



Calliope Crier

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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JANUARY PROGRAM

BILL DRENGUIS

NEED A BREAK FROM THE BLEAK WINTER WEATHER?

I know just how to do this. Our sunny vacation begins at 7pm on Thursday, January 28. Our travel guide will be our own local adventurer, Jim Christensen and he is taking us to AFRICA.

Jim is a polyglot naturalist. Huh? Jim is well versed in many topics. We know him as an expert birder and photographer, but many are familiar with his book on butterflies and/or as a mushroom master. We will see more of his talents when he presents THE MAMMALS OF AFRICA.

Jim is presently working on a book on this subject. He will be showing his own pictures taken on his many trips to the countries of Tanzania, Namibia, Uganda, Rwanda, Botswana, Zaire, and South Africa. (He does not even count his trip to Madagascar because it has a different evolutionary history).

You may remember Jim's last presentation to us. It was several years ago and highlighted the birds of Florida. Well, this talk will be even more exotic.

Jim also is an accomplished artist...I think it would be faster to list the things that he does not do well! He will be bringing some of his ink drawings to sell with the proceeds donated to YVAS. Get out of the snow and visit Africa with us.



THIS MONTH'S YVAS CALENDAR

- Jan 28** Audubon Chapter Meeting at the Yakima Area Arboretum at 7:00 pm. **Great program. See article above.**
- Feb 9** Board Meeting at Denny Granstrand's house (2011 S. 47th Ave. Yakima, WA) at 7:00 pm.



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Happy New Year! I start this message with my heartfelt thanks to everybody who contributed so much in 2015 to make it a great year for the Yakima Valley Audubon Society. See the "Volunteer Recognition" list in this Crier. I extend my sincere apologies if I have left anybody out.

The Annual Dinner in early December was well attended and enjoyed by all! We had a very successful Silent Auction raising over \$1400. I thank all who donated items for the auction and a big "Thank You" to those who purchased these items. There were some really special items offered this year! Read details of this event elsewhere in this Crier.

After the dinner, we were treated to a wonderful program by Yakima Audubon alumni Ken Bevis. Ken, now working as professional aiding small forest landowners manage their woodlots for biodiversity, gave us "two programs in one." First, he shared the harrowing story of a rampaging fire coming literally to the side of his home near Twisp in the Methow Valley. We will not soon forget the image of giant helicopters with huge water buckets dousing spot fires ablaze on Teri and Ken's home and property! Or the second part of the program where Ken related his perspective on forest health issues and the huge challenge forest managers face in restoring vitality to our beleaguered Cascade east slope forest ecosystems.

The Toppenish Christmas Bird Count was held December 19, organized and compiled by Eric Heisey. Though fog plagued the count day, the hardy observers canvassed the Toppenish count circle finding a respectable 85 species, a little above average for this count over its 33-year run. Thank you Eric for organizing and compiling this count. And, again, our best wishes for you in your upcoming first year at university!

On January 2, the Yakima Valley Christmas Bird Count, organized by Denny Granstrand tallied a record 97 species, including two species never before recorded on this count! Study the full results of these counts elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Field Trip Committee met January 9 at the home of Denny Granstrand and Chris Reid. A wonderful slate of trips was

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roughed in for 2016. We can look forward to another season of great trips to many of the local areas we cherish and a few to far-flung corners of the Pacific Northwest.

On the conservation front, your chapter has received a grant to aid in production of a "Snags and Wildlife" pamphlet, highlighting the importance of dead standing trees in the forest ecosystem. This pamphlet is in production now and will surely be an important aid in our efforts to attain formal protection for snags in our forest landscape, an attribute of huge value to many wildlife species.

The Education Committee, chaired by Ellen Stepniewski, will be meeting soon to organize their events for the first part of 2015. On the schedule, YVAS is organizing two classes by Jeff Kozma, one on bird banding and another on "Cavity Nesters and other wildlife dependent on snags." The Yakima Area Arboretum Arborfest event in April has chosen the role of fire in the forest as its theme. Our participation will certainly be an activity for schoolchildren that focuses on the role of fire in the forest ecosystem as not one of destruction but rather the critical mechanism fire plays in rebirth and renewal of the forest, especially in those on the east slopes of the Cascades.



MEMBERSHIP

JOY MCKINNEY

Welcome New YVAS Members!

Yakima: Renee Navarrete, and Susan Paolucci
Zillah: Nan Ide

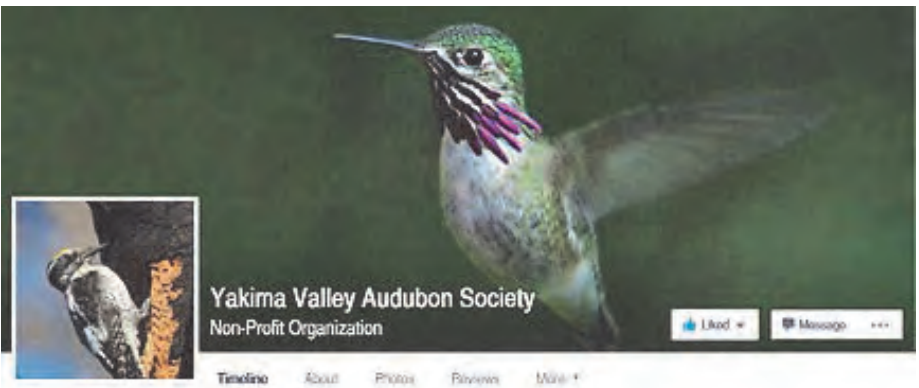
Thank you for renewing your YVAS Membership!

Anacortes: John O'Connell
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Zillah: Harold Thornton

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

YVAS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

YVAS now has a Facebook page! I would like to encourage all of you to take a look at it and spread the word. The more we interact with it, the more people can see it and hear about us. Facebook is important in today's culture, and reaches more than 1 billion people around the world. We can have more of an impact in our city by making use of all of its features. Facebook has many 'pros', like free marketing, increasing traffic to our website, building relationships with more demographics, and reaching more people that don't currently know about us. I would also like to encourage you to post 'bird sightings' on our Facebook page (just like on BirdYak), as well as photos from field trips. While it might seem redundant to post on BirdYak AND Facebook, it serves two purposes. One - which is to alert



other birders that aren't a part of BirdYak about neat bird sightings, and two - increase the general awareness of birds and issues important to us. The more we share, the more knowledge we can impart, and the bigger difference we can make.

--- Renee Navarrete ---

The Yakima Valley Audubon Society meets on the fourth Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, August, September, and October at 7 pm at the Yakima Area Arboretum, located at 1401 Arboretum Drive, Yakima, WA. Guests are welcome at these meetings. The Annual Meeting of the Society is held the first Thursday of December at 6 pm. The Board of Directors meets each month except December at 7 pm at locations announced in the Calliope Crier. Members may attend Board meetings; however, please notify the host because of possible space restrictions.



FIELD TRIPS
SCOTT DOWNES

- Jan 28, Feb 4, 11, 18 - Thursday Morning Bird Walk** - Weather permitting! Meet the group at the Poppoff Trail/Jewett Pathway parking lot at the east end of Valley Mall Blvd., at the north side of the easternmost roundabout at **8:30 am**. These walks include a sparrow feeding area and a fourth pond with diving ducks. There is a small change this year for Poppoff walks. There is a commitment to have a "leader" for the first Thursday of each month (Feb 4th for this news letter), but the remaining walks will be group led at 8:30 the group heads down the trail (regulars know the route) without waiting for a designated leader. The group led walks will be a great opportunity to sharpen ID skills and get to know some of the birders in our area - and you won't have to keep a list (unless you want to). The Poppoff area of the Greenway is a very "birdy" place, and it is great to watch the birds arrive and depart with the seasons. Contact Karen Zook if you have questions - gadzooks7@charter.net.
- Jan 23 (Sat)** Eric Heisey will be leading a field trip to the **McNary Dam** area. This is right along the Columbia River, bordering Washington and Oregon. The McNary Dam area is a great place to find a wide variety of birds in the winter, as it includes a number of different habitats in a small area. Ducks and gulls congregate along the river, while passerines are abundant in the thick riparian growth. Possible birds include Snow Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Red-breasted Merganser, a variety of uncommon gulls, and other birds not commonly found in the Yakima area. We may also bird elsewhere along the Columbia in Oregon (especially if any vagrants are nearby), or will go by Bateman Island or over the Horse Heaven Hills on the return trip, where many other species will be possible. This will be an all day trip, with about an hour and a half of driving time to get to the Umatilla area, so make sure to bring food and water, as well as some layers. We will be meeting at 7:00 am at the Arco in Granger. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please email Eric at magicman32@rocketmail.com.
- Feb 6 (Sat)** Bill Drenguis will lead a trip to the **Tri-Cities and McNary NWR**. The trip will be to the McNary Wildlife Refuge near the Tri Cities. This trip offers a superb opportunity to study a variety of waterfowl, including geese, dabbling, and diving ducks at McNary Pool at the refuge at the height of waterfowl migration. We will look also for birds of prey, gulls, and songbirds. The refuge hosts large groups of wintering waterfowl and unlike the other birds around, many are already in their brilliant breeding plumage, making them easier to identify. So dress warm, and bring your scopes and books. Bring lunch and beverages. We will be stopping at several spots with toilet facilities. We are going to leave the BiMart parking lot (on 40th) at 8am. (The day before the Super Bowl). Carpooling is encouraged. The goal is to be back by 4:30. Of course if you need to leave early, it's no problem. Contact Bill (bdrenguis@gmail.com).
- Feb 12-15 - Great Backyard Bird Count** - On Your Own. For details see www.birdsource.org/gbbc. **Attention eBirders!** During the four days of the count, simply continue using eBird as you otherwise would. But please make sure to go birding during the GBBC period and submit your data to eBird.
- Feb 12-15** Denny Granstrand will lead a trip to **Waterville Plateau and the Okanogan** - The trip will leave on Friday returning on Monday. Areas covered include the Okanogan Highlands, the Bridgeport area, the Waterville Plateau and wherever else the birding is hot. Target birds include Northern Goshawk, Gyrfalcon, Sharp-tailed Grouse, winter owls, Bohemian Waxwing, American Tree Sparrow, Lapland Longspur, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Gray Partridge, and Snow Bunting. Contact Denny at dgrastrand@gmail.com with any questions, departure time, place, and to find out where the group is staying. Each person is responsible for their own hotel reservations.
- Feb 21 (Sun)**- Scott Downes will lead a trip to **Kittitas Valley and Vantage**. The trip will travel up the Yakima Canyon towards Ellensburg and then through the eastern Kittitas Valley towards Vantage. Kittitas Valley can have good numbers of wintering raptors in the afternoon. Vantage can harbor a great concentration of wintering waterfowl. Some shrub-steppe songbirds should be back including Sagebrush Sparrow. Field trip will leave Yakima at 7:00 am. Expect a return to Yakima around 5:00 pm. Bring lunch, water and dress for varied weather conditions. We could get nice weather near 60 degrees or it could be near freezing at Vantage. Scope is helpful, but not required to attend. We'll be carpooling. Contact Scott for meeting location, downess@charter.net.
- Aug 26-28 (Fri-Sun)**- **Save the date!** Andy and Ellen Stepniewski will lead a trip to **Westport** with a pelagic trip through Westport Seabirds on Sat. the 27th. A limited number of spots on the pelagic trip have been reserved. To ensure you have a spot, please contact the leaders soon and they will tell you how to sign up for the pelagic. This trip features a n offshore boat trip \$145 from Westport that goes 35 miles west to deepwater beyond the Continental Shelf. There, birds rarely seen within sight of land ply the ocean swells. Expected species include Black-footed Albatross, Fork-tailed Storm-Petrel, and South Polar Skua, among many other s such as various shearwaters and jaegers, Sabine's Gull, Northern Fulmar. Folks who do not want to go offshore may contact Andy or Ellen for Sat. activities on land. Further details on Westport Seabirds trips can be found at: <http://www.westportseabirds.com/>. This trip involves two nights in a Westport hotel or motel. If interested in this trip, please contact Andy or Ellen very soon as the boat trip usually fills up quickly (steppie@nwinfo.net).

Toppenish NWR Christmas Bird Count 2015 finds 85 species

On December 19th, 17 intrepid birders met at the Branding Iron, ready for a full day of counting birds within the 15-mile diameter circle around Toppenish for the annual Toppenish Christmas Bird Count. Although it was cold and snowy, and a thick fog blanketed the valley for most of the day, a great time was had by all.

Overall, it was a pretty average year as far as total species goes, with 85 seen. This is a bit surprising considering the cold, snowy, and foggy conditions. These conditions could be why we only totaled only 12,535 individual birds, well below our average 20,435. In fact, this was the fifth lowest count total in history, the lowest number of individuals since 1988. Due to these cold temperatures, waterfowl numbers were very low, with much fewer Canada Geese, Mallards, and Green-winged Teal than normal. Somewhat surprisingly, we had a fairly high count of Wood Ducks, with 34. For the fifth consecutive year, we had a high count of Eurasian Collared-Doves, this year we had 505. Other high counts were of Spotted Towhee (34), and two counts that tied the previous high, with six Short-eared Owls and four Fox Sparrows.

There were also very good numbers of California Quail (second highest count; 429) and Horned Larks, the latter likely due to the large amount of snow in the hills. There were also some fairly low counts, with an all time low for Black-capped Chickadee, with only three individuals seen. Numbers of Brewer's Blackbirds (third lowest count; 154) and European Starling (fourth lowest count, lowest since 1988; 1150) were also significantly lower than normal.

There were several good sightings this year, with two count firsts discovered: an Osprey along Pumphouse Rd, and two Wild Turkeys on the lower Dry Creek route. Also of note were six American Pipits on two separate routes, and a Say's Phoebe near Lateral A Rd.

I want to give a huge thanks to everyone that helped with the count; your efforts are helping us to gather a better understanding of the birds not only in Toppenish, but across all of the United States. I would also like to thank Andy and Ellen Stepniewski for inviting us into their home for an amazing post-count potluck. This was the 34th count in history, and it was a good one! I hope to see you on the count this upcoming year!

— Eric Heisey —

2015 Yakima Valley Christmas Bird Count breaks record with 97 species

The 2015 Yakima Christmas Count had the fewest birders turn out in quite a while (21) but they worked hard and found the most species ever seen on the count – 97! The effort broke the record of 95 species set in 2010. It helped that the day wasn't foggy, which was a major problem on the Toppenish NWR count.

When the Yakima Valley count was moved to the last weekend of the count period, we worried that the move would reduce the number of species found. That hasn't been the case. The species total, on average, has climbed to record heights.

The cover of snow on the ground affected the numbers of some species seen, especially geese. Most of the ponds were frozen, which should have reduced the numbers of ducks but it didn't. The ducks evidently were able to find food in the open sections of the rivers, but they probably spent a lot of time dodging the ice that was moving downstream.

The count produced a good number of uncommon species. Four Greater Scaup were a new record and one Ruddy Duck was a surprise, while one Great Egret was found on the east side of the Yakima River. A Peregrine Falcon in East Selah was only the third ever seen on the count. Two Spotted Sandpipers were found along the Yakima River.

An amazing 18 Anna's Hummingbirds were counted at various feeders around Yakima. That number more than doubled the previous record. More people seem to be alert to the presence of these wayward hummers and are diligent

about keeping their feeders filled and unfrozen.

Two Red-breasted Sapsuckers were spotted, one at a residence on Naches Heights and one in Sportsman State Park. Western Scrub-Jays are continuing to increase their numbers: 33 seen on five routes. An American Tree Sparrow at a feeder in Terrace Heights and a Harris's Sparrow at a feeder in Sun Country Estates were surprises.

Richard Repp saw a Chestnut-backed Chickadee at his feeder near the Fisher Park Golf Course and Scott and Sierra Downes started at their house to see a Lesser Goldfinch at their feeders.

Fourteen species on the list were represented by only one individual, which shows the birders were working hard to find every species they could.

Two count week species were found (birds seen three days before or three days after the count but weren't seen on count day): a Say's Phoebe at Fullbright Park and a Band-tailed Pigeon visiting a feeder on Gregory St. in Yakima was one of the few winter records in Yakima County.

I want to thank all of the participants who braved the fairly heavy layer of snow to help with the count. Without the hard work of the birders a count like this would not be possible. I also want to thank Debie and Ron Brown for hosting the after-count dinner again this year. Their generosity and hospitality in hosting the dinner has been the best improvement in the Yakima Valley Christmas Bird Count since I have been doing the count!

— Denny Granstrand —

The Data — The Christmas Bird Counts Species by Species

	<u>Yakima</u>	<u>Topp</u>		<u>Yakima</u>	<u>Topp</u>
CACKLING GOOSE	1	5	BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE	269	146
CANADA GOOSE	1058	598	AMERICAN CROW	60	465
TUNDRA SWAN		6	COMMON RAVEN	63	94
WOOD DUCK	118	34	HORNED LARK	121	836
GADWALL	21	15	BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE	75	3L
AMERICAN WIGEON	162	48	CHESTNUT-BACKED CHICKADEE	1	
MALLARD	1141	993	RED-BREASTED NUTHATCH	19	3
NORTHERN SHOVELER	21	26	BROWN CREEPER	4	
NORTHERN PINTAIL		32	ROCK WREN	1	5
GREEN-WINGED TEAL	38	16	CANYON WREN		4
RING-NECKED DUCK	50	2	BEWICK'S WREN	44	18
GREATER SCAUP	4H		PACIFIC WREN	10	2
LESSER SCAUP	26H	1	MARSH WREN	2	6
COMMON GOLDENEYE	359	1	AMERICAN DIPPER	2	
BARROW'S GOLDENEYE	4		GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET	19	3
BUFFLEHEAD	18	1	RUBY-CROWNED KINGLET	25	17
HOODED MERGANSER	85	3	TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE	3	
COMMON MERGANSER	317	42	HERMIT THRUSH	7	1
RUDDY DUCK	1		AMERICAN ROBIN	691	179
CALIFORNIA QUAIL	701	429	VARIED THRUSH	61	24
RING-NECKED PHEASANT	5	16	EUROPEAN STARLING	1905L	1150
WILD TURKEY		2N	AMERICAN PIPIT		6
PIED-BILLED GREBE	9	19	CEDAR WAXWING	74	79
DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT		2	ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER	1	
GREAT BLUE HERON	40	27	YEL.-RU. (MYRTLE) WARBLER	14	3
GREAT EGRET	1		YEL.-RU. (AUDUBON'S) WARBLER	147	29
BALD EAGLE	39	6	SPOTTED TOWHEE	78	34H
OSPREY	1	1N	AMERICAN TREE SPARROW	1	
NORTHERN HARRIER	15	58	SAVANNAH SPARROW		59
SHARP-SHINNED HAWK	6	10	FOX SPARROW	33	4H
COOPER'S HAWK	8	8	SONG SPARROW	192	226
RED-TAILED HAWK	140	90	LINCOLN'S SPARROW	1	4
HARLAN'S RED-TAILED HAWK	1		HARRIS'S SPARROW	1	
ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK	2	12	WHITE-CROWNED SPARROW	783	1394
GOLDEN EAGLE	2		GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW	121	49
AMERICAN KESTREL	41	91	DARK-EYED (SLATE-COLORED) JUNCO	7	3
MERLIN	5	4	DARK-EYED (OREGON) JUNCO	1321	806
PEREGRINE FALCON	1	1	RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD	10361H	1229
PRAIRIE FALCON	4	1	WESTERN MEADOWLARK		77
VIRGINIA RAIL	3	2	BREWER'S BLACKBIRD	160	154
AMERICAN COOT	43	11	BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD	15	7
KILLDEER	10	30	PURPLE FINCH	8	48
SPOTTED SANDPIPER	2		HOUSE FINCH	1011	608
WILSON'S SNIPE	16	4	COMMON REDPOLL	6	
ROCK PIGEON	429	718	PINE SISKIN	26	2
BAND-TAILED PIGEON	CW		LESSER GOLDFINCH	1	
EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE	474	505h	AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	410	135
MOURNING DOVE	215	258	EVENING GROSBEEK	1	
BARN OWL	4	1	HOUSE SPARROW	1191	312
WESTERN SCREECH-OWL	1		TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	25314	12535
GREAT HORNED OWL	12	11	TOTAL SPECIES	97	85
SHORT-EARED OWL		6H		+3 FORMS	+2 FORMS
NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL		1	COUNT WEEK SPECIES	2	
ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD	16H		TOTAL SPECIES SEEN ON BOTH COUNTS		108
BELTED KINGFISHER	26	13			
RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER	2		N — New species or subspecies for the count		
DOWNY WOODPECKER	67	12	H — All-time high for individuals of that species		
HAIRY WOODPECKER	3	1	L — Very low number of individuals of that species as compared to other years		
NO. (RED-SHAFTED) FLICKER	180		CW — Seen count week (three days before the count or three days after) but not count day		
SAY'S PHOEBE	CW	1	Bold Face — Unusual species for our counts		
NORTHERN SHRIKE	3	6			
STELLER'S JAY	7				
WESTERN SCRUB-JAY	33				

Annual Dinner Kudos

This year the YVAS Annual Christmas dinner on December 3rd was a great success. We had a very successful Silent Auction raising \$1413. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who donated, both by giving items and purchasing them!

Several folks went beyond the call of duty volunteering with auction preparation, setup and cleanup. We extend a special thanks to these folks who helped ensure the evening went smoothly! These generous members are:

Bill Drenguis Denny Granstrand Dan Kinney Chris Reid Richard Repp
 Joe Zook Karen Zook

--- Ellen Stepniewski ---

Feed birds in the winter? Wild Birds Unlimited says...

While birds are equipped to withstand most winter weather, there are a number of ways you can help make survival easier by providing food, a heated, open source of water and protection from the elements.

Food is the most essential element, providing birds with the energy, stamina and nutrition they need. On cold nights, some birds lose up to 10% of their body weight, and this fat must be replaced every day.

Normally, birds that come to feeders obtain only about 20% of their daily calories from food offered in feeders. In contrast, during periods of cold weather, your birds may use your feeders to load up on calories as a means of survival.

Birds continue to need a source of water for drinking to maintain their metabolism during dry, cold weather. Clean

feathers help birds stay warm, and a bird bath is often the only way for some birds to drink and keep their feathers in top condition when it's cold.

Most birds adjust their feathers to create air pockets, which help them keep warm. The soft, fluffy down feathers are puffed up with air to create a warm blanket around the bird. The body feathers lie on top of each other, overlapping like shingles on a roof. Also, most birds preen their feathers with the oil produced by a gland on their backs near their tails to create a waterproof rain coat. Research has shown that a chickadee with well-maintained feathers can create a 70° (F) layer of insulation between the outside air and its skin.



Yakima Valley Audubon Society Volunteers in 2015 - *You Make it Happen! Thank You All!*

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Anna's Hummingbird



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