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The Yakima Valley Audubon Society is people dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of the natural world. Through birding, education and conservation activities in our community, we raise awareness and promote the cause of global environmental protection.

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MAY PROGRAM BILL DRENGUIS

Dave Biddle Local Photographer

Our May 28th program will feature flowers of our area. He is often found shooting landscape and animal photos around the Valley. You may have seen the Nov 2, 2014, article about him in the Herald. Or how about the amazing photos that line the meeting room at the Arboretum? Yep, those were all taken by Dave.

Biddle retired from the Air Force in 1984, moving to Central Washington in 1989. He took up photography as a casual hobby and soon discovered the wildlife and

He states that unlike people, the wildlife does not complain about having their picture taken.

Rather than emphasizing ornithology, Dave will be sharing the techniques and tips that enable him to create his remarkable pictures of birds, animals, flowers and landscapes.



Dave Biddle greets a subject

Come to the Yakima Area Arboretum on May 28, at 7:00 pm to see this program.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ANDY STEPNIEMSKI

Last month, your Yakima Valley Audubon Society renewed its annual financial commitment to our state group, Audubon Washington. As we are usually busy with local activities such as fieldtrips, the Vredenburg Bluebird Trail, Toppenish NWR, the Hoeger Preserve, and others, I want to take the time to tell you about some of the very important conservation work Audubon Washington is working on which are supported by our contribution.

Our state organization is working on several initiatives, including **shrub-steppe conservation**.

From Audubon Washington's website: "Through policy, education, and community science, Audubon is working to protect and conserve the valuable sagebrush shrub-steppe and grassland resources of beautiful Eastern Washington. I have told you about our participation in the collaborative community science project Audubon Washington and its chapters with the Washington Department of Wildlife to establish a

long-term sagebrush avian census. Three target species - Sagebrush Sparrow, Sage Thrasher, and Brewer's Sparrow - function as "umbrella" species for other birds with similar sagebrush and shrub steppe habitat associations. Some of the best remaining habitat for these and other sage obligate species is public land owned or managed by Washington state.

Audubon and others are working to recover the Greater Sage Grouse, in order to prevent a 2015 Threatened ESA listing and resulting regulations. The Bureau of Land Management is re-writing 95 management plans in the western US as part of its National Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy. Audubon Washington and eastern Washington chapters will propose language for the 425,000-acre BLM Spokane District plan to increase long-term grouse viability and benefit the sagebrush steppe ecosystem.

We submitted a public scoping letter for the Environmental Impact Statement to Bureau of Land Management

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Spokane district office. We anticipate a Spokane District Environmental Impact Statement release in Fall 2013 followed by a 90-Day Draft EIS Public Comment Period.

Sample grouse provisions for planning:

1. Apply Audubon Rockies Core Area Strategy to the Spokane District Resource Management Plan.
2. Protect 120,000 acres for species recovery in Washington state.
3. Designate protocols to restrict disturbances during grouse mating, nesting and brood rearing.
4. Establish re-colonization units and connectivity areas.

In November 2014, 160 chapters across 35 states representing 96,048 members signed a letter addressed to Secretary Jewell regarding the BLMs efforts to conserve the Greater Sage Grouse. Because the Washington State Audubon Conservation Committee passed a resolution on this issue in 2013, we were able to add the signatories of all 25 Audubon Chapters in Washington State. ”

Also affecting us in eastern Washington is the loss of birdlife due to climate change. Audubon Washington is part of the conservation efforts to reverse this alarming trend. “The Audubon **Birds and Climate Change** Report is a first-of-its-kind study that predicts how climate change could affect the ranges of 588 North American birds. A product of seven years of research, the report calls upon three decades of citizen-scientist observations from the Audubon Christmas Bird Count and the North American Breeding Bird Survey to define the ideal "climatic range" for each bird species--the range of temperatures, precipitation, and seasonal changes each needs to survive. Then, Audubon scientists mapped where each bird's ideal climate range might be found in the future as the climate changes. The results are shocking: Nearly half of the bird species in the continental U.S. and Canada are seriously threatened by 2080, and without action, many are at risk of extinction. To view interactive future range maps for the 314 most at-risk species, visit audubon.org/climate. On a local level, the data pinpoints 113 "climate-endangered" bird species that occur in Washington state that may lose 50% or more of their habitat by 2050, according to the projections. Washington species such as the Rufous Hummingbird, Bald Eagle and even the currently abundant Mallard could lose as much as 75% of their existing habitat, threatening their long-term survival.”

Another project of our state and National organization is fostering awareness of developing **Bird Friendly Communities**: “Most Americans live in cities or suburbs, and people can play a critical role in fostering healthy wildlife populations and communities. Rural regions have an outsized oppor-

tunity to contribute. As the leading voice for birds, Audubon can inspire the one in five adults who watch birds to make daily lifestyle choices that add up to real conservation impact.”

The Though Yakima residents live distant from saltwater, we clearly recognize marine ecosystem health is paramount in fostering marine bird populations. Audubon Washington is involved in the **Coastal Stewardship - Marine Birds and Forage Fish** initiative. “The Salish Sea and the outer coastal waters of the Pacific Northwest are areas of critical importance for marine birds within the Pacific Flyway. Seventy-two bird species are considered highly dependent on the marine and intertidal habitats of the Salish Sea and an additional 100 species depend on the marine and terrestrial habitats for some portion of their life history needs.

The number of marine birds wintering in the Salish Sea has declined significantly in the last 30 years. While many naturally occurring and human-driven factors are potentially responsible for these trends, the degradation of breeding and foraging habitat and changing ocean conditions due to climate change are of particular conservation concern.

One of the key ecosystem services provided by nearshore habitats is their role as spawning areas and nursery grounds for forage fish. These birds rely on the rich invertebrate, shellfish, and forage fish prey resources that thrive in this zone, particularly during the overwintering and migratory stop-over periods.

In development: A campaign designed to help us learn more about forage fish populations, and steward conservation efforts for marine birds in Washington and along the Pacific Flyway.”

Audubon Washington scientist Trina Bayard was in the forefront just this week on a campaign to withdraw a pesticide permit issued for the benefit of Willapa Bay shellfish farmers. Trina wrote: “I hope you'll join us in celebrating the news that the permit to spray imidacloprid in Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor is being withdrawn (See <http://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/environment/dept-of-ecology-growers-cancel-pesticide-permit-affecting-oysters-2/>). This is a huge victory for birds and other wildlife in our coastal estuaries and I couldn't be more pleased with the outcome. I can't tell you how heartening it was to see the response from across our network and the public at large as we strategized about how to appeal the permit. Thank you so much for your passion and dedication.

Yakima Audubon is fortunate to be a part of Audubon Washington, an energetic and powerful steward for habitat conservation in our state.



MEMBERSHIP

JOY MCKINNEY

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Yakima: Rosie Drewniany, Dorothy Warren, Steve and Grace Shaul

Thank you for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Naches: Peggy Briskey

Seattle: Birgitta Beck, Teri Martine

Yakima: Beth Atkin, Susie Lattomus, Bill Drenguis, Gary and Sharon Slagle, Edith and Bill Ryan, Lee and Ellen Hunsperger, Bob and Carrie Chicken, Don and Jane Gargas, Connie Hughes, Greg and Elizabeth Bohn

Please note that the above membership renewals are for Yakima Valley Audubon membership. Renewals to National Audubon are separate and are not listed here.

Nile Family Robinson—Decades of Dedication

In this issue, we pause to pay tribute to the contributions of one of Yakima Valley Audubon Society's most prolific volunteer couples, Larry and Doris Robinson.

Larry served on our board of directors from 1998 thru 2009, serving first as a Director and then as Field Trips Chairman. During that span, he and Doris hosted scores of meetings at their beautifully landscaped Nile Valley log home. They arrived in the valley from the Enumclaw area and transformed a field of weeds into something extraordinary for humans and wildlife. Not only did they give tours of their garden for numerous groups, they entertained YVAS board meetings, field trip planning meetings and summer retreats. The flowers, food (Doris provided homemade soup and baked treats) and the birds scintillated one's senses...eyes, ears, nose and taste buds to almost total saturation.

By the time Larry joined our board of directors, the National Wildlife Federation had recognized their property as a Certified Wildlife Habitat site. Larry churned out a variety of bird feeders from his workshop and they were purchasing seed by the pickup load. Views of a ridge to the north yielded Golden Eagles. A pine at the end of the drive drew a Northern Goshawk while a tree near the pump house once featured a Northern Pigmy Owl. A Sandhill Crane landed in their grassy pasture, ducks floated by in an irrigation ditch. Nest boxes Larry put up housed bluebirds that responded to his whistle on cold spring days to be rewarded with mealworms. The log home featured nests of Barn and Cliff Swallows. Hummingbirds buzzed busily about Doris's abundant flowers and sipped nectar from multiple feeders. But perhaps the most unusual visitors were the White-headed Woodpeckers that came to their porch to nibble on Larry's homemade suet. Yes, plural on those woodpeckers as Larry came to recognize individuals by their wing markings.



Larry ties the knot on #5

Larry and Doris manned a booth for YVAS at Nile Valley Days for several years. They have been generous bidders at our annual Silent Auction and their home features Debie Brown wall-hangings as well as artwork of Floyd Broadbent. Larry continues to donate well crafted nest boxes and feeders to the auction. Larry, for years, was a regular volunteer at Arborfest, arriving early for set up and staying through take down. Larry also was a fixture on both Christmas Bird Counts and our annual Birdathon.

At the 2002 Board Retreat, then President Leslie Wahl bestowed the President's Award on Larry for his exhaustive contributions, characterizing Larry as the ultimate volunteer as one who continually stepped forward to fill a need. Many times Larry would remark that he was unsure of how to best accomplish a task but that he was willing to learn.

What are the Robinsons' contributions to the Vredenburg Bluebird Trail? Not as easy a question as it might first seem because both Larry and Doris have been active in many aspects of the trail for years. For years

they participated in the spring cleanout, signed up to monitor the trail during the breeding season, often making a second or third run if monitors are lacking, and have sponsored two boxes.

On Larry's first cleanout, he was already prepared to make necessary repairs to boxes. Within a couple of years, he was fashioning replacement boxes for the most worn ones on the trail. Larry analyzed the existing boxes, researched for new ideas and built a few prototypes to experiment with. In a short time, Larry came up with a basic design with a hinged roof that continued the ease of viewing that those original boxes featured but that also incorporated a front that swung open to facilitate cleaning. A major drawback of the older boxes was that used nests and debris had to be pulled out through the top.

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As the boxes are frequently chest high on even our taller monitors, this meant the dirty nests laden with feather dust were extracted at eye level, resulting in unwanted particulates bathing eyes and noses.

And a box could not be cleaned with a single reach and withdrawal. Early monitors had an array of favorite scrapers, brushes and bent lids to lift out the uncooperative dirt and dust. Several minutes would be spent cleaning each box. With the new swinging fronts, even the messiest boxes can be rendered spotless in thirty seconds with minimal exposure to the dusty debris.

Once the design was perfected, Larry set about replacing

all the 132 nest boxes on the Vredenburg Trail which took several years. Each year, four or five boxes need to be replaced due to damage (too often shot to pieces) or disappearance. A rough estimate of the number of new boxes Larry has churned out would likely be 180 to 200 boxes.

For a couple who did not join Audubon until after they retired, Larry and Doris have amassed a volume of volunteer accomplishments that is staggering. As a small token to acknowledge their combined contributions, the Board of Directors has elected to permanently dedicate Box 32 on the Vredenburg Trail to the Robinsons. Well done, Doris and Larry!

— *YVAS Board of Directors* —



FIELD TRIPS
SCOTT DOWNES

Thursday Morning Birdwalks now start at 7:30. A walk every Thursday this summer. For more information, contact the Zooks either by phone at (509) 225-9494 or by email at gadzooks7@charter.net

May 22–25 (Fri-Mon) – The annual Memorial Day weekend Wenas Audubon Campout at the Wenas Creek Campground on Audubon Road. This casual and friendly gathering offers a variety of activities, including birding field trips, flower walks, field sketching, and bat and owl prowls. You do not need to be an Audubon member to attend. Drive up for a day or camp. All are welcome. Visit (www.wenasaudubon.org) for directions and complete information.

May 23 (Saturday) – Oak Creek Canyon. Please contact field trip leader Denny Granstrand at dgranstrand@gmail.com with any questions. Oak Creek Canyon is an under-birded area with lots of potential. A couple of years ago, a Chestnut-sided Warbler and Eastern Phoebe were found there! Regular nesting species include Lewis's Woodpecker, Cassin's Vireo, Nashville Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak and Lazuli Bunting. We will traverse a variety of habitats, ending in the coniferous forest. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at 40th Ave. Bi-Mart for this all-day trip.

May 30 (Saturday)- Cowiche Canyon. Join Joe and Karen Zook on May 30 for a trip through Cowiche Canyon. This riparian gem is full of birds, with interesting plants and scenic beauty as a bonus. We will be looking for Yellow-breasted Chat, Lazuli Bunting, Bullock's oriole, and Rock and Canyon wrens. There are many other interesting birds to be found there as well. The trail through Cowiche Canyon runs along Cowiche creek for approx. three miles. The trail crosses the creek nine times as it winds its way through the canyon. We will meet at the East trailhead on Cowiche Canyon Road (directions to follow) at 7:00 a.m. We will hike to the Weikel trailhead, then turn around and hike back, for a good six mile round trip. The trail is mostly flat with loose gravel in places. Bring snacks, water, and lunch if you would like. Bring insect repellent, sunscreen and dress for the weather. We should be done by 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m.

June 7 (Sunday), Mt Adams area. Please contact field trip leader Eric Heisey at magicman32@rocketmail.com with any questions. This trip to a seldom birded area of Yakima County should produce some great birds, and some birds not often seen in Yakima County. Main targets will be Hermit and Black-throated Gray Warbler, though we will also be looking for American Three-toed and Black-backed Woodpeckers, Red-breasted Sapsucker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and other mountain birds of higher elevations. Band-tailed Pigeons and Hutton's Vireo have also been reported from the area, which would be a great birds for the area. This trip will meet at 5:00 am at the Branding Iron in Toppenish (rather early, I know) due to the long drive to get to the area. It will be a full day trip, so plan on bringing food and beverages, sunscreen and bug spray will be a good idea.

June 13 (Sat.), Bethel Ridge. Please contact field trip leader Jeff Kozma at jcr_5105@charter.net with any questions. We will be meeting at 7:00 AM at the Bi Mart parking lot on 40th behind McDonald's on June 13th for a birding trip up Bethel Ridge from the HWY 12 side. We will start at Hause Creek Campground birding for low elevation riparian birds then moving up through the ponderosa pine zone. Throughout the day we will climb in elevation until we reach near the top of Bethel Ridge in the sub-alpine fir and talus zone. We will work our way up through multiple burned areas, wet meadows (or dry!) and aspen groves. In addition to the variety of birds and habitats, woodpecker diversity is also high. We may have the possibility of seeing Hairy, White-headed, Black-backed, Amer. Three-toed Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, and Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers. We have also seen/heard Downy and Pileated Woodpeckers on past trips. We usually have quite a species list when finished due to the variety of habitats we moved through. Please bring something to eat, drink, sturdy shoes (we won't entirely stick to the roads when walking), sunscreen, tick repellent, and dress for the weather. It tends to start out cool in the morning but warms up throughout the day so dress in layers. Also, we will try to carpool as much as possible. Based on past trips, we will probably be back to Bi Mart no later than 4:00 p.m.

Refuge Owls Welcome Walkers



Shara Wright (L), Richard Repp (R) pose with the legendary Jeanne Crawford

On April 16, the YVAS early Thursday morning bird walk migrated south to the Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge to join forces with the Cascadian's hiking group, the Pokies. Eight knowledgeable YVAS birders (Karen & Joe Zook, Mike Roper, Kevin Lucas, Jan Gano, Joy McKinney, Elizabeth Bohn, and Loretta Olson) took around twenty-some Cascadians and myself under their wing for a long exciting whirl-breeze birding tour around the refuge.

Karen managed to keep a species list while dispersing infor-

mation and answering questions. Her tally sheet for the day came in at a very respectable 45 species considering that the ponds and wetlands harbored fewer birds than expected. On the other hand, the refuge was hugely saturated with Yellow-rumped Warblers and White-crowned Sparrows. Also present in the area were a trio of Common Yellowthroats. Often secretive, we were extremely fortunate in having one Yellowthroat dancing among the tule tops for a fairly long time. The Great Horned Owl nestlings in the tree near the visitor center greeted the first wave of arriving humanoids but then hunkered down when the main body of Pokies arrived. I guess they were saving themselves for the grand finale of the walk because both of the nestlings were standing tall as the group of returned for a picnic type lunch on the center's grounds. But the grandest sighting of the day came towards the end of the walk when a yellow-hatted Jeanne Crawford ambled into view, arriving fashionably late. Jeanne has organized the Pokies Thursday outings for the past fifteen years and recently handed the reins over to the newly 'hired' Shara Wright. Now was it the yellow hat that stimulated the owlets or were they straining to glimpse a view of the most famous Pokie/Auduboner of them all? I think the nestlings were just clicking their bills in delight just to see her. While it would have been nice to have notched a few more birds, I am confident that nothing slipped through the cracks or escaped our team of birders. Bless them for sharing! Lastly, an extra thanks goes out to Mike, Joe, Kevin and Jan for lug-ging their scopes for the entire loop. Also, we all appreciate Refuge Manager Rich Albers and his staff members Robert Luna and Laci Bristow for opening the visitor center and refuge grounds for this fun outing.

— *Richard Repp* —

YVAS loses another long-time member: Kay Marsh—March 17, 1924 to April 30, 2015

Kay Marsh, a longtime Yakima Valley Audubon member and former member of the board of directors, died on April 30, 2015. She had been in failing health for some time.

I met Kay on the Yakima Christmas Bird Count in 1980. In the car with us were Zee Butler, who I birded with quite frequently after moving back to Yakima in 1978, and Helen Wilson. At the time, I thought I was being slowed down by a group of old ladies, but Kay was only 56 at the time and Zee perhaps ten years older. We had a good time despite our age differences. And we did find some good birds!

Kay and Zee were close friends and birded together frequently. They also co-authored the first guide to birding in our area, "Birding in Southcentral Washington", published in 1983. Kay even autographed my copy!

"Birding in Southcentral Washington" might seem simplistic compared to today's grandiose productions but in 1983 it seemed to fit the bill. There was a section titled "Birding by the Month", which guided you to the best birding locations for each month.

The site guide section covered locations from Cle Elum to the Potholes to Tri-Cities. It was a well-done book of which

Kay and Zee were quite proud.

Kay received her Masters Degree in Public Health Nursing Service Administration from Columbia University in 1955 and started working for the United States Public Health Service. She retired in 1978 with the rank of captain.

Birding certainly wasn't Kay's only interest. She enjoyed tai chi, bridge, hiking and bonsai. She was the president of the Pacific Northwest Bonsai Clubs Association from 2002-2004.

She also enjoyed music and bought a mountain dulcimer from me in the early 1980s, when I was building them. She even took a few lessons from me. I think her dulcimer spent most of its time hanging on the wall, though.

Kay Marsh, one of our early members, will be missed.

— *Denny Granstrand* —

Memorial Contribution to YVAS

Bill and Edith Ryan have made a generous contribution to the Yakima Valley Audubon Society in Kay Marsh's honor, for which the chapter is grateful.

Field Trip Report: Snow Mountain Ranch

Twelve of us hiked a few miles through Snow Mountain Ranch on Monday, April 27, hoping to find birds and look at the wildflowers. The birds were a little disappointing, but the flowers were nice and the company was good.

We started off well, with a Lewis's woodpecker, a pair of Downy woodpeckers and some Golden-crowned sparrows. Our lone flycatcher of the day was flitting around in brush by the creek, and we couldn't get good enough looks to tell which species it was. It was gray with a white eye ring, and did not pump it's tail, so we would guess either Hammond's or Dusky.

The walk up the canyon, which is usually full of birds, was very quiet. A pair of Northern Harriers were soaring above us giving nice looks, along with a couple of American Kestrels. We had a few House Wrens, a couple of Ruby-crowned Kinglets and White-crowned sparrows. Not much else.

As we climbed the hill headed toward the Wildflower Trail, we saw several Horned Larks. A few of them sat still long enough for decent looks. The flowers were nice, with Buckwheat coming into bloom, and the Lupines and Phlox



were impressive as well.

When we reached the Wildflower Trail, we added a few Vesper Sparrows to the list. Bitterroot was starting to bloom along the trail, and Horned Larks continued. A lone Turkey Vulture soared above.

The Ditch Bank trail gave us our only warblers of the day one Nashville Warbler and a few Yellow-rumped warblers in their gorgeous breeding plumage.

In the riparian area, we added a Steller's Jay, and one of the most interesting birds of the trip (for me): an Osprey. Joe and I have hiked Snow Mountain a number of times and have never seen an Osprey there. This one was sitting on top of a tree, eating what first appeared to be a snake. A closer look through scopes and cameras showed that the prey was flat and not snake-like. I jokingly mentioned Lamprey, but after we looked we thought that might be possible. I know that there have been efforts to restore Lamprey to Cowiche Creek. Is it possible that is what it was?

We finished our trip shortly before noon, with only 36 species and one "Empidonax species." It would have been nice to have seen more migrants, but it was still a nice morning.

— Karen Zook —

County Birds Counted – Contributions Welcomed

By the time you read this, nine teams will have completed a full day of birding on May 16. In this annual fund-raising event, our Birdathon, the teams attempt to identify as many species as they can as well as tally the total number of birds encountered.

While the birding has been completed, there is still time for you to make a valuable contribution to this worthy effort.

Your financial support of this effort will help YVAS pursue our core mission as stated in the Crier's masthead.

If you received our letter requesting a pledge, be sure to respond. If we missed you with our pledge letter, you may send your check payable to "YVAS" to the Crier's return address. Simply write "Birdathon" in the check's memo line. Every contributor will receive a summary of the day's birding.



Arborfest 2015

Arborfest April 11th was a fun and busy day. This year's theme was "The Giving Tree," and our YVAS booth displayed the many things that trees give to birds. Despite the typically windy day, hundreds of children - seemed like thousands at times - artistically colored the bird of their choice, and waited patiently in line to have their creation made into a button. We had a line of kids most of the day, and the coloring table also had a wait at times.

While some YVAS volunteers made buttons,

others shared information and stories about birds with the kids and their parents. April Adamson had fun talking to her students - current and former - in between her button making efforts. I think everyone had a good time. I know I did.

Many thanks to all who volunteered to make this event a success: April Adamson, Jan and Judy Gano, Denny Granstrand, Jenny Howland, Susan Paoletta, Chris Reid, Richard Repp, Andy and Ellen Stepniewski, and Joe and Karen Zook.

— Karen Zook —

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Renew my annual membership to the Yakima Valley Audubon Society to receive 10 issues of the Calliope Crier and all chapter benefits. National Audubon membership and Audubon Magazine are not included.

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Foraging



Nesting Cavity

STUMPED!!!

When a section of forest burns, a vital nesting and foraging habitat is created for many woodpeckers, including Williamson's Sapsucker, Black-backed, American Three-toed, and White-headed Woodpeckers. Unfortunately, many of the burned snags on Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Service lands in our area are cut down by woodcutters. Why? Many other agencies recognize the value of standing snags and prohibit any falling by woodcutters. Stay tuned for actions you may take to change this destructive practice!



Coming Attractions:

May 23 Oak Creek Canyon

May 30 Cowiche Canyon

June 7 Mt. Adams

June 13 Bethel Ridge