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## OCTOBER 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](mailto: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, October 21  
Stanwood Area  
Port Susan Bay and  
Leque Island**

**8:00 am - Noon**  
Explore the Port Susan Bay Nature Conservancy property  
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## OCTOBER MEETING AND PROGRAM

"Indonesia"

Presented by Keith and Jan Wiggers

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017

7:00 Social; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Ctr.

10441 Bayview-Edison Rd.

Mt. Vernon, Washington



Keith and Jan Wiggers will present a video program highlighting their two-month trip to Indonesia. With a population of 261 million people, it is the world's fourth most populous country and the most populous Muslim majority nation. It is the largest archipelago in the world with over 17,000 islands. It straddles the equator, and from east to west, spans about the same distance as from New York to Los Angeles. It has the highest mountain between the Himalayas and the Andes and is one of only three equatorial places in the world to have permanent snow and glaciers.

Indonesia has the highest rate of endemism in the world: with only 1.3 percent of the earth's land surface it is home to about 20 percent of the world's land species. The species in the western islands have a strong Asian connection (placental mammals and many Asian bird species). The eastern islands have a strong Australian and New Guinean connection (marsupial mammals and the spectacular Birds of Paradise), while the middle islands have been influenced by both sides, as well as having many of their own unique species.

Please join us for an evening with the incredible Birds of Paradise, Komodo Dragons, and Tree Kangaroos.



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American Redstart by Joe Halton

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**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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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Skagit Audubon Society

P.O. Box 1101

Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1101

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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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National Audubon Society Y21

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Attn: Chance Mueleck

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October can produce great hiking weather along with beautiful fall colors. However, weather conditions, forest fires and smoke, logging, construction, or other unexpected circumstances may cause changes or cancellations. For all the hikes call JOAN MELCHER, 360-424-0407 or e-mail her at [jdmelcher@comcast.net](mailto:jdmelcher@comcast.net) for information on or questions about the following hikes. All of 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.

\*Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) required.

**WED. – OCT. 4 – SCHREIBERS MEADOW HIKES\*:** Choose from three options – Railroad Grade, Park Butte, or the Scott Paul Trail. Great views if the weather is good. Significant streams to cross by rock hopping or wading. Meet at 7:30 am at the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Two trailhead return times: 2 pm or 4 pm; carpool accordingly.

**WED. – OCT. 11 – RUBY ARM and/or RUBY CREEK:** For both hikes, meet at 7:30 am on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. No parking permit is required. Two different return times: 2 pm for those who do shorter hikes or 3:30 pm for those who go longer distances; carpool accordingly.

**RUBY ARM:** Hike on the East Bank of Ross Lake Trail over a carpet and under a canopy of fall leaves kicking leaves to your heart's content. Hike to either Ruby Arm, Hidden Hand Pass, or part way up Little Jack Trail. 7 to 8 miles round trip.

**RUBY CREEK TRAIL:** Hike the beautiful Ruby Creek trail from Panther Creek to Canyon Creek and back. 7 miles round trip, 650 ft. total elev. gain.

**WED. – OCT. 18 – BAKER LAKE TRAIL FROM THE SOUTH\*:** Hike to Maple Grove and Anderson Point, 8 miles round trip, 620 ft. total elev. gain. Beautiful forest and views of Baker Lake. Views of Mt. Baker and Mt. Shuksan if the weather is clear. Meet at 8 am on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Two return times to trailhead: 1:30 pm or 2:30 pm; carpool accordingly.



**WED. – OCT. 25 – NORTH CHUCKANUT MOUNTAIN:** Hike trails on the northwest side of Chuckanut Mountain. Two options: (1) Raptor Ridge, 11.3 miles, about an 1,800 ft. total elev. gain; (2) Madrone Crest, 8.7 miles, about a 1,600 ft. total elev. gain. Shorter hikes available for both options. Meet at 9 am at the North Chuckanut Parking lot located on the east side of Chuckanut Drive between the Old Samish Highway and California Street. This is about milepost 18.5. You may leave when your carload has returned.

**WED. – NOV. 1 – LITTLE CRANBERRY LAKE:** Do a hike around Little Cranberry Lake in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. 6.0 miles, 670 ft. total elev. gain. Meet at 9 am at the trailhead located on "A" Ave. between 37<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Streets in Anacortes. You may leave when all in your vehicle return to the trailhead. Historically, all are back by 1 pm.

### **Birding Class Offered by The Breazeale Interpretive Center at Padilla Bay**

**Fall Birds of Padilla Bay and the Samish Flats** – Join naturalist Libby Mills to see who's stayed and who's arrived. Wear comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to explore Padilla Bay's uplands and the "west 90" of the Samish Flats. Bring water and a snack. If you don't have them you can borrow binoculars. Meet in the Padilla Bay parking lot. This class is offered twice, **Friday, Nov. 10 and Sat., Nov. 11, 8:00 am-12:00 noon.** Register online at [www.padillabay.gov](http://www.padillabay.gov) or call the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center at 360.428.1558.



# SKAGIT AUDUBON OCTOBER CONSERVATION REPORT

## BY TIM MANNS

On September 13 at Burlington Library, Skagit Audubon joined four other groups in a presentation about restoring grizzlies to the North Cascades and countering local political efforts to undermine the Endangered Species Act and open national public lands to increased resource extraction. This meeting was as well-attended as the similar one at Padilla Bay on July 19. The fact that our county commissioners use public revenues to involve Skagit County with extreme anti-environmental groups has been a revelation for many and not a happy one. The story behind the story continues to unfold as we learn about the commissioners' paid helper in Washington, D.C.

A Public Records Request to Skagit County for emails, reports, invoices, and anything else related to Washington, D.C., lobbyist Robert K. Weidner released a first batch of files in early September. Since 2001 our county has paid Mr. Weidner a total of at least \$137,000 to lobby on various topics, most of them accurately termed anti-environmental. "Bob" Weidner bills his expertise as "Environmental and Natural Resources Work," and his regular invoices cite meetings with U.S. Senators, Representatives, and their staff. Bob's plate has been especially full this year since our commissioners tapped him to head off the long-awaited start of grizzly restoration in the wild North Cascades, where people have all but wiped them out after thousands of years. For this Weidner billed you and me an additional \$5,000, bringing his 2017 take from Skagit County to \$20,000.



Long-billed Curlew by Joe Halton

After reviewing just a portion of the hundreds of documents obtained, we know Mr. Weidner is also busily pursuing passage of the innocuously named Resilient Federal Forests Act (HR2936), also called the Westerman Act for its prime sponsor, Representative Bruce Westerman (R-Arkansas). First introduced in 2015, this bill's 2017 version is, unsurprisingly, much worse. People who see environmental protection as simply an impediment to money-making have long-awaited the present political moment. They are rushing to make the most of it. The Resilient Federal Forests Act is not about making our publicly-owned forests resilient in the face of climate change, bigger and more destructive forest fires, or any such thing. It's

about getting environmental protections and real opportunities for citizen involvement out of the way and making increased logging and mining the primary purpose of our National Forests and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) forested areas. It's a complicated bill with many specific bits of nastiness. Here's a sample: Projects on Forest Service lands involving up to 30,000 acres could be excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). There would not have to be any consideration of impacts on the environment, and the Forest Service and BLM would no longer be required to consult with the US Fish & Wildlife Service about potential impacts on federally-listed threatened and endangered species. This would be a very significant blow to the many listed species dependent on public lands for essential habitat. It strikes at the heart of Audubon's mission of preserving and restoring birds and other wildlife. The bill would also overturn the Roadless Area Conservation Rule of 2001, which has protected our public lands from unnecessary road building and habitat destruction. It would exempt from environmental review clear-cuts up to 10,000 acres, a huge increase over the present regulation. The list goes on.

This is just one of the topics on which our Robert K. Weidner is lobbying and which he lists on his invoices to Skagit County, sometimes under the equally innocuous name "Active National Forest Management." The records request has also uncovered a laundry list of anti-environmental goals he gathered for the counties in our state which contribute taxpayer funds to Weidner. He writes in a January email that the Trump transition team requested this list from him. It includes blocking grizzly and wolf restoration "in populated areas" (not what the

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National Park Service is proposing for the North Cascades grizzly, but he's blocking it anyway), roll-back of national monument designations, undoing Obama administration regulations to curb global warming, codifying "coordination" as law (polite term for county supremacy, giving local officials veto power over national public lands management decisions), pushing aside the Endangered Species Act when fast-declining species like the spotted owl get in the way of resource extraction, and lots more.

Our county commissioners would apparently like a return to an earlier era when logging unencumbered by recognition of other values for public lands reaped revenue and kept taxes lower. But in 2017 Skagit County has many residents like you and me who do value public lands for a wider range of purposes, timber harvest being only one and, in many places, not the most important. Paying Robert Weidner to do what he's doing against our public lands is counter to the values and ideals of many Skagit residents, whether they're hikers, birders, hunters, or simply want to save forests to help combat global warming. If you feel this way, let the Skagit commissioners know. They may respond that Weidner also lobbies for such good things as an electric ferry for Guemes Island. True enough, but I suspect that among Washington, D.C.'s 10,000 lobbyists, there are ones who can do that without all the other stuff. We've spent \$137,000 on this guy so far. Enough.

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(restricted access) and Leque Island (Eide Rd.) to check the birds that are present. Expect to see snow geese, swans, waterfowl, winter shorebirds, raptors, and some songbirds. There are often surprises at both places this time of year. Expect to walk a mile or two on easy terrain. Dress for the weather and scopes are a plus. Group (no-host) lunch at a Stanwood restaurant afterwards. Discover Pass required for parking at Eide Rd./Leque Island. Meet at QFC in Stanwood (near the Starbucks) at 8 am to carpool. Leaders: Pam Pritzl and Jeff Osmundson. Pam Pritzl, [birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org), 360.387.7024.

## Sunday, October 29, South Fidalgo Island: Deception Pass State Park, Rosario Head and Lake Erie

**8:30 am-Noon.** The varied habitats near Deception Pass, from old growth forest to the open waters off Rosario Head, attract a variety of birdlife. Expect to see winter songbirds, waterfowl, gulls, and other seabirds. Past trips have yielded Brandt's, Pelagic, and Double-Crested Cormorants, Belted Kingfishers, several ducks and gull species, and more. We will drive to Lake Erie below Mt. Erie after the Deception Pass foray to look for the several species of ducks and waterfowl that we didn't see at Rosario. Discover Pass (parking permit) required. Meet at March Point Park and Ride at 8:30 am to carpool and be sure to dress for the weather. Leaders: Phil Wright, [phil@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:phil@skagitaudubon.org), 360.299.8212 and Tim Manns, [conservation@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:conservation@skagitaudubon.org), 360.336.8753.

**Saturday, November 4, Whatcom County Shores, 8:00 am-2:00 pm.** The field trip will visit Sandy Point, Birch Bay State Park, Semiahmoo, and Blaine Harbor. Depending on how the time goes, we may make other stops. The stops will focus on water birds and move along with the best tidal conditions we can get. We target all three scoters, three loon species, grebes, and Long-tailed Ducks, plus shorebirds (e.g., Sanderlings, Black Turnstones and Dunlin). We can also use our gull ID skills, should we happen to see some groups. Bring binoculars, scopes, lunch, and wind and rain gear. If coming from south of Bellingham, meet and be ready to leave in carpools by 8 am from the Chuckanut Park and Ride lot just south of Exit 231 off I-5. There are no restrooms there, FYI. We'll join our leader, Andrea Warner, at 8:45 am at the ARCO Gas Station on Slater Road. Take I-5 Exit 260, turn right from the off ramp and you'll see the ARCO station on your right. Discover Pass (parking permit) required for parking at Birch Bay State Park. Leader: Andrea Warner, [warneraj@me.com](mailto:warneraj@me.com), home phone 360.734.9881, cell 360.224.9291.

## 2018 Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest to Feature David Sibley

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest (May 17-20, 2018) will feature David Sibley as the keynote speaker. Tickets available beginning Feb. 14, 2018. More information: [www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.org](http://www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.org).



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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](mailto: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** 2 at Hayton Reserve on 8-20 (RM); 15 at Hayton Reserve on 9-3 (GB)

**Cinnamon Teal** 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-17 (JB)

**Northern Shoveler** 1 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 9-4 (NOH)

**Greater Scaup** 3 at March Point on 9-9 (GB)

#### **GALLINACEOUS BIRDS**

**Sooty Grouse** 1 female on Forest Road 12, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest on 9-13 (PP)

#### **GREBES**

**Pied-billed Grebe** 3 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 9-4 (NOH)

#### **PIGEONS and DOVES**

**Mourning Dove** 1 at Sauk Prairie on 9-9 (RM)

#### **SWIFTS**

**Black Swift** 5 at Martin Road on 9-10 (GB)

#### **HUMMINGBIRDS**

**Anna's Hummingbird** 2 at Sauk Prairie on 9-9 (RM); 1 on Bryson Road, Sauk Valley on 9-9 (RM)

#### **RAILS and COOTS**

**Virginia Rail** 1 heard at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 9-4 (NOH)

**American Coot** 1 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 9-4 (NOH)

#### **PLOVERS**

**Pacific Golden-Plover** 1 at Hayton Reserve on 8-20 (RM)

#### **SANDPIPERS. PHALAROPES and ALLIES**

**Red Knot** 3 at Hayton Reserve on 8-20 (RM); 1 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-25 (GB)

**Stilt Sandpiper** 4 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-17 (JB); 5 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-20 (RM)

**Dunlin** 1 juvenile at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-26—**rare to see juvenile of this species south of breeding range** (GB)

**Short-billed Dowitcher** 55 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-20 (RM)

**Wilson's Snipe** 2 at the Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 9-4 (NOH)

**Spotted Sandpiper** 1 at Cockreham Island on 9-12 (GB)

**Greater Yellowlegs** 1 in Darrington on 8-26 (RM)

#### **ALCIDS**

**Common Murre** 1 at Rosario Beach on 8-21 (NOH)

**Tufted Puffin** 2 off Smith Island in Strait of Juan de Fuca (on whale watching boat) on 9-4 (MS)

#### **GULLS and TERNS**

**Franklin's Gull** 1 at Hayton Reserve on 8-20 (RM); 1 at Hayton Reserve on 8-26 (GB)

**Heermann's Gull** 6 at Rosario Beach on 8-29 (NOH)

#### **PELICANS**

**American White Pelican** 17 at March Point on 9-9, incursion continues (GB)

#### **HERONS and ALLIES**

**Great Egret** 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 8-20 (RM)

#### **HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES**

**Bald Eagle** 2 feeding on tide flats at Anacortes home on 8-22 (NOH)

#### **WOODPECKERS**

**Red-breasted Sapsucker** 1 in Mount Vernon yard on 9-9 (JA)

**Downy Woodpecker** 1 in Mount Vernon yard on 9-9 (JA)

**American Three-toed Woodpecker** 1 between Rainy Pass and Cutthroat Pass on 8-24 (GB)

#### **FALCONS**

**Peregrine Falcon** 2 juveniles at the Skagit Wildlife Area on 9-4 (NOH)



## CORVIDS

**California Scrub-Jay** 1 at the Skagit Game Range (Wylie Slough) on 8-24 (GB)

## CHICKADEES

**Mountain Chickadee** 5 between Rainy Pass and Cutthroat Pass on 8-24 (GB)

## BUSHTITS

**Bushtit** 15 in Mount Vernon yard on 9-9 (JA)

## CREEPERS

**Brown Creeper** 2 at Rosario Beach on 8-21 (NOH)

## WRENS

**House Wren** 1 below Cutthroat Pass on 8-24 (GB); 1 at Sauk Prairie on 9-9 (RM)

## SPARROWS and ALLIES

**Vesper Sparrow** 1 at Corkindale on 9-4 (GB); 1 on Bryson Road, Sauk Valley on 9-9 (RM)

**Lincoln's Sparrow** 35 at Sauk Prairie on 9-9 (RM)

**Golden-crowned Sparrow** 1 on Snee-Oosh Beach, Swinomish Reservation on 9-15 (TM)

## BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** 6 on Fir Island on 9-3 (GB)

## WARBLERS

**Orange-crowned Warbler** 1 at Rosario Beach on 8-29 (NOH); 1 on Lincoln Hill, Mount Vernon on 8-31 (TM); 1 in Mount Vernon yard on 9-9 (JA); 1 on Lincoln Hill, Mount Vernon on 9-9 (TM)

**Nashville Warbler** 1 at Darrington on 8-26 (RM)

**American Redstart** 1 female in Cap Sante, Anacortes yard on 9-5 and 9-6 (JH)

**Yellow Warbler** 1 on Lincoln Hill, Mount Vernon on 9-9 (TM)

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** 3 at Rosario Beach on 8-29 (NOH)

**Black-throated Gray Warbler** 1 on Lincoln Hill, Mount Vernon on 8-31 (TM); 1 in east Stanwood yard on 9-2 (MS); 1 in Cap Sante, Anacortes yard on 9-6 (JH); 3 in Mount Vernon yard on 9-9 (JA)

**Townsend's Warbler** 1 in Mount Vernon yard on 9-9 (JA)

## MAMMALS:

**Harbor Porpoise** 4 in Burrows Bay on 9-11 (NOH)

**Harbor Seal** 2 in Burrows Bay on 9-11 (NOH)

**Raccoon** 5 running across Anacortes lawn on 8-22 (NOH)

(**JA**) Jean Ashby; (**GB**) Gary Bletsch; (**JB**) Joan Bird; (**JH**) Joe Halton; (**NOH**) Neil O'Hara; (**RM**) Ryan Merrill; (**TM**) Tim Manns; (**MS**) Mary Sinker; (**PP**) Pam Pritzl

## NATIVE PLANT SALE – OCT. 28<sup>TH</sup>

For a host of reasons, National Audubon and its over 400 chapters are making a special effort to encourage use of locally native plants in landscaping and gardening. These species require less water, do fine without fertilizers and chemicals, and provide food and shelter for wildlife. And that's just part of the benefits native plants offer. Once the fall rains start conditions are ideal for planting native perennials. They should be either going dormant or slowing their growth, which eases the dramatic change from pot to ground. Rain helps ensure the roots are surrounded by soil and minimizes the loss of fragile root hairs.

The Salal Chapter of Washington Native Plant Society is holding its fall plant sale **October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to noon**. Many of the plants were moved into gallon pots back in March and April, so their roots are well developed and vigorous. The sale will be in the nursery behind the native plant display garden, just south of the Master Gardner Discovery Garden along Memorial Drive west of Mount Vernon. The sale will be held rain or shine and please come prepared to pay with cash or check. Credit/debit cards cannot be accepted. For a complete list of the more than 140 species of plants for sale and directions to the nursery visit:

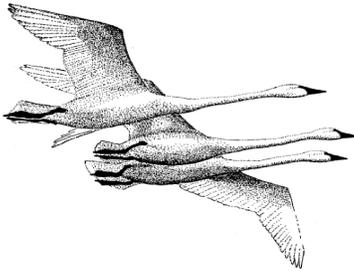
[www.wnpsorg/salal/](http://www.wnpsorg/salal/).

## 2017 ACOW – Sequim – OCT. 14<sup>th</sup>

The 2017 Audubon Council of Washington meeting in Sequim on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> will be well worth attending. This is the annual gathering of the 25 Washington chapters and a great opportunity to network with Audubon members from across the state and to hear from National Audubon leaders on important topics such as climate change. The keynote speaker is Washington's Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz. For the full schedule and to register: <http://wa.audubon.org/events/audubon-council-washington-0>.



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*October 2017 Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Sept. 27 Hike Cutthroat Pass	Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30
1	2	3 SAS Board Meeting 7:00 PM	4 Hike: Schreibers Meadow	5	6	7
8	9	10 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Hike: Ruby Arm and/or Ruby Creek	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Hike: Baker Lake Trail	19	20	21 Field Trip: Stanwood Area
22	23	24	25 Hike: North Chuckanut Mountain Nov. 1 Hike: Little Cranberry Lake	26	27	28
Oct. 29 Field Trip South Fidalgo Island	Oct. 30	Oct. 31		Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4 Field Trip Whatcom County Shores

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