish Eagle Festival: Feb. 2-3,
more info www.arlingtonwa.gov/index.aspx?page=427

Winter Wings Festival: Feb. 15-18; Klamath Basin Audubon Society, Klamath Falls, OR; more info www.winterwingsfest.org

Port Susan Snow Goose and Birding Festival:
Feb. 24-25; Stanwood, WA; more info www.snowgoosefest.org

15th Annual Olympic Bird Fest: Apr. 13-15;
Dungeness River Audubon Center, Sequim, WA; more info www.olympicbirdfest.org

Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival:
Apr. 27-28; Hoquiam, WA; more info www.shorebirdfestival.com and 360.289.5048



GARDENING FOR BIRDS – Attracting Birds to the Garden

BY JANE BRANDT

Birds visit the garden in search of food, water, and shelter. When enticing birds to the garden, give them a safe cat-free environment. Fruits, seeds, and insects on the plants and on the ground offer food for the birds. Keep the garden pesticide free and consider adding native plants.

A few native shrubs to consider for flowers and fruit: Mahonia (Berberis); Aquifolium (tall);

Mahonia nervosa (2 ft.); Mahonia repens (10-14 in.); Lonicera involucrate (Twinberry) and Ribes sanguineum (Red Flowering Currant).



A good online resource for PNW native plant information is the wildlife habitat section at www.nwplants.com.

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Nature Conservancy property located at the end of Boe Rd. just south of Stanwood and west of Marine Dr. The site is closed except with special permission which can be obtained at the Mt. Vernon office of the Nature Conservancy, 410 N 4th St., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 (360.419.0817). Saturday is the Arlington Eagle Festival and with it Skagit Audubon has offered to put a few volunteers out on the dike to help non-birders find eagles and other birds. It's always a fun place to visit, and the odds are that's where our snow geese are!



Please join us for a walk on the dike at 9 am before the public arrives about 10 am. At 10 am plan to turn your hat around and be a volunteer for a couple of hours helping newcomers to birding or to the area see and enjoy the birds. Dress for coastal winter birding. If you can make it even for just the 10 am-12 pm volunteering, bring a scope if you have one and PLEASE CONTACT Libby Mills (libbymills@gmail.com), our trip coordinator and leader, to let her know she will have a few supporters to help out.

Monday, February 12, 2018

Wiley Slough and Fir Island

8:30 am – Early Afternoon

Meet at Skagit Wildlife Area on Fir Island, Wylie Rd., at the boat launch parking lot to begin our island adventure! Pack your warm birding outfit, binoculars, Discover Pass and scope, if available. We'll search for waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, birds of prey and more. This area offers some of the best birding in Skagit Valley. Please let the leaders know if you plan to attend. Last minute changes may occur due to weather. Leaders: Mark and Irene Perry; contact irene@skagitaudubon.org or 931.623.2084.

Great Backyard Bird Count: February 16-19: If you enjoy watching birds, have basic identification skills, and want to help ornithologists answer a range of questions about birds, here's an easy way. Since 1998, Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and National Audubon Society have collaborated on the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) to gather bird information over a wide geographic area. Additional partners include Bird Studies Canada and many organizations in other countries. This year, the GBBC will take place February 16-19. Participants count birds in their yards, or anywhere, for at least 15 minutes on one or more of the count days and submit the data online. During the four days of the count, you can submit as many lists as you want, from as many locations as you choose. Over 160,000 people participate each year from many countries, creating a snapshot of the distribution and abundance of birds. The GBBC website reports that, "In 2017, Great Backyard Bird Count participants in more than 100 countries counted more than 6,200 species of birds on more than 180,000 checklists!" Go to <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/> for instructions on how to register and to gather and submit the data. You can send in bird photos too. "Scientists use information from the Great Backyard Bird Count, along with observations from other citizen-science projects, such as the Christmas Bird Count, Project Feeder Watch, and eBird to get the big picture about what is happening to bird populations."



SKAGIT AUDUBON CONSERVATION REPORT-FEBRUARY

BY TIM MANNIS

Conservation advocacy on issues related to the Audubon mission is an important function of all Audubon chapters. National issues of concern are coming up at a greater pace than ever. With the state legislature in session there is also daily news on regional and local issues.

Off-shore drilling for oil and gas: On January 4th, the Administration published its draft 5-year National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. This establishes a schedule of oil and gas lease sales and proposes to open 90% of the U.S. coastline to oil and gas drilling. There's no need to belabor the risks of drilling operations and spills to marine life, including birds. No one has forgotten the 2010 Gulf Horizon disaster that killed 11 workers, dumped more than 200 million gallons of toxic crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico, and injured or killed huge numbers of birds, marine mammals, and other creatures while costing the jobs of thousands of people. The website for this proposal is <https://www.boem.gov/National-OCS-Program/>. Near the bottom of the second section look for the link to send comments (deadline March 9). This proposal will have detrimental effects on so many coastal areas important to migratory and resident birds and on the livelihood of millions of people. Please tell Secretary of Interior Zinke what you think of it.



Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918: This year is the centennial of America's cornerstone bird conservation law. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act is the principal protection for 950 species of birds not covered under the ESA or Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Late last year, the Department of Interior announced a new interpretation of the act which is contrary to the bipartisan and long-standing interpretation that the act prohibits accidental as well as intentional harming or killing of non-hunted bird species. The radical new interpretation exempts all industrial activities from the law. A bill, H.R. 4239, has been introduced to embed this interpretation in law. If it stands, companies responsible for oil spills will no longer be held legally accountable for injuring or killing birds. Locally, Puget Sound Energy would no longer be required to place the "fire fly" devices on power lines to help Trumpeter Swans avoid the lines. These collisions are the first or second leading cause of accidental death to this species. Energy companies would no longer be required to place structures atop power poles to prevent electrocuting eagles and other raptors. Wind energy companies will not have to site turbines to avoid and minimize the killing of birds. In short, there will no longer be an incentive for industry and utilities to avoid accidental bird deaths. Write Secretary of Interior Zinke and your member of Congress and let them know that this very great threat to birds flies in the face of a long-time, bipartisan understanding of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and is unacceptable.

Protecting Blanchard Mountain: Yes, there is occasionally good news. The Washington legislature has passed the long delayed capital budget with its funding for school construction and a variety of other things, including protecting the core 1,600 acres of Blanchard Mountain in Skagit County. These are state trust lands intended to produce revenue through logging for beneficiaries such as the local school and hospital districts. The capital budget funds, added to a smaller amount previously appropriated, will buy replacement forest lands on which timber will be harvested on into the future for the beneficiaries while 1,600 acres of Blanchard Forest, renamed to honor former State Senator Harriet Spanel, remain intact. Many, many thanks to the thousands of people, including Skagit Audubon hikers and other members, who contacted legislators, to Bill Wallace, former DNR regional manager and the members of the stakeholders committee he convened to devise the Blanchard Strategy a decade ago, and to the local and state elected officials, especially from the 40th District, who saw it through.

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Audubon priorities in the Washington State Legislature: There are significant environmental bills which are priorities for Audubon with our organization's strong focus on addressing climate change, the single greatest threat to birds. Governor Inslee has introduced Senate Bill 6203 to put a price on carbon, an approach to reducing carbon emissions many economists see as the most effective way to address this huge problem. A low carbon fuel standard bill (H.B. 2338) seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation fuels. There is a list of these and more, updated weekly on the Washington Audubon website. Go to <http://wa.audubon.org/conservation/legislative-session-2018> and scroll down to the link for the "Weekly Legislative Update". For each bill mentioned in the update, you can click on the bill number and arrive at its page on the Washington State Legislature site. You'll find a button there for commenting on the bill. Alternatively, call your state senator and representatives to comment. They need to hear from us.

BIRDING CRUISE UPDATE

Saturday, February 17

9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Waiting list for birding aboard the *Blackfish IV*

The birding cruise advertised in last month's *Skagit Flyer* is full, but we're keeping a waiting list in case anyone drops out or can't make the bad weather postponement date (Feb. 24). If you would like to be on the waiting list, please phone or e-mail Tim Manns (360-336-8753 or conservation@skagitaudubon.org). The trip is proving so popular that we've moved up from the 30-passenger *Blackfish III* to the 48 passenger *Blackfish IV*. Expert Skagit Audubon birder Gary Bletsch will be the spotter for finding and identifying seabirds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and possibly other wildlife. The *Blackfish IV* will leave from Skyline Marina (2201 Skyline Way, Anacortes) at 9:30 AM sharp. If you're confirmed for the trip, please arrive by 9:00 AM. We'll return about 12:30 PM. The *Blackfish IV* is owned and operated by Outer Island Excursions. It is well-

designed for birding, with room for everyone inside and out. Dress warmly. Waterproof jacket and pants would be best. You might want to bring a thermos and snacks. Cost: \$60.00 per person. To confirm your place (limited to 48), Skagit Audubon must have your check or money order made out to "Skagit Audubon" no later than the February 13th Audubon monthly meeting. Please mail the check or money order with "boat cruise" in the memo line and "Attn: boat cruise" on the envelope to: Skagit Audubon Society, P.O. Box 1101, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273. If paying in cash, please do so at the February Audubon meeting. In case of inclement weather, the trip will be rescheduled to Saturday, February 24. When you reserve with Tim, please be sure to include your phone number and email address and say whether you would be able to make the rescheduled date if we have to cancel February 17. Please also note that whether this trip goes or not is dependent on a full 48 people signing up.

SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES

BY PAM PRITZL

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 birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org.

For recent updates on bird sightings, check out **ABA Tweepers** and **Skagit County Ebird List** on the SAS website (Birding menu, Bird Sightings submenu).

WATERFOWL

Greater White-fronted Goose 1 in Burlington on 12-23 (GB)

Cackling Goose 120 on Cockreham Island on 12-29 (GB)

Northern Shoveler 1 on flooded field south of Field Road on 12-20 (NOH)

Eurasian Wigeon 1 on flooded field south of Field Road on 12-20 (NOH)

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Field Sightings – continued from pg. 6

Northern Pintail 200 along Padilla Bay shore at Bay View on 12-25 (R&WJ)
Black Scoter 1 near Woodstock Farm, Chuckanut Drive on 1-3 (KR)
Long-tailed Duck 12 at Semiahmoo on 1-1 (MC, KC)

SANDPIPERS and ALLIES

Black Turnstone 25 at Sandy Point, Ferndale on 12-25 (R&WJ)

GULLS and TERNS

Herring Gull 1 near Cedardale on 1-6 (GB)

HERONS and ALLIES

American Bittern 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (North Fork Access) on 1-15 (GB)
Great Blue Heron 45 on pilings at Ship Harbor, Anacortes on 1-9 (JB)
Great Egret 1 in Dodge Valley on 12-28 (GB); 1 on Padilla Bay CBC on 12-30

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture 1 on Best Road on 1-14 (NB)

HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES

Rough-legged Hawk 5 scattered throughout the Samish Flats on 12-20 (NOH); 1 on Highway 20 near Mt. Vernon exit on 12-30 (R&WJ)

OWLS

Short-eared Owl 3 at the East 90, Samish Flats on 12-20 (NOH)

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker 1 in yard off Ray Paul Lane, La Conner on 1-1 (DG); 1 in Camano Island yard week of 1-14 (PP)

FALCONS

American Kestrel 1 on Field Road near Church Street on 12-20 (NOH); 1 on Highway 20 near Mt. Vernon exit on 12-30 (R&WJ)
Merlin 1 at the East 90, Samish Flats on 12-20 (NOH); 1 on Edison Slough on 12-20 (CS)
Gyr Falcon 1 at Downey Road on 1-15 (GB)
Peregrine Falcon 1 on Field Road near Church Street on 12-20 (NOH); 1 near the East 90 on 12-20 (NOH)

FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe 1 present at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) throughout sighting period (GB); 1 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 1-6 (JO); 1 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 1-18 (JO) **RARE**
Say's Phoebe 1 on Padilla Bay CBC on 12-30
RARE

CORVIDS

Blue Jay 1 in Bow Hill yard throughout sighting period (GB); 1 in Bow Hill yard on 1-18 (JO) **RARE**
California Scrub-Jay 1 north of Stanwood on Cedarhome Road on 1-1—Skagit Bay CBC (JO); 1 in Mount Vernon on 1-6 (GB)

SWALLOWS

Barn Swallow 4 in Edison on 1-18 (JO); 2 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 1-18 (JO)

WRENS

Pacific Wren 1 on north Chuckanut Trail on 1-3 (KR)
Rock Wren 1 at south end Birch Bay State Park on 1-2 (PP)

DIPPERS

American Dipper 5 at Marblemount Fish Hatchery on 1-1 (MS)

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1 in Bow yard on 12-28 (KR)

FINCHES and ALLIES

House Finch 1 “orange” phase seen throughout sighting period (LE)

Common Redpoll impressive invasion continues throughout sighting period, 365 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 12-31 (GB); large flock at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 1-6 (JO)
Red Crossbill 12 at east Fidalgo home on 12-30 (RW)

SPARROWS and ALLIES

Lincoln's Sparrow 1 in Anacortes yard 12-8 to 1-10 (KH)
Swamp Sparrow 1 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (North Fork Access) on 12-24 and 1-15 (GB)
White-throated Sparrow 1 at Fisher Slough (restricted area) on 1-1—Skagit Bay CBC (JO)
Harris's Sparrow 1 on Padilla Bay CBC on 12-30

WARBLERS

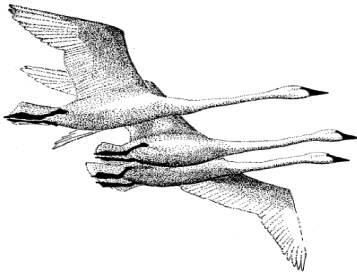
Yellow-rumped Warbler 1 visiting suet feeder daily at Mount Vernon home since 12-24 (JM)

MAMMALS

River Otter 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 12-26 (MS)
(**GB**) Gary Bletsch; (**JB**) Jane Brandt; (**NB**) Nelson Briefer; (**KC**) Kathryn Cavil; (**MC**) Morty Cohen; (**LE**) Larry Edwards; (**DG**) Dana Greeley; (**KH**) Kristi Hein; (**NOH**) Neil O'Hara; (**R&WJ**) Rosi & Wes Jansen; (**JM**) Janet Morgan; (**JO**) Jeff Osmundson; (**PP**) Pam Pritzl; (**KR**) Kerry Rye; (**CS**) Cathy Scott; (**MS**) Mary Sinker; (**RW**) Regan Weeks



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SWAN HOTLINE for sick, dead or injured swans – do not handle birds – call WDFW 360.466.4345 ext. 266

BIRDS OF WINTER EVENT – Film showing of “The Messenger: the Plight of the Songbird” Feb. 11th at 3 pm., Lincoln Theatre, Mt. Vernon. More info: <http://www.lincolntheatreorg/film/messenger>

February 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	1	2	3 Field Trip PORT SUSAN PRESERVE, STANWOOD
4	5	6 SAS Board Meeting 7:00	7 Hike: LUMMI ISLAND	8	9	10
11	12 Field Trip WILEY SLOUGH AND FIR ISLAND	13 SAS General Meeting 7:00 PM Social; 7:30 PM Program	14 Hike: CAMANO ISLAND	15	16	17 Field Trip BIRDING CRUISE
18	19	20	21 Hike: CONWAY-AREA DIKE HIKE	22	23	24 STANWOOD SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL
25 STANWOOD SNOW GOOSE FESTIVAL	26	27	28 Hike: SUGAR CUBE & WHISTLE LAKE	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3
Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7 Hike: GOOSE ROCK PERIMETER HIKE	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10

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