

# The Skagit Flyer

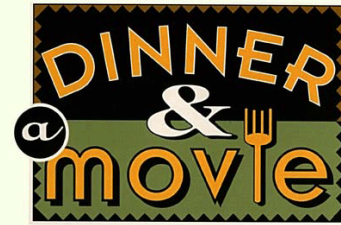
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## **December Meeting and Program** **Annual Slide Show and Potluck Dinner** *Presented by Ronan Ellis and You!*

**Tuesday, Dec. 10th**  
**6:45 Potluck; 7:30 Program**  
**Padilla Bay Interpretive Center**  
**10441 Bayview Edison Road**  
**Mt. Vernon, Washington**



Our annual December potluck and slide show will once again feature photos and videos submitted by you! Please send your pictures and videos to [ronaniellis@gmail.com](mailto:ronaniellis@gmail.com). Pictures should be in .jpg format with a resolution of about 5 mb. Videos should be in Quicktime format or .mp4, and less than 1 minute (actually, any video format that works on Mac). Also, please include the who, what, where and when, so Ronan can introduce your presentation. Finally, please have your pictures and videos submitted to Ronan no later than Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Questions? Please contact Ronan directly.

Please bring potluck food to share. Plates, utensils and paper products will be supplied. After the meal we will view favorite nature photos ~ a collective view of how Skagit Audubon Society members see nature both here and abroad.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. This is not a contest but an opportunity to share our favorite nature photos and videos.

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**2019 Padilla Bay Christmas**  
**Bird Count**

**Contact: Tim Manns 360.333.8985 or**  
**[conservation@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:conservation@skagitaudubon.org)**

**Contact: Denny Quirk**  
**[denny@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:denny@skagitaudubon.org)**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Jeff Osmundsen

As you read this message the month of November is probably nearly gone. November can be our rainiest month and, at least for me, it is the month when the waning daylight seems most obvious. We have lost daylight savings time and possibly started the countdown to winter solstice. For some people the short days and long nights are to be endured rather than enjoyed. Perhaps those are just some of the reasons that November has been dubbed National Gratitude Month. It is just a little easier to shake off the doldrums and winter blues if we use November as a month to begin a new practice of gratitude. Those of us fortunate enough to have the time, energy and resources to be part of Skagit Audubon and enjoy personal birding trips, Audubon field trips and our many hiking opportunities owe thanks to those that went before us and that are currently organizing and arranging those activities.

As weather and fortitude allow, we can get out and appreciate our world class winter birding. There are geese by the thousands and swans by the hundreds, not to mention raptors and ducks galore. Throw in a few types of winter shorebirds and you have the makings of a wonderful winter day. Neil O'Hara reminded us at our last regular meeting that November can be a month when we review and plan our yearly giving. Sometimes the act of giving our resources or our time can be the best demonstration of our gratitude. Most of us will probably gather with family or friends for the tradition of Thanksgiving Day. We will probably gather to share a meal and express our thanks for the year and our hopes for the future. November, as gratitude month, can help remind us that gratitude is not just a day, or even just a month, but can become a habit and lifestyle.

There is an old saying credited to C. Neil Strait, "*He who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness.*"

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## CONSERVATION by Tim Manns

**Protecting local heronries through Critical Area Ordinances:** The Growth Management Act requires Washington cities and counties to each have a Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) regulating development near wetlands, steep slopes, and certain other areas. The CAO can also protect habitat for specified wildlife species. It can, for example, specify restrictions around the communal nesting sites of Great Blue Herons. This species is of special note in Skagit County because herons are so abundant here, attracted to the rich feeding opportunities in the bays and fields plus the availability of nesting sites. With over 700 nests, the March Point heronry may well be the second largest on the U.S. West Coast. There are also several smaller heronries in Skagit County, many located on land owned by the Skagit Land Trust. Skagit Land Trust staff and volunteers are working through the long process of modifying the CAOs of Anacortes and Skagit County to protect these important sites. Public meetings are scheduled for Dec. 17 at 6 pm (no public testimony) and Jan. 21, 2020 (public testimony taken) in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (1800 Continental Place, Mt. Vernon). Showing up will show public support for protecting heronries in the face of likely opposition from certain commissioners. Anacortes will hold a similar meeting in the future.

**Tongass Roadless Rule:** In 2001, President Clinton approved the Roadless Rule to protect millions of National Forest acres from road building and timber harvest. About half of the biggest National Forest, the 18 million acre Tongass in Southeast Alaska, is protected in this way. The Tongass is the largest temperate rainforest in the world, tremendously important for wildlife habitat, for sequestration of atmospheric carbon, and for its sheer natural beauty. The present Administration in Washington, DC is moving to exempt the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, which would degrade this world treasure and set a precedent for exempting other national forests from the Rule, including two million acres in Washington State. **Please submit a comment urging upholding the Roadless on the Tongass National Forest. Information on how to comment by the Dec. 17, 2019, deadline is at <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2019/10/15/usda-forest-service-seeks-public-comment-draft-environmental-impact>. Alternatively, sign a letter at Wash. Wild's website: <https://wawild.org/take-action-stand-up-for-national-forests-in-alaska-and-your-own-backyard/> (beside the posting date of Oct. 16, 2019).**

For more conservation issues visit: <https://skagitaudubon.org/conservation/notes>.

## DECEMBER FIELD TRIPS, by Libby Mills

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 (if you have them). Carpool whenever possible and contribute to the driver's expense. Watch the email reminders for the latest information, including any changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the email distribution list contact Libby Mills: [libbymills@gmail.com](mailto:libbymills@gmail.com). **NOTE:** If you plan to join a trip, contact the leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Trip plans may change.



**Sat., Dec., 7, 2019: Weaverling Spit, Fidalgo Bay; 8:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Leaders: Von and Betty Kuehn, 360.770.5905; Dress for the Weather**

Here's to birding the shortest days of winter. Weaverling Spit is a walk and a scoping field trip on the western edge of Fidalgo Bay, land owned by the Samish Indian Nation. We have permission to go out and inspect the neighborhood for avifauna, a chance to seek both songbirds in the vegetation and water birds on the bay. Directions: drive parallel to Hwy. 20 on Fidalgo Bay Rd., just south of Anacortes, and turn off onto Weaverling Rd. Meet at the parking lot, located at the RV Park which is across the Tommy Thompson Trail and to the right. Minimal walking. Scopes will help with the water birds and we will share with those who don't have scopes.

### Join Sue Cottrell for the 5-part class "Hawk Watching in Western Washington" and learn

about different kinds of raptors, with an emphasis on field identification. Two locations offered:

**Skagit County: Tues. 7-9 pm; begins Jan. 7, 2020**

Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

10441 Bayview-Edison Rd.

Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

**Bellingham: Thurs., 7-9 pm; begins Jan. 9, 2020**

Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship

1207 Ellsworth St.

Bellingham, WA 98225

**Cost: \$175 per person; to register mail check (include email address, phone number and class location) to:**

Raptor Research NW

PO Box 85

Bow, WA 98232

**Questions/more information? Contact Sue Cottrell**

[raptorresearchnw@gmail.com](mailto:raptorresearchnw@gmail.com) or 360.303.3777.

(This class is not affiliated with or sponsored by Skagit Audubon Society)



**What better way for bird lovers to celebrate the holidays than making your own holiday bird wreath! A fun project for kids and adults alike! Take a grapevine wreath, smother it with peanut butter, seeds, cranberries, nuts and other dried fruits and you have a holiday bird feast. Hang so raccoons can't make off with it and replenish as needed. Enjoy!**

**FROM YOUR EDITOR** – the brush pile won't be the most colorful feature in your yard but it may well be one of the busiest places. Easy to build with logs, branches, brush, and garden clippings of all types, the brush pile can be a self-sustaining mini-ecosystem for years to come. Even a small brush pile tucked away in the corner of the yard or garden is a hive of year-round activity. Decaying wood releases carbon more slowly than a burning brush pile and also draws insects and potentially nesting Mason Bees. Birds and other critters are drawn to the insects and the shelter provided within the pile. Large logs and branches may take years to decay but smaller limbs, brush and leaves will decay quickly so replenishment can occur at any time of the year. Birds like Towhees and Pacific Wrens may choose to set up housekeeping and raise a family if the pile is off the main path of human activity. Tracks left in mud or snow can tell you who has visited the pile. During the Snowmageddon of Feb., 2019, tracks around and into one of our brush piles revealed the following visitors: raccoon, skunk, opossum, rabbit, birds and bobcat. *Pile It Up! - Mary*

## Skagit Audubon Field Notes by Pam Pritzl

This column reports submitted sightings. For help with rare sightings or locations, please contact [birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org). For recent updates, check out **ABA Tweeters** and **Skagit County Ebird List** on the SAS website (Birding Menu, Bird Sightings submenu). Please submit your sightings to [birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org](mailto:birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org).

### WATERFOWL

**Snow Goose** 27 on Bryson Road on 10-20 (GB)

#### **Greater White-fronted**

**Goose** 2 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 5 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

**Cackling Goose** 2 at SWAHR on 10-22 (NOH); 1 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 5 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH); 6 at SWAHR on 11-11 (YH)

**Trumpeter Swan** family group in Livingston Bay, Camano Island on 11-9 (SRP)

**Northern Shoveler** 3 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 3 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH)

**Eurasian Wigeon** 1 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

**Greater Scaup** 2 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH)

**White-winged Scoter** 4 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH); 6 at Samish Island Public Beach on 11-8 (NOH)

**Long-tailed Duck** 3 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH)

**Common Goldeneye** 1 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 11-10 (NOH)

**Red-breasted Merganser** 2 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 10-22 (NOH); 350 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH); 1 at Samish Island Public Beach on 11-8 (NOH); 24 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 11-9 (NOH)

### GREBES

**Pied-billed Grebe** 4 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 1 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

**Horned Grebe** 3 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 10-22 (NOH); 4 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH); 2 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 11-9 (NOH)

**Red-necked Grebe** 1 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 10-22 (NOH); 3 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH); 4 at Samish Island Public Beach on 11-8 (NOH); 1 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 11-9 (NOH)

**Eared Grebe** 1 at March Point on 10-22 (GB)

**Western Grebe** 1 in Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 10-22 (NOH); 1 at Samish Island Public Beach on 10-28 (NOH); 3 at Samish Island Public Beach on 11-8 (NOH); 15 on Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 11-9 (NOH)

### CRANES

**Sandhill Crane** 3 at Sauk Prairie on 10-20 (**RARE upriver**) (GB)

### PLOVERS

**Black-bellied Plover** 4 at SWAHR on 10-22 (NOH); 11 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 6 at SWAJA on 11-3 (MS)

### SANDPIPERS and ALLIES

**Wilson's Snipe** 1 at SWAHR on 11-5 (YH); 1 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH); 2 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)  
**Solitary Sandpiper** 1 at SWAHR on 11-5 (YH)

### GULLS and TERNs

**Franklin's Gull** 1 on Butler Flats on 10-19 (GB) **RARE**

*Sightings continued on pg. 5*

### LOONS

**Pacific Loon** 2 at Samish Island Public Beach on 11-8 (NOH)

**Common Loon** 1 on Burrows Bay, Anacortes on 10-22 (NOH)

### HERONS and ALLIES

**Great Egret** 1 at English Boom, Camano Island on 10-22 (AT)

### OSPREYS

**Osprey** 1 AT Bryson Road on 10-20 (GB) **LATE**

### HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES

**Bald Eagle** 1 at SWAHR on 10-22 (NOH); 5 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH); 2 at Samish Island Public Beach on 11-8 (NOH); 9 At SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

**Northern Harrier** 5 at SWAHR on 10-22 (NOH); 2 at the West 90 on 10-28 (NOH); 5 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 11 on the Samish Flats on 11-8 (NOH); 3 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

**Cooper's Hawk** 1 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH); 1 at east Stanwood home on 11-10 (MS)

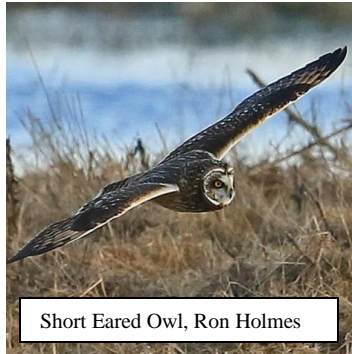
**Red-tailed Hawk** 2 at the West 90 on 10-28 (NOH); 4 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 2 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH); 13 on the Samish Flats on 11-8 (NOH); 2 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH); 1 juvenile "**blue tag E3**" at Padilla on 11-9 (AW)

**Rough-legged Hawk** 3 at the West 90 on 10-28 (NOH); 1 at SWAHR on 11-2 (NOH); 2 on Samish Island Road on 11-3 (AW); 1 on Samish



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Island Road on 11-7 (AW); 1 at the West 90, Samish Island on 11-7 (AW); 1 on Chuckanut north of Estes Road on 11-7 (AW); 3 on Samish Flats on 11-8 (NOH); 3 at east 90 WDFW area on 11-9 (AW)



Short Eared Owl, Ron Holmes

## OWLS

**Barred Owl** 1 at east Stanwood home on 10-25 (MS)

**Short-eared Owl** 1 at SWAHR on 10-22 (NOH); 2 at SWAJA on 11-8 (JS); 8 on Samish Flats on 11-8 (NOH)

**Northern Saw-whet Owl** 1 at Harry Osborne State Forest on 10-23 (GB)

## WOODPECKERS

**Downy Woodpecker** 1 in Anacortes garden on 10-20 (YH)

## FALCONS

**American Kestrel** 2 on Dodge Valley Road on 11-7 (AW); 2 on Samish Flats on 11-8 (NOH)

**Merlin** 1 on Bradshaw Rd on 11-3 (AW); 1 at SWAHR on 11-3 (AW); 1 on Dry Slough Road on 11-7 (AW); 1 on Dodge Valley Road on 11-7 (AW); 1 on Sullivan Road, Samish Flats on 11-9 (AW)

**Gyr Falcon** 1 at Port Susan Nature Conservancy property (restricted access) on 10-23 (SAS); 1 at SWAHR on 11-7 (AW); 1 at SWAHR on 11-9 (GB); 1 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

**Peregrine Falcon** 1 juvenile & 1 adult at SWAHR on 11-3 (AW); 1 on Field Road on 11-7 (AW); 1 on Sullivan Road, Samish Flats on 11-9 (AW); 1 at West 90, Samish Flats on 11-9 (AW); 1 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH)

## FLYCATCHERS

**Black Phoebe** 1 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH); 1 at SWAWS on 11-5 (YH)

## SHRIKES

**Northern Shrike** 1 at SWAHR on 11-7 (AW); 1 at SWAJA on 11-8 (JS); 2 at SWAHR on 11-9 (NOH); 1 at SWAJA on 11-11 (YH)

## CORVIDS

**Blue Jay** 1 near Lyman on 10-20 (GB) **RARE**

## BUSHTITS

**Bushtit** 10 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH)

## CREEPERS

**Brown Creeper** 1 at SWAHR on 11-5 (YH)

## WAXWINGS

**Cedar Waxwing** 9 at SWAHR on 11-5 (YH)

## LONGSPURS and BUNTINGS

**Lapland Longspur** 2 at SWAHR on 10-19 (GB)

**Snow Bunting** 1 at March Point on 10-26 (GB)

## SPARROWS and ALLIES

**American Tree Sparrow** 1 at Fischer Slough Nature Conservancy property (restricted access) on 10-31 (JO)

## UNUSUAL

**Clay-colored Sparrow** 1 at Sauk Prairie on 10-20 (GB)

## RARE

**Lincoln's Sparrow** 1 on Samish Flats on 10-24 (YH)

**White-throated Sparrow** 1 at SWAHR on 11-9 (GB)

## BLACKBIRDS and ORIOLES

**Yellow-headed Blackbird** 2 on Samish Flats on 10-18 (GB)

**Western Meadowlark** 7 on Samish Flats on 11-8 (NOH)

## WARBLERS

**Common Yellowthroat** 1 at SWAWS on 11-2 (NOH)

## MAMMALS

**Elephant Seal** 1 at Rosario Beach on 10-18 & 19 (YH); 1 pup loafing on Rosario Beach on 10-22 (GB) **RARE**  
**Black Bear** 1 large adult on Martin Road near Rockport on 10-20 (GB)

(GB) Gary Bletsch; (YH) Yvonne Houppermans; (NOH); Neil O'Hara; (JO) Jeff Osmundson; (SRP) Sheila and Ron Pera; (JS) Jeff Sinker; (MS) Mary Sinker; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Field Trip; (SWAHR) Skagit Wildlife Area Hayton Reserve; (SWAJA) Skagit Wildlife Area Jensen Access; (SWAWS) Skagit Wildlife Area Wylie Slough; (AT) Alice Turner; (AW) Andrea Warner

**PROJECT FEEDER WATCH 2019-2020 is underway from Nov. 9, 2019-April 3, 2020** and it's not too late to join. A joint project of The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada, people of all backgrounds, ages and abilities participate in counting birds at their backyard feeders or bird baths. Your counts not only tell you what's happening in your yard but inform scientists of long-term trends in birds' distribution and abundance. Schedule is completely flexible. **To register or more info: [feederwatch.org/join-or-renew](http://feederwatch.org/join-or-renew).**

## DECEMBER HIKES by Joan Melcher

Safety comes first so hikes may be canceled or destinations changed due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. All hikes are on a Wednesday and for questions or additional information contact Joan Melcher at [jdmelcher@comcast.net](mailto:jdmelcher@comcast.net) or 360.424.0407.

Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes and if present they must be on a leash at all times. NOTE: upon arrival at destination, if cancellation of the hike is determined at the

discretion of the Audubon trip leader, any individual who elects to proceed is no longer considered to be a member of an Audubon-sponsored activity. Carpools are arranged at the discretion of the drivers. NOTE: \*Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> hikes are on Thursday.



### DEC. 4: EAST SHORE LAKE WHATCOM or CHANTERELLE TRAIL ON STEWART MTN – Option 1 Easy; Option 2 More Difficult

1. The **East Shore of Lake Whatcom** hike is a fairly level hike among trees beside the east shore of Lake Whatcom. 6.25 miles round trip, 270 ft total elevation gain.

2. **Chanterelle Trail** This hike begins in the same area as the East Shore of Lake Whatcom hike but it goes up hill on trails to the Chanterelle Trail. 4.8 miles round trip with 1000 foot elevation gain.

**For both hikes**, meet at 9 a.m. at the Chuckanut Drive park-n-ride lot. This lot is in Burlington on the east side of I-5, off Exit 231 of I-5. Car pool according to which hike you plan to do.

**DEC. 11: DECEPTION PASS AREA – Easy to Moderate depends on route chosen route.** Hike on trails at Sharpe's Park, Rosario and Bowman's Bay. Up to 8.7 or more miles, up to 700 or 800 ft total el gain. Meet at 9 a.m. at Sharpe's Park trailhead off of Rosario Road south of Anacortes. Parking is limited at Sharpe's Park so please car pool if possible. Contact Joan Melcher (see above) if you need driving directions to Sharpe's Park. WA State Discover Pass required if you park in Deception Pass State Park.

**DEC. 18: PADILLA BAY SHORE TRAIL – Easy.** Take some time out from a busy pre-Christmas week and spend the morning walking from the Breazeale Nature Center south along the Padilla Bay dike and back, an easy 6.7 miles. Meet at 9 am at the Breazeale Nature Center in Bayview.

**THURS., DEC. 26: DUGUALLA STATE PARK - Moderate difficulty.** Spend part of a short day-light day at Dugualla State Park, a little-known park north of Oak Harbor. The park's several miles of trails meander through an alder grove, a wetland area, and offer a more challenging, steeper trek to a secluded beach. Meet at Dugualla State Park at 9 am. From the Deception Pass Bridge drive toward Oak Harbor. Before you get to Oak Harbor, turn left onto Sleeper Road. Continue on Sleeper Road approx.. 2.6 miles until it dead-ends at a metal gate. 3.67 mile distance of perimeter loop including side trip to beach; additional mileage if one does "interior trails"; 500 ft elevation gain. WA State Discover Pass required to park.

**THURS., JAN. 2, 2020: INTERURBAN TRAIL - Easy to Moderate depending on route chosen.** Walk off some of those holiday pounds on the Interurban Trail, several options available. Up to 14 or more miles; slight elevation gain. Meet at 9 am at the Lost Lake Trailhead parking lot, formerly known as the Clayton Beach Parking lot, at the south end of Larrabee State Park on Chuckanut Drive. Return time depends on hike option you select. WA State Discover Pass required to park.

### UPCOMING EVENTS (not affiliated with or sponsored by Skagit Audubon Society)

**April 17-19, 2020: Olympic Bird Fest, Sequim; Dungeness River Audubon Center.** Celebrate spring birding with guided birding trips, a boat tour, and gala banquet. Registration begins Jan. 1, 2020. For details visit: [www.olympicbirdfest.org](http://www.olympicbirdfest.org); email: [info@olympicbirdfest.org](mailto:info@olympicbirdfest.org); or call 360.681.4076.

**April 24-26, 2020: Gray's Harbor Shorebird & Nature Festival; Hoquiam. SAVE THE DATE** and regularly visit [www.shorebirdfestival.com](http://www.shorebirdfestival.com) for the 2020 schedule and registration information.

## ABOUT SKAGIT AUDUBON

— 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. General membership meetings are held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 10441 Bayview Edison Rd., Mt. Vernon on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. Social/7:00 pm and Program/7:30 pm. The board of directors meets at the same location the first Tuesday of each month, September through June, at 7:00 pm.

Skagit Audubon membership provides a local chapter affiliation and newsletter, *The Skagit Flyer*, for individuals who want all their funds to benefit their local chapter. *The Skagit Flyer* is produced monthly from September through June and full color issues are available at: [www.skagitaudubon.org/newsletter](http://www.skagitaudubon.org/newsletter). Unless noted, all images, drawings, clip art, etc. appearing in *The Skagit Flyer* are in the public domain. We reserve the right to edit.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Dec. 3 – Skagit Audubon Board Meeting**

**Dec. 4 – Skagit Audubon Hike Lake Whatcom/Stewart Mtn.**

**Dec. 7 – Skagit Audubon Field Trip Weaverling Spit**

**Dec. 10 – Skagit Audubon Program and General Meeting**

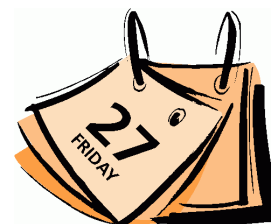
**Dec. 11 – Skagit Audubon Hike Deception Pass**

**Dec. 18 – Skagit Audubon Hike Padilla Bay Shore Trail**

**Dec. 26 – Skagit Audubon Hike Dugualla State Park (Thursday Hike)**

**Dec. 28 – Skagit Audubon Padilla Bay Christmas Bird Count**

**Jan. 2, 2020 – Skagit Audubon Hike Interurban Trail (Thursday Hike)**



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MOUNT VERNON, WA 98273**

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**Skagit Audubon Society Membership Form**

Annual membership in the Skagit Audubon Society includes 10 issues of our newsletter, *The Skagit Flyer*, available in color at <http://www.skagitaudubon.org/newsletter>. Membership includes all members of your household.

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20/one year \_\_\_\_\_ \$40/two years \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birds\_\_\_\_\_ Gardening\_\_\_\_\_

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