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SEPTEMBER 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.

**Sept. 10, Saturday
Vaux's Swift Roost
Sedro-Woolley, WA
6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**

September is a good time to catch the southward migration and nightly roosting of Vaux's Swifts at the former Northern

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SEPTEMBER MEETING AND PROGRAM

Salmon Habitat Restoration Project:

Fir Island

by *Belinda Rotton*

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center
10441 Bayview-Edison Road
Mt. Vernon, Washington



Photo by Jason Wettstein

On August 1, 2016 the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) implemented a salmon habitat restoration project of the Fir Island Farm Snow Goose Reserve. The Fir Island Farm Reserve is managed to provide wildlife viewing and agriculture that is compatible with providing snow goose forage. The project restored approximately 131 acres to intertidal estuary that is expected to benefit all species that utilize or rely on estuarine wetland habitat as a part of their life cycle, including salmon, forage fish, shorebirds, and waterfowl as a part of a long term restoration planning effort for Chinook recovery.

During this presentation, Skagit Wildlife Area Manager, Belinda Rotton, and WDFW Fir Island Farm Project Manager, Jenna Friebel, will describe the project and the expected changes at the site. WDFW staff will discuss the management of the site, snow goose population trends and long-term monitoring efforts.



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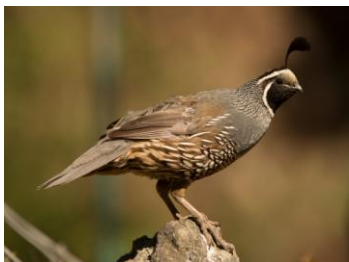
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California Quail

Often seen this summer with chicks

Photo by Joe Halton

MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS

General membership meetings of the Skagit Audubon Society are held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 1043 Bayview-Edison Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA—7:00 PM Social/ 7:30 PM Program—on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. The board of directors meets at the same location at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Skagit Audubon Society (SAS) membership provides a local chapter affiliation and newsletter, **The Flyer**, for individuals who want all their funds to benefit their local chapter. Newsletters from additional chapters can be sought by contacting their websites and membership chairs from links at <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 organization, in the amount of \$ _____
Donations of \$100.00 or more receive a personal field trip by a Skagit Audubon field trip leader.

Check one: New Membership Renewing Membership

Name _____

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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

Use the form below to initially join the **National Audubon Society**.

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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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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



Welcome back after summer break to a fall full of Audubon activities. These include monthly programs, field trips, hikes and volunteer opportunities from bird surveys to committees.

Conservation does not take the summer off. Our conservation chair Tim Manns continues to prioritize the many environmental issues keeping our chapter involved in both local and state concerns. Thank you for your support and attendance in June at the meeting on Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan Update. In July, Audubon members Jack Middleton and Scott Petersen volunteered their time and expertise to assist on the comment letter to the Washington Department of Ecology regarding the March Point Landfill cleanup.

Education had a busy summer with programs at area State Parks and Boys and Girls Clubs. Special thanks to Sheilia Pera, our Education Committee chair, for leading weekly bird activities for park visitors. Jean Ashby coordinated four owl programs at Deception Pass State Park with help from Sheilia Pera, Jane Brandt and Mark Perry. We receive many requests for education outreach and need more volunteers to meet demand. Assisting is easy and fun. Training will be provided for you.

Our Purple Martin monitors volunteered, June through mid-September, at several nesting sites. This breeding season's data is still being collected. Many of the new nesting boxes are already being used this year! Thanks to all of our members who built boxes, installed boxes and monitored sites this season. The project is making a difference for Purple Martins.

During August, Skagit Audubon continues to be active planning for the upcoming season. Libby Mills schedules field trips for the year with the assistance of the field trip committee. Joan Melcher plans hikes for fall. Phil Wright works on our annual budget with the help of the finance committee. Our newsletter and website updates are provided with the leadership of Jackie Boss and Ron Pera.

Hope this September you will plan to attend our monthly program, a field trip or hike.

SKAGIT AUDUBON SEPTEMBER CONSERVATION REPORT**By TIM MANN'S**

In early summer the Skagit County Commissioners approved the Comprehensive Plan Update including a 20-year list of proposed non-motorized transportation projects. Filling the Planning Commission's hearing room with people supporting inclusion of this list overwhelmed the few but persistent opponents and the opposition of key Planning Commission members. Your participation got the County Commissioners' attention and made an important difference.

In late July, Skagit Audubon sent comments to Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) on the agency's investigation of and preferred alternative for cleaning up March Point Landfill. Also known as Whitmarsh Dump, this long-closed site sits along March Point Road and Padilla Bay between the railroad tracks and the March Point heronry. Toxic substances leach from the landfill into the water and vent into the air. Audubon members Jack Middleton and Scott Petersen have been keeping track of the cleanup plans. Dr. Petersen applied his expertise in geology and hydrology to assess the DOE documents, leading to Skagit Audubon's suggesting a different preferred alternative, one more likely to prevent pollutants from escaping the site and to do so for longer. Audubon's comments also addressed the importance of timing cleanup activity to avoid disrupting nesting in the largest of the Salish Sea's great blue heronries.

About when this newsletter comes out we may see the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Tesoro's planned project to upgrade its Anacortes refinery and equip it to produce xylene, used in manufacturing plastics. A major concern is the associated large increase in marine traffic delivering petroleum from which the xylene would be extracted and then exporting it overseas.

This fall the draft Environmental Impact Statement for Shell Anacortes' rail project should appear. We will look closely at how well it addresses reasonably foreseeable impacts from the point of origin of the Bakken and
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tar sands crude oil to the refinery and on to where the refined fuels are burned. Of particular concern locally are potential environmental impacts from spills into the Skagit River or Padilla and Fidalgo Bays and other Salish Sea waters.

Tesoro-Savage's proposed oil trans-shipment terminal on the Columbia River at Vancouver relates to both of the above projects. At this writing, the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council is working on its recommendation to Governor Inslee. The Vancouver City Council, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, and others have joined thousands of individuals in opposing approval of this facility. Many believe the hundreds of tank cars daily carrying highly volatile crude oil to the proposed terminal and the large increase in oil tanker and barge traffic on the Columbia would pose unacceptable risks to communities and the environment.

Skagit Audubon is tracking other issues which I'll address in future newsletters and at monthly meetings. Examples include whether or not our chapter should support Carbon Washington's Initiative 732, which will be on the November ballot. Some Audubon chapters and the state board are in support; others are opposed or neutral. An issue which recently surfaced is that Skagit is one of very few Washington counties paying dues to the American Lands Council. This group lobbies for large-scale transfer of certain federal lands to state or local ownership. Its president, a Montana state senator, wrote an op-ed supporting the ideology of the armed occupiers of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge during that episode. Is this membership an appropriate expenditure of Skagit County tax dollars?

SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES: MAY 21 TO AUGUST 16, 2016

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 **Pam Pritzl**
birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org or **360-387-7024**.

WATERFOWL

Greater White-fronted Goose 2 at Cumberland Creek area on 5-29 (NO)

Blue-winged Teal 1 at K-Mart Pond in Burlington on 5-22 (GB) Gary reports that some observers this summer have been reporting BWTE that are actually Green-winged Teal at Skagit Wildlife Area.

Common Goldeneye 1 at March Point on 5-22 (GB)

Common Merganser 450 at Jensen Access on 8-12 (GB)

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

California Quail 2 adults with 10 tiny babies at March Point on 8-10 (GB)

LOONS

Pacific Loon 2 at Samish Island on 5-22 (GB)

GREBES

Western Grebe 1 at Rosario Head on 7-31 (GB)

PELICANS

American White Pelican 11 on Padilla Bay on 6-1 (SE, MK); 42 on Padilla Bay on 6-7 (VKB via Kirk Patterson); 30 on Padilla Bay on 6-9 (DR); flock circling over orange bridge in La Conner on 6-10 (RJ); 28 at Bay View on 6-11 (GB)

HERONS and ALLIES

American Bittern 2 at Northern State Recreation Area on 8-10 (GB)

Great Egret 3 at Channel Drive on 8-16 (ATe)

Green Heron 1 at Northern State Recreation Area on 8-10 (GB)

HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES

Cooper's Hawk 1 juvenile at the Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-13 (AW)

Red-tailed Hawk Red-tail parents fledged 1 chick at east Fidalgo Island home on 6-20 (RW)

OYSTERCATCHERS

Black Oystercatcher 21 at Washington Park, Anacortes on 6-13 (NO)

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover 88 at West-90 on 8-7 (GB)

Semipalmated Plover 17 at West-90 on 8-7 (GB)

SANDPIPERS, PHALAROPES, and ALLIES

Solitary Sandpiper 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-12 (GB)

Greater Yellowlegs several at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-13 (AW)

Lesser Yellowlegs several at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-13 (AW)

Long-billed Curlew 1 at March Point on 8-12 (RM)

Black Turnstone 1 at West-90 on 8-7 (GB)

Stilt Sandpiper 1 adult at Skagit Wildlife Area on 7-16 (RM); 1 at Channel Drive on 8-2 (GB); 2 juveniles at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-12 (RM); 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-13 (AW)

Baird's Sandpiper 1 at West-90 on 8-7 (GB); 12 at

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Jensen Access on 8-12 (RM)

Least Sandpiper 2 at Rockport on 8-5; 2 at Thunder Arm on 8-6 (RM)

Pectoral Sandpiper 1 at Channel Drive on 8-2 (GB)
Semipalmated Sandpiper 4 at Channel Drive on 8-2 (GB)

Wilson's Phalarope 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-7 (GB)

Red-necked Phalarope 1 at Channel Drive on 8-2 and 8-14 (GB)

GULLS and TERNS

Ring-billed Gull 1 at Thunder Arm on 8-6 (RM)

DOVES and PIGEONS

Band-tailed Pigeon 12+ with young at Camano Island home throughout July (SRP)

OWLS

Northern Pygmy-Owl 1 on Sauk Mountain on 6-12 (GB)

Barred Owl 1 on Camano Island on 8-6 (AT)

NIGHTHAWKS

Common Nighthawk 1 at NP213 Road on 6-4 (GB)

SWIFTS

Black Swift 4 at Big Four Meadows on 6-30 (SAS)

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker 1 at east Fidalgo Island home on 8-14 (RW)

American Three-toed Woodpecker 1 between Rainy and Cutthroat Passes on 8-9 (GB)

Pileated Woodpecker 2 "pink headed" juvenile with parents at east Fidalgo Island home on 7-11 (RW)

FLYCATCHERS

Gray Flycatcher 1 at Barnaby Slough on 5-28 (GB)

Unusual on west side

Dusky Flycatcher 1 at Porcupine Mt. Slide on 8-6 (GB)

Western Kingbird 1 at Bryson Road on 8-11 (GB)

Eastern Kingbird 1 at Grandy Lake on 6-12; 5 in Hamilton on 8-14 (GB); 3 at the Skagit Wildlife Area on 7-2 (KC, MC)

VIREOS

Cassin's Vireo 1 at Porcupine Mountain on 8-6 (RM)

CORVIDS

Common Raven 2 fledglings at east Fidalgo Island home on 6-12 (RW)

SWALLOWS

Purple Martin 7 at Rosario Head on 8-12 (RM)

Bank Swallow 105 at Sauk Prairie on 7-8 (RM)

CHICKADEES

Mountain Chickadee 2 between Rainy and Cutthroat Passes on 8-9 (GB)

BUSHTITS

Bushtit 10, including some juveniles at east Fidalgo home since 7-26 (RW)

WRENS

House Wren 4 at Sauk Prairie on 7-17; 7 on Bryson Road on 7-17, 4 at Corkindale Creek on 7-17; 2 at Newhalem on 7-17 (RM); 1 at Marblemount Boat Launch on 8-3 (GB); 3 at Rosario Head on 8-5 (RM)

THRUSHES

Mountain Bluebird 1 on Salk Mountain on 7-24 (GB)

THRASHERS

Brown Thrasher 1 at Healy Road on 6-13 **RARE** (GB)

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing family of 5 with juveniles at east Fidalgo Island home on 8-10 (RW)

WARBLERS

Nashville Warbler 5 at Porcupine Mt. on 8-6 (RM)

American Redstart 1 in Sauk Valley on 6-4 (GB); 1 at Darrington on 8-15 (RM)

Yellow Warbler 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-13 (AW)

Black-throated Gray Warbler 1 at Camano Island on 6-7 (SRP)

Yellow-breasted Chat 1 on Martin Road on 5-28 (GB); 1 at Burlington home on 6-9 (JKW)

SPARROWS and ALLIES

Lark Sparrow 1 at Newhalem Ag Ponds on 6-15 (RM)

Lincoln Sparrow 1 at Darrington on 8-5 (RM)

TANAGERS and ALLIES

Western Tanager male and female at Camano Island home first couple weeks of August (SRP)

Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1 on Healy Road on 5-21 (GB) **UNUSUAL**

Black-headed Grosbeak 10 with young at Camano Island home throughout July (SRP)

BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES

Yellow-headed Blackbird 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 7-16 (NO); 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 8-5 (RM); 3 or 4 at West-90 on 8-7 (GB)

FINCHES and ALLIES

Pine Grosbeak 2 at Swamp Creek on 8-6 (RM)

1 between Rainy and Cutthroat Passes on 8-9 (GB)

American Goldfinch 20+ with young at Camano Island home throughout July (SRP)

White-winged Crossbill 1 at Hardy Burn parking lot on 8-6 (RM)

MAMMALS:

Orca 4 at Rosario Head on 7-31 (GB)

(GB) Gary Bletsch; (KC) Kathryn Cavil; (MC) Morty Cohen; (SE) Sue Ehler; (RJ) Rosie Jansen; (MK) Matt Kerschbaum; (VBK) Von & Betty Kuehn; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (NO) Neil O'Hara; (SRP) Sheila and Ron Pera; (DR) Diane Rise; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Society Field Trip; (ATe) Alice Textor; (AT) Alice Turner; (AW) Andrea Warner; (RW) Regan Weeks; (JKW) Jan & Keith Wiggers



Keep in mind that weather conditions, forest fires and smoke, logging, construction, aggressive bears or other unexpected circumstances may cause changes in the following hikes. For information on the September 7th, 14th, and 21st hikes, call **RONAN ELLIS**, 360-420-5659 or e-mail him at ronaniellis@gmail.com. For information on the Sept. 28st hike call **JOAN MELCHER**, 360-424-0407 or e-mail her at jdmelcher@comcast.net if you have questions. All hikes are on a Wednesday. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If they are on a hike, dogs must be leashed at all times. ***Means that a Northwest Forest Pass or a federal Senior Pass is required for parking.**

***WED. – AUG. 31 – MAPLE PASS LOOP**

This is one of Ira Spring's and Harvey Manning's "100 Classic Hikes in Washington". It is a 7.5 mile loop with a 2,000 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. The return to the trailhead is at 3:30 p.m.

***WED. – SEPT. 7 – CUTTHROAT PASS**

Do this hike on a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail as either a round trip of 10 or 11 miles, or as a one way hike, 10.5 miles. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. At 4 p.m. return to the trailhead.

***WED. – SEPT. 14 MOUNT PILCHUCK**

OR LAKE 22

This hike is 6 miles round trip with a 2,300 ft. elevation gain. Over 2/3 of this hike is on rock of various kinds. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot. At 2:30 p.m. return to the trailhead. If the weather is foul, do **LAKE 22** instead. This hike is a 5.5 miles round trip with a 1,400 ft. elevation gain. Big trees and waterfalls are included in this hike around the Lake. Meet at 8 a.m. in the Mt. Vernon Safeway parking lot. Audubon South hikers may go directly to the trailhead. At 2:30 p.m. return to the trailhead.

***WED. – SEPT. 21 – SCHREIBER'S MEADOW**

Choose from three options — 1) Railroad Grade, 2) Park Butte, or 3) Scott Paul Trail. If the weather is good there are great views. Watch for significant

streams to cross by rock hopping or wading. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. 4 p.m. is the return time to the trailhead.

***WED. – SEPT. 28 – BAKER LAKE FROM THE NORTH, DOWN TO NOISY CREEK**

Hike over the Baker River Bridge, the Blum Creek Bridge, and along the northern section of the Baker Lake Trail to Noisy Creek and back. This hike is 9.2 miles round trip with a slight elevation gain. Meet at 8 a.m. on the east side of the parking lot at the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion. A Northwest Forest Parking Permit is required. At 3 p.m. return to the trailhead.

***WED. – OCT. – 5 – IRON GOAT TRAIL**

This trail, on the old Great Northern route, connects Wellington and Scenic. There are different starting and ending point options. Use shuttle cars if needed. There is a 1,000 ft. elevation gain if you hike uphill between Scenic and Wellington. The hike is 5 to 10 miles, depending on the route taken. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mt. Vernon Safeway. A flashlight is recommended, if you wish to walk through the Windy Point tunnel. Seattle, Snohomish County, and Camano Island hikers can meet the group at the Skykomish Ranger Station, located a few miles east of Skykomish on Highway 2 at 9 a.m. A Northwest Forest Parking Permit is required. At 3 p.m. return to Scenic.

Putting a Price on Carbon – Why Audubon Washington Supports I-732

by Gail Gatton, Executive Director, Audubon Washington

On your election ballot this fall will be **Initiative 732**—a tax on the consumption of fossil fuels that is balanced with reductions in the state sales tax for consumers and the business and occupation (B&O) tax for manufacturers. We could be the **first state in the nation** to put a tax on carbon pollution and lead the way to a clean energy future.

What is Initiative 732? Visit <http://wa.audubon.org/732> or contact Gail Gatton at ggatton@audubon.org



ACOW 2016 – Wenatchee, WA

Register for the 2016 annual meeting of the Audubon Council of Washington (ACOW.) ACOW is our annual statewide meeting where members from all Audubon Chapters in Washington gather together for a weekend of information sharing, action opportunities, and fellowship. The theme of this year's meeting is the management of public lands.

Date: Sat., Oct. 8, 2016 **Location:** Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, #102, Wenatchee, WA

Agenda and Information: <http://wa.audubon.org/events/audubon-council-washington>

Registration: \$35 at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2564495>

Highlights at the 2016 ACOW meeting:

- The candidates for Commissioner of Public Lands – Dave Upthegrove and Hilary Franz – will speak.
- An update on the Dept. of Natural Resource's Long Term Conservation Strategy for the Marbled Murrelet.
- Agency experts from the US Forest Service, WA Department of Fish & Wildlife, WA Department of Natural Resources, and the Bureau of Land Management will partake in a panel discussion regarding fire ecology and management plans for Eastern Washington.
- A visit from David Ringer – National Audubon's first Chief Network Officer. David oversees the health, vitality, capacity, diversity and strength of Audubon's vast distributed network.

Until Oct. 7th - A block of rooms at \$158 (King) and \$178 (two Queen) per night is being held at the Comfort Suites at the Park, 195 E. Penny Road, Wenatchee. For reservations call (509) 662-1818. AUDUBON is the group name.

Until Sept. 17th - A second block of rooms at \$99 (one Queen) and \$109 (two Queen) per night is being held at Super 8 Wenatchee, 1404 N. Miller St., Wenatchee. For reservations call (509) 662-3443. AUDUBON SOCIETY is the group name.

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State Hospital and "Vic's 66" in downtown Sedro-Woolley. The old powerhouse stack where swifts roost is a designated Important Bird Area (IBA) due to thousands using it spring and fall enroute to and from Latin America. As night falls fast-flying swifts converge above the towering stack in a great swirl before diving in. The view at Vic's can be even better. On prime (i.e. rainless) evenings, this is one of Skagit's great avian phenomena. On rainy days, entry time is unpredictable. **If Sept. 10 is rainy, we'll try again on the 11th.**

Bring binoculars, folding chair, spotting scope (optional). Dress for the weather. Meet in front of the National Park Service/U.S. Forest Service office in Sedro-Woolley (810 State Route 20, just west of where Highway 9 turns north) at 6:15 p.m. to arrange carpools. We'll decide then whether to visit Northern State or Vic's 66 depending on which has been attracting more swifts. If you plan to attend: **Contact: Tim Manns**

360-336-8753 or bctm@fidalgo.net

Sept. 17, Saturday

Dragonflies

Anacortes, WA

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join us for a fun exploration of the many species of dragonflies and damselflies found in Anacortes.

We will also focus on their fascinating behavior, including the exciting splash-dunk and spin-dry. Meet at Heart Lake (near Mt. Erie, on Heart Lake Road) at 11:00 am. Once in the parking lot, go as far toward the water as possible, then turn left and park in the large area where horse trailers are often parked. There should be plenty of room for parking in that area.

Around 12:30 pm we will leave Heart Lake and proceed to Volunteer Park in Anacortes (detailed directions will be given before we depart). Gather in the parking area just west of the intersection of G Avenue and 13th Street. We will use the nice facilities there, and take a short break for lunch before carpooling to Cranberry Lake, where parking is limited. Once at Cranberry Lake we will observe species of dragonflies not seen at Heart Lake, and keep a close watch for splash-dunks and spin-drys.

This is the best location, and the best time of year, to see this fascinating behavior. We should finish up around 3:00 pm.

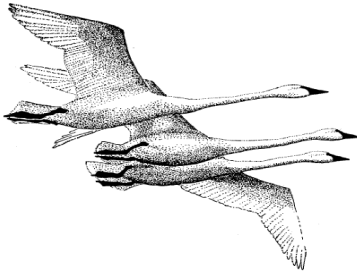
If the weather looks iffy on Saturday, but better on Sunday, we will send out an update changing the date. We will try to give a couple days advance notice. If the weather looks bad both days we'll try another weekend. For more information:

Contact: Jim and Betsy Walker

360-293-3036, or jswphys@aol.com



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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016

Audubon Council of Washington

Confluence Technology Center
Wenatchee, WA

Hosted by North Central Washington Audubon
& Eastern Washington Chapters

September 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
Aug 28	Aug 28	Aug 28	Aug 31 Hike: Maple Pass Loop	1	2	3
4	5	6 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00 PM	7 Hike: Cutthroat Pass	8	9	10 Field Trip: Vaux's Swift Roost Sedro-Woolley
11	12	13 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Hike: Mt. Pilchuck or Lake 22	15	16	17 Field Trip: Dragonflies Anacortes
18	19	20	21 Hike: Schriber's Meadow	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Hike: Baker Lake Oct. 1 Hike: Iron Goat Trail	29	30	Oct. 1

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