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MAY 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.

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Barney Lake Conservation Area – Mt. Vernon
8:00 am – Noon
Skagit Land Trust's 361-acre Barney Lake Conservation

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MAY MEETING AND PROGRAM

"South Africa's Fynbos Biome"

Presenter: Dr. Phoebe Barnard

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Ctr.
10441 Bayview Edison Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Washington



Malachite Sunbird, by Dr. Dionne Miles

South Africa's Fynbos biome is threatened by urbanization, invasive alien plants, and climate change. Fynbos endemic birds have highly constrained global ranges at the tip of a continent, and are a valuable system for testing current hypotheses about endemic species' vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in distinctive biodiversity zones. We will look at some of the questions and answers from our study of these birds.

Then we'll look at two strategies to conserve these birds and all species: first, the Nature Needs Half initiative begun by E. O. Wilson among others. Finally, the practice of citizen science now called "layperson science" by many is found all over the Salish Sea. The success of these projects provides hope that this work will spread to unify and motivate the public to act in greater numbers to conserve the Salish Sea.

Dr. Barnard earned a PhD in Animal Ecology studying African passerines, and she describes herself as, "... a sustainability strategist, climate change ecologist, conservation biologist and environmental planner. I lead teams; I support others leading teams; I translate science into policy, planning and management."



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Northern Shrike, by Joe Halton

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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.

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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.

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\$20.00 one (1) year

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National Audubon Society Y21

P.O. Box 97194

Washington, DC 20090-7194

Attn: Chance Mueleck

For membership related questions and address:

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SKAGIT AUDUBON HIKING SCHEDULE-MAY

BY JOAN MELCHER

Hikes continue in May with 5 hikes scheduled. Safety comes first so hikes may be canceled or destinations changed due to weather conditions, logging, construction or other unforeseen circumstances. A hike will be canceled if there are high wind warnings, flooding conditions, snowy or icy road conditions, or forecasts of continued heavy rain. All the hikes are on a Wednesday and for questions or additional information contact Joan Melcher at jdmelcher@comcast.net or 360.424.0407. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes and if dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times. General safety note: upon arrival at the 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. Additionally, carpools are arranged at the discretion of the driver(s).



MAY 2-BAKER RIVER: Hike along the Baker River to Sulfide Creek, entering the North Cascades National Park along the way. Dogs are not permitted on the National Park section of the trail. 5 miles round trip, 300 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 am on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Federal Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) required. 1:30 pm return to trailhead if you do just the river hike; 2:30 pm return if you also walk south to Hidden Creek on the north Baker Lake Trail.

MAY 9-LOST LAKE TRAIL: Hike to a mirror lake in a rock trench on Chuckanut Mountain. Both options below will utilize a new trail, The Rock Trail completed in 2014, connecting the Cyrus Gates Overlook with the Lost Lake Trail in the trench below. Discover Pass required for those parking in Larrabee State Park. Discover Pass not required for those parking in the North Chuckanut parking lot. **Two options:** Option I is a **STRENUOUS** 10 mile hike with an elevation gain of 2400 feet. Option II is a much less strenuous 7.2 mile hike with several hundred feet of elevation gain. For Option I (strenuous) meet at 8:30 am at the Lost Lake parking lot (formerly known as the Clayton Beach lot) at the south end of Larrabee State Park off Chuckanut Drive. Return time for this hike will be 3 pm. For Option II meet at 9 am at the North Chuckanut parking lot located on the east side of Chuckanut Drive between the Old Samish Highway and California Street. This is about milepost 18.5. Option II hikers will pool rides and drive to the Cyrus Gates Overlook where the hike will begin. Return time to the North Chuckanut parking lot will be 2 pm. Drivers will need to be shuttled back to the Cyrus Gates Overlook.

MAY 16-EBEY'S LANDING, CEMETERY & PRATT LOOP: This hike will begin at Ebey's Landing parking area and it will include the side trip to the cemetery, the Pratt Loop, the Bluff Trail and return to the cars by way of the beach. Up to 7.6 miles. Meet at 9 a.m. at the March Point Park-n-Ride. (At the stop light at the intersection of HWY 20 and the Christianson and March Point Roads, turn RIGHT and then an immediate RIGHT turn onto the frontage road and soon turn LEFT into the Park-n-Ride.) **OR** meet at Ebey's Landing at 9:45 am. Discover Pass required to park at Ebey landing but not on the side of the road along the beach. Low tide of minus 2.0 feet about 11 am.

MAY 23-ROSS DAM TO DIABLO DAM: Hike from above Ross Dam to below Diablo Dam, 7 miles one way along the north side of Diablo Lake between Ross Dam and the community of Diablo. One can hike mostly downhill from Ross to Diablo, 900 ft. elevation gain; 2200 ft. elevation loss or one can hike mostly uphill from Diablo to Ross, 2200 ft. elevation gain; 900 ft. elevation loss. Drivers will exchange keys. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Return to Diablo trailhead by 2:30 pm.

MAY 30-ORCAS ISLAND: NOTE: DRIVERS NEED TO MAKE WA STATE FERRY RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE 8 or more miles. Up to 1600 ft. elevation gain. Several hike options will be available in Moran State Park. Meet at 6:30 am at the March Point Park-n-Ride. (At the stop light at the intersection of HWY 20 and the Christianson and March Point Roads, turn RIGHT and then an immediate RIGHT turn onto the frontage road and soon turn LEFT into the Park-n-Ride.) We will take the 7:30 am sailing from Anacortes to Orcas Island. No ferry walk-ons as we will need cars on the island. Ferry fare required. WA State Discover Pass required to park in Moran State Park. To return to Anacortes one can take the 5:15 pm or the 7:50 pm sailing.

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JUNE 6-OYSTER DOME: Hike to the Oyster Dome on Blanchard Mountain. In both options below, the hiker can hike on the completed Blanchard Connector Trail with its switchbacks replacing the steep section to the main trail that leads to the Dome.

OPTION 1: Begin and end at the Pacific Northwest Trail Trailhead on Chuckanut Drive near mile post 10. 9 miles, 2000 ft. elevation gain. **Meet at 9 am at this location.** Hikers need to download the map and instructions from the SWITMO web site, www.SWITMO.org. Go to the “Great Hikes” page and under “Skagit County hikes” click on “Blanchard, Oyster Dome from Chuckanut Drive and back”. If you wish, you may meet Joan Melcher at the Chuckanut Park-n-Ride by 8:30 am to get a map and instructions. **2:30 pm return** to Trailhead.

OPTION 2: Begin and end hike at the Samish Overlook. WA State Discover Pass required at this location. 6.0 to 7.4 miles, 900 ft. elevation gain with a **2:00 pm return** to Trailhead. Opportunities for side trips to North Butte, Lily Lake, and Lizard Lake. **Meet at 8:30 am** at the Chuckanut Drive Park-n-Ride, exit 231 from I-5 on the east side of I-5.

NATIVE PLANT SALE – Sat. May 5

Photo Cascade Oregon Grape courtesy of WNPS Salal Chapter

The National Audubon Society urges using native plants around our homes to make them more bird-friendly. Take advantage of the Washington Native Plant Society-Salal Chapter’s 19th annual spring sale to expand – or begin – your backyard habitat for wildlife.

Time is from 10 am-Noon in the Native Plant Garden area of the Skagit Display Gardens at WSU’s NW Research and Extension Center located at 16650 SR 536, Mt. Vernon. Expect to find a good selection of native trees, shrubs, bulbs, perennials, ground covers and ferns.

For more information and a list of plants available, contact Brenda at nativegarden@fidalgo.net. Please note cash and check sales only.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Education Committee needs volunteers to help with a number of adult presentations coming up in the next several months. These Power Point presentations are scheduled at libraries and private organizations/clubs in the area. If you can help give part of a presentation (already written), that would be great; or, you can assist with the computer and help answer questions from the audience. If you can lend a hand, please contact Sheila at skagiteducation2@gmail.com.

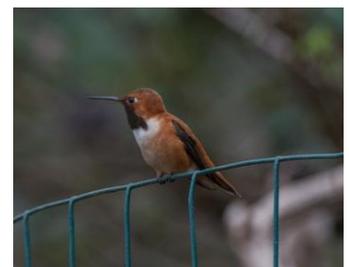
Rufous Hummingbird Facts by Jane Brandt

RUHU populations have declined across their range by 62% between 1966 and 2014. They were placed on the 2014 State of the Birds Watch List which lists bird species that are of risk of becoming threatened or endangered without conservation action. Loss of habitat is a factor in this decline.

The RUHU makes one of the longest migratory journeys of any bird measured by body size. The roughly 3,900 miles one-way migration from

Mexico to Alaska is equivalent to 78,470,000 body lengths.

Oldest recorded RUHU was a banded female of 8 years 11 months in British Columbia.



Rufous Hummingbird, by Joe Halton

Source: All About Birds Cornell Lab of Ornithology



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Area protects a variety of habitats from extensive wetlands to uplands, streams, and farmland just east of Mt. Vernon. Skagit Audubon and its members have been instrumental in adding to this protected area. We'll visit one or more parts of the preserve, particularly looking for warblers, vireos, and other neotropical migrants recently returned as well as resident species. Read about Barney Lake Conservation Area at <http://www.skagitlandtrust.org/properties/barney-lake.aspx>. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes for walking over uneven ground. Bring binoculars. A spotting scope may be useful but isn't essential. Meet in the eastern portion of the PETCO parking lot in Mt. Vernon off College Way just east of I-5 Exit 227. We'll form carpools there. Leader: Tim Manns (360.336.8753) or email at: conservation@skagitaudubon.org.



Saturday, May 26, 2018

Upriver Spring Birding Excursion

7:30 am – Mid-day

Come bird the peak of spring activity with upriver birds with Libby Mills. Meet in Sedro Woolley along the Food Pavilion parking lot's east side to carpool at 7:30 am (remember, birds don't sleep in May!). This will be a good opportunity to see some of the nesting birds as well as observing interesting behaviors in our colorful, migratory species. Bring a lunch and drinks. Plan to be out until mid-afternoon seeking birds in some of the best birders' haunts of the lovely upper Skagit Valley. Leader: Libby Mills, libbymills@gmail.com. Please let the leader know if you intend to come.

SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES

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 birdsightings@skagitaudubon.org.

For recent updates on bird sightings, check out ABA Tweeters and Skagit County Ebird List on the SAS website (Birding menu, Bird Sightings Submenu).

WATERFOWL

Wood Duck 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-30 (MS); 4 pair observed in field since the first week of April near the Cascade Trail at Minkler and Harrison (DW)

Ring-necked Duck 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-25 (NOH); 5 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-30 (MS); 6 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH); 7 at Skagit Wildlife Area on 4-6 (NOH)

Harlequin Duck 7 at Rosario Beach on 4-2 (NOH)

Hooded Merganser 2 at Hayton Access on 3-25 (NOH); 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH)

Common Merganser large flock at Milepost 4 on south Skagit River on 4-6 (JL)

GREBES

Pied-billed Grebe 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH)

Horned Grebe 1 at Rosario Beach on 4-2 (NOH)

RAILS and COOTS

Virginia Rail 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH)

OYSTERCATCHERS

Black Oystercatcher 3 at Rosario Beach on 4-2 (NOH)

PLOVERS

Black-bellied Plover 27 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Hayton Access) on 3-25 (NOH)

SANDPIPERS and ALLIES

Marbled Godwit 7 on north spoils island from E. March Point road on 4-9 (RW, SP)

Western Sandpiper 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 4-8 (GB)

Greater Yellowlegs 36 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-25 (NOH)

LOONS

Red-throated Loon 1 at Rosario Beach on 4-2 (NOH)

Pacific Loon 1 at Rosario Head on 4-5 (GB)

Common Loon 1 at Rosario Beach on 4-2 (NOH)

HERONS and ALLIES

American Bittern 1 flying from the Helmick Road wetlands on 4-15 (DW)

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VULTURES

Turkey Vulture 2 at Rosario Beach on 4-2 (NOH)

OSPREYS

Osprey back at Ship Harbor, Anacortes on 4-10 (LT)

HAWKS, EAGLES and ALLIES

Cooper's Hawk 1 juvenile at east Fidalgo home on 3-28 (RW); 1 male at east Fidalgo home on 4-1 (RW)

Northern Goshawk 1 at Concrete Airport on 4-1 (GB)

Rough-legged Hawk

1 "dark-morph" at east 90, Samish Flats on 3-22 (AW); 2 on the Samish Flats on 3-24 (NOH)

Golden Eagle 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Big Ditch) on 4-6 (LT)

WOODPECKERS

Downy Woodpecker 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 4-6 (NOH)

FALCONS

Peregrine Falcon 1 adult at Corkindale Creek on 3-21 (AW); 2 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-25 (NOH); 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH)

FLYCATCHERS

Say's Phoebe 1 near Lutheran Church on Church Road on 3-22 (AW); 1 at Bryson Road on 4-3 (GB)

SHRIKES

Northern Shrike 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH); 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Hayton Access) on 4-6 (JH)

SWALLOWS

Cliff Swallow 10 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 4-8 (GB)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 4-6 (NOH)

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 3-31 (NOH); 1 at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 4-6 (NOH)

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird 1 at Darrington on 3-18 (RM)

Mountain Bluebird 10 at Rockport on 3-31 (RM)

LONGSPURS and BUNTINGS

Snow Bunting 1 at Rockport on 3-18 (RM)

SPARROWS and ALLIES

White-crowned Sparrow 3 in Camano Island yard on 4-2 (SRP)

Golden-crowned Sparrow 2 in alternate plumage (breeding) at Skagit Wildlife Area (Wylie Slough) on 4-6 (NOH); 2 in Burlington yard on 4-12 (LE)

Dark-eyed Junco 1 wintering "slate-colored", last seen at east Fidalgo home on 4-2 (RW); 2 "slate-colored" at Cap Sante, Anacortes home on 4-10 (JH); 1 "slate-colored" on Pleasant Ridge on 4-6 (JH)

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler 1 in Bay View on 4-10 (LM)

Yellow Warbler 1 singing at east Fidalgo home on 4-2 (RW)

CRITTERS

Northern Alligator Lizard first of year at east Fidalgo home on 4-2 (RW)

(GB) Gary Bletsch; (LE) Larry Edwards; (JH) Joe Halton; (LM) Libby Mills; (NOH) Neil O'Hara; (JL) Jean Leib; (RM) Ryan Merrill; (SRP) Sheila and Ron Pera; (SP) Scott Petersen; (MS) Mary Sinker; (LT) Linda Talman; (AW) Andrea Warner; (DW) Daria Wheatley; (RW) Regan Weeks

UPCOMING BIRD FESTIVALS:

Yakima River Canyon 2018 Bird Fest:

May 11-13; Ellensburg and Kittitas County; more info: www.ycic.org.

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest:

May 17-20; Leavenworth area; more info: www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.org.

2018 World Migratory Bird Day:

May 12 – US and Canada

Stay up to-date on events, activities, and information by visiting the new website at: www.migratorybirdday.org.



SKAGIT AUDUBON CONSERVATION REPORT-MAY

BY TIM MANNIS

Here's an update on some issues important to Audubon. In early April, the coalition of environmental groups which appealed the Skagit County Hearing Examiner's approval of the Shoreline Conditional Use Permit for Andeavor's (Tesoro) Clean Products Upgrade Project filed a further appeal. The Skagit County Commissioners had upheld the Hearing Examiner's decision, and the new appeal is to the Washington Shorelines Hearings Board. The coalition contends that the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the project inadequately addresses potential impacts on the federally-listed Southern Resident Killer Whales, among other inadequacies, and that a Shoreline Conditional Use Permit should be required. This type of permit receives greater scrutiny and involves the Department of Ecology as opposed to leaving the issuance decision up to Skagit County alone. Skagit Audubon submitted comments on various phases of the Andeavor project calling for this more rigorous permit and requesting that the inadequacies of the EIS in addressing potential impacts to birds and other aspects of the marine environment be fixed. The Shorelines Hearing Board will issue a decision on this March Point project within 120 days.

Federal Omnibus Budget Bill Update: National Audubon reports that the federal omnibus budget bill passed in late March fortunately ignored the many deep cuts to bird-related and other conservation programs requested by the Administration. See <http://www.audubon.org/news/birds-come-out-top-during-omnibus-spending-negotiations>. One example is that rather than zeroing out the Land and Water Conservation Fund, there is a slight increase. This half-century old program has facilitated the purchase of local, state, and federal public lands all across America. Public lands provide much of the most important habitat for birds and other wildlife. We need to be mindful of the fact that while this increase is very welcome, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act is due to expire this fall. Our representatives need to hear from us about the importance of making this fund permanent (go to http://www.audubon.org/news/victories-birds-budget-bill?ms=policy-adv-email-ea-x-20180405_advisory and scroll down).

Another positive aspect of the omnibus bill is that it does not include a weakening of the Roadless Rule in Alaska for which some particularly powerful figures were pushing very hard. This federal rule has long protected large areas of national forests from needless and expensive-to-maintain roads that degrade wildlife habitat. We can thank Senator Maria Cantwell for this outcome. Unfortunately, the State of Alaska is now appealing to the Administration to get around this habitat protection in another way, particularly to open the last remaining large old-growth forest in the U.S. to timber cutting: the Tongass National Forest. Putting aside the Roadless Rule in Alaska would set a dangerous precedent for everywhere it applies in our country. Skagit Audubon has added its name to letters to the Administration opposing such a backward step.

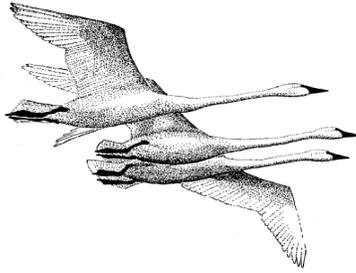
Migratory Bird Treaty Act: Another of Audubon's priorities, upholding the applicability of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to incidental, avoidable deaths from industrial hazards still needs our attention. Ten Senators recently wrote Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke urging that the long-held interpretation of this century-old act continue in force (https://www.audubon.org/sites/default/files/final_mbta_letter_to_secretary_zinke.pdf). As just one example, electrocutions and collisions with powerlines kill an estimated 64 million birds per year. Without the present understanding of the act, power companies such as Puget Sound Energy would not be required to provide pole-top raptor roosts that prevent hawks, falcons, and eagles from electrocution, nor would they have to improve the visibility of overhead lines to help swans avoid them.

Climate Change and National Parks: National Audubon's recently released study of the potential effects of climate change on birds in national parks further illustrates the importance of public lands to wildlife species. Using data from scientific surveys in the parks plus eBird and other data sets, Audubon used climate models to project how conditions may shift in national parks and what that could mean for birds dependent on these public lands. The study concluded that "... on average, one-quarter of the bird species found in a given national park could be different by 2050." For our nearest national park, North Cascades, the possible changes are fewer than at Mt. Rainier or Olympic but still notable. Conditions that now support most of the park's flycatchers are likely to decline, while those important to swallows may improve. Chipping Sparrows, now breeding in the park, are likely to disappear, while the park may provide a new home for species not present now but unable to survive on their traditional home ranges. Read more at <http://www.audubon.org/news/audubon-and-national-park-service-predict-major-changes-birds-warming-world>. The report builds on a nationwide study Audubon released in 2014.

More info: see the Conservation Notes posted on the chapter website: <http://skagitaudubon.org/> at the conservation tab.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

May 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 SAS Board Meeting; 7:00 PM	2 HIKE: Baker River	3	4	5
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