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APRIL 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, APRIL 13

Northern State Trails

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The meeting place is the parking area to the left less than one mile up Helmick road just north of Highway 20 and just east of Sedro Woolley. We'll get an early start for this field trip as

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APRIL MEETING AND PROGRAM

The Conscientious Gardener: Cultivating a Garden Ethic

by Dr. Sarah Hayden Reichard

Professor/Director

University of Washington

Botanic Gardens

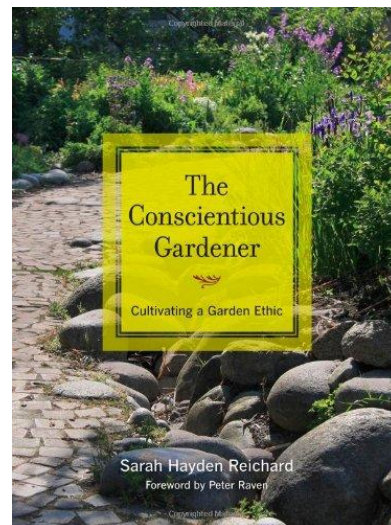
Tuesday, April 9, 2013

7:00 Social; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center

10433 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, Washington



Our contemporary gardening practices can cause damage to the environment.

For example, we deplete resources in our own soil while mining for soil in faraway places; we use water and pesticides in ways that can pollute bodies of water. As our understanding of ecological principles and environmental consequences has grown, our gardening approaches can evolve to take advantage of new information.

Drawing from cutting edge research on urban horticulture, and from her personal experience, Dr. Reichard will talk about how to make our gardens more sustainable, lively, and healthy. She will explore the many benefits of sustainable gardening and give straightforward, practical advice on topics such as pest control, water conservation, living with and attracting native wildlife, mulching, and invasive species.

Dr. Reichard is Professor/Director of the University of Washington Botanic Gardens, and has research interests in invasive plants and rare plant species. Her book will be available for sale after the program.



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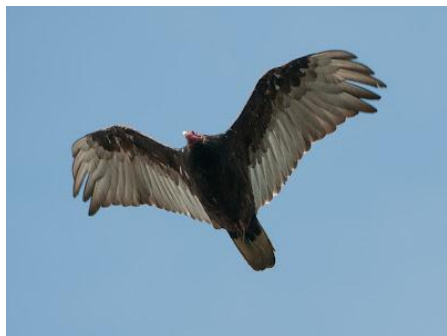
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TURKEY VULTURE

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.

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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P.O. Box 1101
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1101

☒ 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.)

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

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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

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Chapter Membership Data Center Y21
P.O. Box 422246-2246
Palm Coast, FL 32142
www.audubon.org

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Especially at this time of year, people paying attention to birds are guaranteed to experience both anticipation and surprise. Writing these remarks in mid-March, each day I anticipate more signs of winter's ending and spring's arrival. I've yet to see a Rufous Hummingbird this year, but I heard one appeared March 5th on Guemes Island, freshly returned from wintering in Mexico. Earlier this week I was doing a bird count at Northern State Recreation Area by Sedro-Woolley, and there were a few Tree Swallows just back from California or further south catching insects over the big wetland. An unanticipated surprise was seeing a Mountain Chickadee at my backyard bird feeder last week and almost daily since, conjuring up memories of summer hikes in the Cascades. We expect this bird at elevations of a few thousand feet or more. It's anyone's guess why this one is feeding in my backyard alongside its Black-capped and Chestnut-sided cousins. I was excited to see it.

A sure way to increase avian surprises right around home, whether migrants or wanderers like this Mountain Chickadee, is to provide attractive habitat. In many places around the world, loss of habitat is the greatest threat birds face. We can help at least some species by making where we live a suitable place for them too, whether as a resting stop during migration or a place to breed or spend the winter. I suspect many Skagit Audubon members have already gone about making your yards better wildlife habitat and even having them certified as such (see the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat program (www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife.aspx)). Under the title "Audubon At Home," the National Audubon Society also provides many suggestions for making your property wildlife friendly (<http://athome.audubon.org/>). Landscaping with native plants is one important step, and April's Washington Native Plant Society sale can help you do that (see the notice elsewhere in this newsletter). A neighborhood with enough contiguous yards designed with wildlife in mind can amount to significant habitat and can also provide corridors for birds and other species moving between wilder places.

Skagit Land Trust members have contributed to protecting habitat in another important way by generously supporting the Skagit Land Trust in last year's Barney Lake campaign and its other efforts, the San Juan Preservation Trust's current project to preserve Vendovi Island, the local and national work of The Nature Conservancy, and more. As the world's human population grows, the loss of wildlife habitat accelerates. We live at a crucial time for preserving and restoring all the habitat we can. This is an instance of action being significant at whatever level you can manage. Think about those Rufous Hummingbirds that show up here when the first salmonberry bushes bloom (are there some in your yard?). Some of these migratory champions stay here to breed; others continue as far north as Anchorage, Alaska, on their incredible annual journey. Flower nectar powers them along the way. Watch the hummingbird's progress and contribute your observations at a website called "Hummingbird Journey North" (www.learner.org/jnorth/tm/humm/AboutSpring.html).

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

WATERFOWL

Snow Goose 10,000 at Fir Island on 3-3 (GB)
Wood Duck 1 drake on Mud Lake on 3-7 (RH); 2 near Cockreham Island on 3-8 (GB)
Eurasian Wigeon 1 off March Point on 3-8 (JH)
Cinnamon Teal 1 drake at the Skagit Game Range on 3-8 (GB)
Canvasback 5 at Beaver Lake on 3-3 & 3-11 (GB)
White-winged Scoter 20 at Samish Island Public Beach on 3-7 (GB)
Common Goldeneye 1 drake on Beaver Lake on 3-7 (RH)
Barrow's Goldeneye 1 at Concrete on 3-2 (GB)
Hooded Merganser 4 hens in Thomas Creek on Green Rd on 2-27 (RH); 1 pair on Beaver Lake on 3-7 (RH)

LOONS, GREBES



Pied-billed Grebe

*Photo by
Ron Holmes*

Pied-billed Grebe 1 on Beaver Lake on 3-7 (RH)

VULTURES

Turkey Vulture 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 3-8 (GB)

RAPTORS

Northern Harrier 1 male on Butler Flats, Ratchford Rd. on 2-19 (RH)
Red-tailed Hawk 2 "Harlan's" on Samish Flats on 2-24 (AW)
American Kestrel female on Old Highway 99 south of Bow Hill Rd. on 2-27 (RH); Pair on Old Highway 99 south of Bow Hill Rd on 3-4 (RH)

SHOREBIRDS

Greater Yellowlegs 10 at the Skagit Game Range on 3-8 (GB)
Wilson's Snipe 8 at Northern State Recreation Area, Sedro-Woolley on 3-11 (TM)

JAEGERS, GULLS

Western Gull 1 at Jensen Access on 3-3 (GB)

ALCIDS

Marbled Murrelet 2 at Samish Island Public Beach on 3-3 (GB)
Rhinoceros Auklet 1 at Green Pt, WA Park on 3-3 (GB)

DOVES, PIGEONS

Band-tailed Pigeon 2 at home near Big Lake on 2-28 (CF)



Eurasian Collared-Dove
*Photo by
Ron Holmes*

Eurasian Collared-Dove 4 on Green Rd. on 2-27 (RH)

OWLS

Snowy Owl 1 at the West 90 on 2-24 (AW); 4 at Eide Rd on 3-5 (PP)
Short-eared Owl 1 at Eide Rd. on 3-5 (PP)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird 1 at Camano Island home on 3-13 (PP); 1 at Camano Island home on 3-15 (SRP)

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike 1 at Skagit River Park, Burlington on 3-14 (LE)

LARKS, SWALLOWS

Tree Swallow 10 at the Skagit Game Range on 3-8 (GB); 3 at Northern State Recreation Area on 3-11 (TM)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTIT

Mountain Chickadee 1 near Hillcrest park, Mount Vernon on 3-7 & 8 (TM)
Bushtit 2 at Telegraph Slough on 3-8 (GB)

DIPPER

American Dipper 1 at Corkindale on 3-2 (GB)

WARBLERS

MacGillivray's Warbler 1 female seen in Burlington yard on 2-19 & 20 (LE)

SPARROWS

Song Sparrow 1 "California coast race" at Anacortes feeder on 3-5 (JB)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

Western Meadowlark 17 on Samish Flats on 3-3 (GB)
Brown-headed Cowbird 20 on Minkler Flats on 3-11 (GB)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCHES

American Goldfinch 1 at Jensen Access on 2-9 (GB)

(JB) Jackie Boss; (GB) Gary Bletsch; (LE) Larry Edwards;
 (CF) Chris Farrow; (JH) Joe Holton; (RH) Ron Holmes;
 (TM) Tim Manns; (JP) Jousha Parrott; (PP) Pam Pritzl;
 (SRP) Sheila & Ron Pera; (AW) Andrea Warner



WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATION ~ 2013

Notes from: Jen Syrowitz
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Relevant Bill Updates ~ (as of March 13th)

HB 1106 (Support) *Regarding net metering of electricity* **died** in the House. However, moving forward, EPC may integrate with HB 1301 *Creating clean energy jobs in Washington state through renewable energy incentives*.

SB 5802 (Support) *Developing recommendations to achieve the state's greenhouse gas emissions targets* (Governor's Bill) **passed** in the Senate with strong bipartisan support.

SB 5219 (Oppose) *Retaining water resources to assure the vitality of local economies* **passed** in the Senate; it is scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources on March 21st at 1:30 PM.
(Subject to change)

SB 5663 (Support) *Relating to derelict and abandoned vessels* **passed** in the Senate; it is scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources on March 20th at 8:00 AM.
(Subject to change)

Unfortunately the Relevant Bill Updates above are from March 13th

To get on the email Hot List of
Legislative Tools & Resources

Contact: lisa@wecprotects.org
Or call: (206)631-2624

Upcoming **Audubon/Surfrider/Conservation** **Northwest Phone Bank- April 17th**

Plans are in the works for a collaboratively led Conservation Works Priority phone bank happening Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Please mark your calendar; details forthcoming!

Legislative Tools & Resources

Have you been added to the **Hot List** yet? Receive weekly updates on EPC priority bills by contacting Lisa at lisa@wecprotects.org or calling **(206) 631-2624** and requesting your email be added to the weekly Hot List email.

Additional legislative tools on the Hot List include: *Find you legislative district, Contact your legislator, Tips on meeting with your legislator, How to write a letter to the editor*

14th ANNUAL SPRING SALE **WASHINGTON NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY** **SALAL CHAPTER**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013
10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

at the
NATIVE PLANT GARDEN AREA
In the

SKAGIT DISPLAY GARDENS
WSU'S NORTHWEST RESEARCH
& EXTENSION CENTER

16650 State Highway 536
Mt. Vernon, Washington

Expand – or Begin –
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Expect to find a good selection of native trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, ground covers and ferns.

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WOLF HOLLOW WILDLIFE REHAB CENTER CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehab Center is located on San Juan Island, but it serves Skagit County too! In fact more than half of its patients come from Anacortes, Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley, Bow, La Conner and surrounding areas. We have a network of *Animal Transport Volunteers*, who act as links in the chain to pick up these animals and get them out to Wolf Hollow.

We Urgently Need More Volunteers!

If you live in Skagit County and have time and a vehicle, we could use your help. No previous experience required. Initially you will be asked to pick up a box/carrier containing an animal and take it to another volunteer or to the ferry or Anacortes Airport. As you gain experience (and attend training sessions we offer from time to time) you can progress to assessing and rescuing a range of species.

Interested? Questions? Please call: 360-378-5000

Email: wolfhollow@wolfhollowwildlife.org.

SKAGIT AUDUBON HIKING

APRIL 2013

By Joan Melcher

April's hikes will range from Puget Sound to the Chuckanuts. Unexpected circumstances such as unforeseen trail problems, weather, logging, construction or road conditions may cause cancellations or changes in the following hikes. If you have questions or want information on any of the hikes, call JOAN MELCHER, 360-424-0407, or email at jdmelcher@comcast.net. All the hikes are on a WEDNESDAY. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 3 GUEMES ISLAND

The hike is 6.3 or 7.3 miles round trip on Guemes Island, 4 or 5 miles are on the road shoulder and 2.3 miles on the new trail to the top of Guemes Island. We will take the 9:45 a.m. ferry from Anacortes to Guemes. The ferry is located at 500 I Avenue. Round trip foot passenger fare is \$2.50 or \$1.50 for seniors. There is no set return time.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 10 WASHINGTON PARK, HEART LAKE, & LAKE ERIE

Terry Slotemaker (360-293-6514) or his designee will lead us on these two hikes scheduled in the spring to take advantage of wild flowers in bloom. Meet at 9 a.m. in **LOT A** at Washington Park in Anacortes. To get to Lot A, turn right just at the park entrance. The sign says "Picnic Area" with an arrow pointing to the right. A child's play area is close to this large parking lot. When you return to your car, you may leave for the Heart Lake hike. To get to Heart Lake, drive toward Anacortes from Washington Park. Turn right on D Avenue. Then turn left onto 32nd Street. Then turn right on H Avenue which will lead you to the Heart Lake Road and the parking lot.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 17 PINE & CEDAR LAKES, & RAPTOR RIDGE

Hike to two very pleasant lakes in the Chuckanut

Mountain area. They are up to 9.4 miles one way with shuttle cars with a 1,900 foot total elevation gain. The 1.7 mile uphill route from the Pine/Cedar Trailhead is steep. The 5.4 mile down-hill route via the new Raptor Ridge Trail down to the Lost Lake Trail and then on down to the North Chuckanut parking lot is less steep and will lead to Arroyo Park, the Interurban Trail, and finally the North Chuckanut parking lot. **Meet at 9:00 a.m.** at the North Chuckanut parking lot located off Chuckanut Drive just north of California Street at about milepost 18.5. At that time we will pool rides to the Pine/Cedar Lakes trailhead based on what time one wishes to arrive at the North Chuckanut parking lot at the end of the day. Then someone will need to shuttle drivers back to the Pine/Cedar Lakes trailhead. **First** return to the North Chuckanut Trail head will be 2:30 pm; **Second** return will be 3:00 p.m. Hikers may leave when they return to the cars except for those who will be involved in shuttling drivers back to the Pine/Cedar Lakes trailhead.

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 24 HOYPUS POINT, HOYPUS HILL, & ALA SPIT

Hike the 3.5 mile loop trail on Hoypus Point, moderate difficulty, about 300 foot elevation gain. One can add additional hikes in the adjoining Hoypus Hill area as

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this day because there will be a low tide at 11 a.m. and hikers should be able to access the Spit. The Hoypus areas are in Deception Pass State Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the trailhead at Cornet Bay in Deception Pass State Park. Cornet Bay has docking facilities and a rest room. You may leave when your carload is back to trailhead. Most people return between 12:30 & 1:00 p.m.

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:** longer and more strenuous. **Option 3:** shorter and less strenuous.

Contact Joan Melcher (360-424-0407 or jdmelcher@comcast.net) for information on these three options. Meeting time for the two more difficult **Option 1 and 2** is **8:30 a.m. at the Clayton Beach parking lot** at the south end of Larrabee State Park on Chuckanut Drive. Meeting time for the less difficult hike, **Option 3**, 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. **NOTE: WA. STATE DISCOVER PASS IS REQUIRED**

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the days have lengthened and songbirds start their activities with the dawn. We'll focus on songbirds, looking for early migrants that may include Common Yellowthroats and Tree Swallows. There is always a chance for a surprise bird. Beginners are welcome as are bird enthusiasts. Plan to walk a few miles and bird until noon; if the weather is nice this is a good place to eat lunch together. Every trip to this quiet birdy place at Northern State may be your last chance. Skagit County's elected leaders have big development plans in view for the county park.

Leader: Gary Bletsch, garybletsch@yahoo.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**Upriver Riparian areas, Middle Skagit River
7:00 a.m. to around 2:00 p.m.**

Meet at National Park Service/U.S. Forest Service Bldg. at 810 State Route 20. The birds will already have been up for over an hour. Join us as spring birds begin to arrive along the river. We'll start in Sedro-Woolley and work our way east, exploring good birding areas and seeking out the early songsters arriving from the South. Bring plenty of snacks and a lunch, dress for the weather. As always, every level of birding experience is welcome. We'll bird until we drop. This is a good opportunity to re-learn the spring bird songs.

Leader: Bob Kuntz, robert_kuntz@nps.gov

Beach Watchers Winter Lecture Series

Removal of the Elwa Dam and the Ecological Restoration of the Elwa River by Dean Butterworth

Friday, April 12, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Northwest Educational Service District Building
1601 R Ave., Anacortes**

The Elwa Dam is gone and the Glines Canyon Dam will be soon gone. The new, free-flowing river is moving sediments that have accumulated for years, and fish have new waters to explore. Come and listen to the tale of a river on the mend!

Lectures are Free & Open to the Public

New lecture location: Northwest Educational Service District Building, 1601 R Ave., Anacortes: from Q St., turn on Seafarer's Way, turn right onto R St. at the stop sign and go to the Northwest Educational Service District's parking lot. Lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by Friends of Skagit Beaches.

For more information contact Matt Kerschbaum:
cherrytree2@comcast.net

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**Port Susan Bay to the Skagit Flats
Shorebirds to Songbirds**

7:00 a.m. to around 12:00 p.m.

Timed early to coincide with a good high tide we'll go to the Nature Conservancy dike hoping to observe flocks of shorebirds in migration to Alaska. Meet at the Nature Conservancy property at the end of Boe road west, off Marine Drive, north of Warm Beach, south of Stanwood. Please email the leader, Libby Mills, if you plan to attend, as we need to sign waivers to walk on the dike at the Nature Conservancy's property. If you have already signed a waiver I'd still like to know if you plan to attend. We will visit another area or two after our start at Port Susan Bay and try to maximize our enjoyment of migratory songbirds. It depends how long we spend with shorebirds as to how the remainder of the morning will go. Leader: Libby Mills, libbymills@gmail.com

WEEKEND ~ APRIL, 5-7

**Olympic Bird Festival ~ Naturalist & Photographer
Keynote Speaker: Kevin Schafer olympicbirdfest.org**

ALSO: WEEKEND ~ APRIL, 5-7

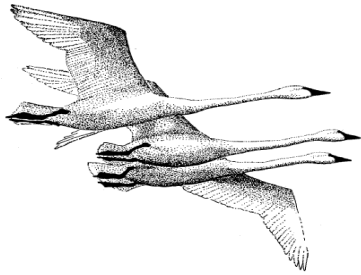
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Richard Johnson & Idie Ulsh**

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April 2013 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31	1	2 Board Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	3 Hike: Guemes Island	4	5 Olympic Bird Festival & ~ Othello Crane Festival ~ Both: April 5 - 7	6 Olympic Bird Festival & ~ Othello Crane Festival ~ Both: April 5 - 7
7 Olympic Bird Festival & ~ Othello Crane Festival ~ Both: April 5 - 7	8	9 General Meeting: Social 7:00 p.m./ Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10 Hike: Washington Park, Heart Lake, & Lake Erie	11	12 Beach Watchers Winter Lecture: The Elwa Dam & Ecological Restoration of the Elwa River	13 Field Trip: Northern State Trail
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