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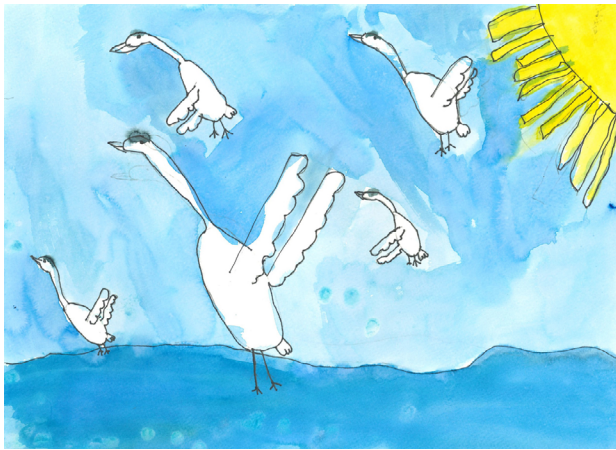


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Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest

by Randee Zerger,
Wenatchee River Institute



Come join us to celebrate the 19th annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest May 13 - 16. Bird Fest happens in association with World Migratory Bird Day. This year's festival is a hybrid format that will include both virtual events and small, in-person field trips, so whether you want to participate from home or in person, you will find events just right for you! This year for our in-person field trips, attendees will drive separately to locations. There are many new, exciting events being introduced this year as well! In-person field trips include: Birding Boot Camp, Wandering for Woodpeckers, Birding Mountain Home Preserve, Birding Blewett Pass, Neighborhood Bird Walks, Leavenworth Bike-N-Bird, and even more. Virtual workshops include: Landscaping for Birds & Wildlife, Owl & Woodpecker Workshops, Bird Photography Workshop, and more.

We are excited to welcome Dennis Paulson as our keynote (virtual) speaker discussing "The Wonderful Adaptations of Birds", taking place on Saturday, May 15 from 7-8:30 pm.

In addition to these virtual workshops, we have an At-Home Bird Watching Challenge! This challenge will allow participants to look at the birds in their own backyard, brush up on some bird identification, and even learn about new birds. The challenge takes place throughout Bird Fest; you could be crowned The Stay-At-Home Bird Watching Champion and win a prize! This year, we are also offering four virtual art workshops which include two Watercolor Workshops with Molly Hashimoto and Laurel Mundy, a Sketching Workshop with Bethany Wray, and a Sip & Paint.

Registration for all Bird Fest events is currently open! Visit our website to find out more details on all events plus registration: <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/> OR scan the QR code below. This year's artwork was submitted by local K-8th grade students, and one will be featured on this year's Bird Fest poster! This painting was created by a second grade Peshastin-Dryden Elementary student.



The results are in for the 2021 NCW Audubon Photo Contest. This is the winning entry, a Calliope Hummingbird photographed by Tim Nicol of Republic. Congratulations Tim! See the complete list of winners on page four and see all the winning photos and all the photos entered on our website. Thanks to all who participated and also to the judges and to Bruce McCammon for organizing this event.



The mission of the North Central Washington Audubon Society is to:
 “Enhance, protect and restore healthy natural ecosystems and native biodiversity using science, advocacy, education and on-the-ground conservation to promote the welfare of birds in North Central Washington”

Anna’s Hummingbird Nest

This is the first documented Anna’s Hummingbird nesting in the Wenatchee Valley. The nest is in Wenatchee and Bruce McCammon has been monitoring the nest since March 3. His videos will be combined to produce an educational piece that discusses the Anna’s Hummingbird range expansion and the nesting and brooding behaviors seen at the nest. Bruce will also write an article for the first Phlox after the nestlings have fledged.

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It looks like an early Spring with wildflowers and orchards already in full bloom throughout much of our four-county region. It is always delightful to see the colors and smell the scents of spring, but it is also worrisome with the lack of precipitation during the last two months. The forecast shows some for this weekend so fingers crossed it will make a difference. On our little hill, we went from snow-covered to dusty in just a couple of weeks. It may have been the shortest mud season in the thirteen years we have been here!



Rufous Hummingbird on nest
photo by Peter Bauer, Winthrop

On our hill birds are already tending their nests. Say's Phoebes have one under the eave of the shop. A robin seems to be nesting under the deck. Violet-green and Tree Swallows are working the nest boxes along with a couple pairs of Western Bluebirds. American Kestrels are using a box down below our house. We often see and hear them. Dusky Grouse are sitting on eggs, so we keep the dogs close to us on our morning walks. Western Meadowlarks and Vesper Sparrows are still singing up a storm, choosing their territories. Hummers arrived in the last week or so with Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds using the feeders and making their noisy displays for everyone to see. On a recent camping trip, I found an American Dipper nest under a bridge.

On that camping trip, I also saw lots of turtles perched on logs in the warm sunshine. It made me wonder, what do turtles do? Turtles in this region spend most of their time underwater or under ice. They are seldom seen walking

on the ground except when the female goes somewhere to lay her eggs and then abandons them. How does a baby turtle survive the arduous trip to the water and how do they know how to get there? How do turtles get enough air to breathe when they spend most of the time underwater? So many questions. It's like migration, how do birds do it? I have read books about it and still find it amazing.

And in case anyone is looking for a fun volunteer opportunity with North Central Washington Audubon Society, this is my next-to-last Wild Phlox. I am stepping down from this position after fifteen years of producing nine newsletters each year. Well, maybe I missed one or two due to technical difficulties. But hardly any. So, if any one of you is looking to expand your knowledge of our four-county region and help others learn about it too, send a note to me or our president, Art Campbell.



American Dipper
photo by Teri J Pieper, Methow Valley

NCW Recent Bird Sightings

compiled from the ncwabird email list and eBird and Tweeters by Teri J Pieper

Chelan: A white morph Harlan's (Red-tailed) Hawk was reported near Leavenworth. An early, Black-chinned Hummingbird was seen at Beebe Springs. A California Scrub-jay continues outside of Wenatchee. A White-throated Sparrow was seen at the Horan Natural Area. A Vaux's Swift was seen from the Balsamroot Trail.

Douglas: An early Cliff Swallow was seen near Orondo on March 28. A Greater Yellowlegs and Cinnamon Teal were seen near Bridgeport. Snow Geese and Greater White-fronted Geese were seen in East Wenatchee. At a pond near St Andrews, there were Dunlin, Black-necked Stilts and Greater Yellowlegs.

Ferry: A Blue Jay continues to go to a feeder in eastern Ferry County. A Trumpeter Swan was seen at Barnaby Campground.

Okanogan: A flock of Green-winged Teal, two Greater Yellowlegs and some Cinnamon Teal were seen at Big Twin Lake. An early Cliff swallow was seen at Cassimer Bar on March 29. Harlequin Ducks were seen from the Old Twisp Highway. Wood Ducks were seen at the Twisp Salmon ponds, the beaver ponds on the Twisp Carlton Road and in big numbers at Forde Lake in the Sinlahekin valley. A Lesser Goldfinch was seen outside of Winthrop. A Snow Goose and a Red-breasted Merganser were spotted at Pearrygin Lake. A large flock of Gray-crowned Rosy-finches has been seen up the Twisp River road. A Loggerhead Shrike was seen between Twisp and Winthrop. A Baird's Sandpiper and Black-necked Stilts were seen from Cameron Lake Road.

NCWAS Photo Contest Winners Announced

by Bruce McCammon, Wenatchee

The 2021 North Central Washington Audubon Society bird photography contest is in the books. Our thanks go out to all those who submitted photos to the contest. Also, we extend sincere thanks to the three volunteer judges who rated the images.

This year we saw fewer entries than in past years – probably another effect of the Covid-19 pandemic. The submitted images still did a great job of showcasing the diversity and beauty of the birds in our four-county area. You can view a gallery of the winning images in both the Adult and Youth categories on the NCWAS website (<https://ncwaudubon.org/2021-ncwas-bird-photography-contest-winners/>). A second gallery (<https://ncwaudubon.org/2021-ncwas-bird->

photo-contest/) shows all the images that were submitted to the contest. We will prepare 16x20 inch prints for each of the photographers who took the winning images.

The winning photographers are:

ADULT

Best of Show-Tim Nicol, Republic. Calliope Hummingbird
First Place - Lance Stark, Chelan. Common Loon
Second Place - Sally Dobbin, Seattle. Tree Swallows
Honorable Mention - Peter Bauer, Winthrop. Barn Swallows

YOUTH

First Place - Ashley Gibbs, Leavenworth. Mallard
Second Place - Ashley Gibbs, Leavenworth. American Crow.
Honorable Mention - Rayen Blue, Leavenworth. Canada Jay.

Save the date: *Anthropocene* Film and Discussion at the Environmental Film and Speaker Series, May 25

by Mark Oswood & Merry Roy, Wenatchee

NCWAS will sponsor a viewing of the award-winning film *Anthropocene* (a one-hour version!) with a follow-up discussion at 7:00 p.m., May 25. The Environmental Film and Speaker Series is an annual program of the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Normally, we would watch the film and be social in the Museum auditorium but The Virus is still at large so this will be a Zoom presentation. Zoom allows participation from all over our far-flung territory.

This film asks questions:

“A Working Group of international scientists is deciding whether to declare a new geological epoch - the Anthropocene - a planet shaped more by mankind than nature. Its members tell the story of the Anthropocene and argue whether it’s a tragedy, a comedy, or something more surreal. With archival footage, award-winning stills and interviews, ANTHROPOCENE proposes a common secular narrative for mankind but leaves viewers to decide how we should write the ending. The film has the blessing of Nobel laureate Paul Crutzen, who coined the term, and is the first feature film about the Anthropocene. It is now our turn to decide--in this decade--how the Anthropocene will end.”

Our task, on the evening of May 25, will be to discuss two questions:

What is the single wisest action that Homo sapiens could do, collectively, as stewards of our planet?

What is the single wisest action that you could do, individually, as a steward of our planet?

Note: These actions should be scientifically, socially, and politically feasible – but not necessarily easy. Think big ... but no magic.

To register, please go to: www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.org/event/environmental-film-series-anthropocene/. After registering, you will receive an email with a link to view the film at your leisure, from May 23 – 25 and join us virtually for a Q&A Session with a local panel on Tuesday, May 25 from 7 – 8 PM.”

Conservation Update Chelan County’s Shoreline Master Program

by Mark Johnston, Leavenworth

In 2019, after an extensive update process, Chelan County adopted significant changes to its Shoreline Master Program (SMP). Though the primary goal of the SMP is to protect the public’s interests in the health of our natural water systems, the 2019 amendments to it constitute a significant reduction of protections for them. In particular, buffers meant to insulate our streams, rivers, and lakes from adverse impacts caused by adjacent land uses were substantially reduced.

NCWAS attended associated hearings and submitted comments in opposition to the proposed changes that were ultimately adopted in 2019. Though we were unsuccessful then, the County is again considering potential updates to its SMP. While the changes they are considering this time are more modest and currently do not include the issue of buffers, we are making the case for a full reconsideration of them. Specifically, we want to see them restored to the pre 2019 widths. We contend the 2019 revisions regarding buffers fell short of compliance with applicable state law and hope our recent input to the process will help achieve a better outcome this time than was the case in 2019.

To read our input to the 2019 and 2021 processes, go to the conservation page on our website at <https://ncwaudubon.org/conservation/chelan-county-shoreline-management-plan-update-process/>.

June 5 Four-county Count

by Art Campbell, Winthrop

Each spring, from as far away as South America, millions of birds migrate into north-central Washington. The new arrivals, together with the plucky resident birds that have endured our cold and snowy winter, start their breeding activities – courting, building nests, laying eggs, and raising young. For many birdwatchers, the highlight of each year is anticipating and then observing this annual pageant. To celebrate this spectacle, on June 5 NCWAS will hold its annual bird count covering the four counties in our region – Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, and Okanogan counties. Teams of birdwatchers will go into the field, each team counting birds within a specific

area within our region. Each area will have a lead person to organize counting activities. Our goal is to collect important data on birdlife in our region while having an exciting and fun day of birding. If you're a birdwatcher, we welcome your participation. If you're concerned about your ability level, we'll make sure you're teamed with high ability birders.

If you watch birds, and want to participate, e-mail either Joe Veverka at joe_everka@yahoo.com or Art Campbell at rapakivi@methow.com by June 1. We look forward to your involvement, and let's have a good time on June 5!

Wildlife Tree - Protected for Habitat

New signs for landowners sponsored by Audubon

by Ken Bevis, Methow Valley

Bird lovers and habitat fans know the value of snags - standing dead trees that woodpeckers and a plethora of other species utilize for crucial habitats. Kestrels, bluebirds, swallows, wrens, chickadees and more! Not to mention the squirrels and other critters that use the cavities provided in the standing dead trees.

A new tool to educate people and protect these critical habitat features has been enabled by funding from the North Central Washington and Yakima Valley Audubon Societies. Each

chapter pitched in about \$500 to pay for 500 of these signs to be distributed to landowners and interested parties by Ken Bevis, the Department of Natural Resources Stewardship Wildlife biologist (and a NCWAS Auduboner), Jeff Kozma, of Yakima Audubon and the Yakama Indian Nation, and Scott Downes with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Yakima.



The five inch square signs are intended to be placed on high quality wildlife snags providing habitat for many, many species. The signs will remind people of the habitat value, and discourage cutting of these and similar trees.

A large ponderosa pine tree died in Winthrop, on private property, right next to the ski trail and ice rink. Jon Albright, trails manager for Methow Trails, recognizing the value of this habitat tree, had a skilled volunteer climb and cut the top out of the pine, allowing the lower forty feet of the stem to persist as habitat.

Pygmy Nuthatches are already taking up residency! This was the first tree to get one of the signs. Thanks Methow Trails.

Thank you to Audubon for funding this outreach effort. These signs will show up as educational reminders of the value of snags and other habitat trees all across our region and beyond!

Join NCW Audubon Climate Watch Surveys

by Richard Scranton, Wenatchee

According to Audubon's 2019 climate change report, *'Survival By Degrees,'* up to two-thirds of North American birds are vulnerable to extinction due to climate change. The good news is that there are opportunities to protect birds from this existential threat, and Audubon members have been leading the way for years. Climate Watch aims to document species' responses to climate change and test Audubon's climate models by having volunteers in the field look for birds where Audubon's climate models predict them to be in the 2020s.

North Central Washington has most of the twelve species targeted for monitoring by Audubon's science and climate watch team such as Western and Mountain Bluebirds, White-breasted, Red-breasted, and Pygmy Nuthatches, American Goldfinch, and Spotted Towhee.

How will we make it happen? NCW Audubon's Conservation Committee will provide local coordinators to make it easy to contribute your sightings. Work with your local coordinator to choose a survey area and identify 12 survey sites. Twice a year (during the periods of May 15-June 15 and Jan 15-Feb 15) count birds identified at the 12 survey sites spending 5 minutes at each site. Then submit your sightings (your coordinator will assist).

Why get involved? Climate Watch is designed to reveal trends in the occurrence of bird species in locations over time, strengthening the science regarding the fate of more than 389 bird species. By participating in this monitoring program, your birding a few hours a year will power climate science!

To get involved or request more info contact Richard Scranton, rscran4350@yahoo.com or Todd Thorn, todd@canyonwren.us

You Are What Hope Looks Like to a Bird

by Mary and Tim Gallagher,
Lake Wenatchee

Spring in the Arctic and a lot is happening. Birds are traveling from six continents to reach the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and other ecologically rich areas. Polar bear cubs and their famished mothers are heading out of their dens in search of food after months of hibernation. Thousands of caribou are hoofing it to the coastal plain to give birth and raise their next generation.

In his first days in office, President Biden took a critical first step by placing a temporary moratorium on all oil and gas leasing activities on the coastal plain, pausing all new oil development activities from recently sold drilling leases.

The first Arctic Refuge lease sale failed to live up to purported expectations. Some have called the lease sale an embarrassment. With more than a million acres of the Refuge up for bid, the sale generated little more than 1% of the \$1.8 billion total that was promised in the lead up to the 2017 Tax Act. Major oil companies had little interest in submitting bids. In the absence of bidding by oil companies, Alaska's state-owned economic development corporation moved in to fill the void, submitting for the first time, bids on oil and gas leasing. A major contributing factor was the public pressure on oil companies and banks relating to their irresponsibility in exacerbating the climate crisis, as well as the negative public opinion that would result from the irreparable damage inflicted on this iconic place. A significant number of banks and oil companies backed off due to this pressure. Thank you if you spoke up.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) failed to approve pending permits for the seismic exploration program and any further action on the permits has been halted under the Biden moratorium on leasing activities. The outcry was record setting, as more than 6 million public comments were submitted to FWS in opposition to seismic testing,



with many identifying serious, substantive problems with the proposal's conclusion regarding harm to polar bears. Thank you if you spoke up.

Despite these victories, the window to prevent drilling from moving forward is closing, and legislative action is needed to restore and enhance Arctic Refuge protections. You can help! With the House in Democratic control and the Senate at 50/50, the Biden administration and Congress have the best opportunity to work together to legislatively

enhance protections for the Arctic Refuge. Please encourage them to act now.

Thankfully, we have fiscally and environmentally responsible representation in Congress. Representatives Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Jared Huffman (D-CA) and Senator Ed Markey (D- MA) have introduced a bipartisan bill that will repeal the Trump-era oil leasing mandate for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and protect its coastal plain. The House Arctic Refuge Protection Act HR 815 currently has 101 cosponsors and 29 cosponsors

in the Senate for Arctic Refuge Protection Act S 282. Both versions move the Refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System. Passing the Arctic Refuge Protection Act would protect a national natural treasure: a world-wide bird nursery, a polar bear denning site and help ensure the food security and subsistence traditions of the Gwich'in and Iñupiat peoples. This Act will help prevent long-term carbon pollution at a critical juncture for addressing the climate and biodiversity crises facing all of us.

It is important that every congressperson hears from their constituents on this. Please call your Representative in the House and ask them to co-sponsor the Arctic Refuge Protection Act HR 815 today.

Chelan: Rep. Kim Schrier 509-850-5340

Douglas and Okanogan: Rep. Dan Newhouse 509-433-7760

Ferry: Cathy McMorris Rodgers 509-684-3481

Please call and thank your Washington State Senators, who have both signed on to the Arctic Refuge Protection Act S 282:

Senator Maria Cantwell 206-220-6400

Senator Patty Murray 206-553-5545

There is incredible momentum both in Congress and the White House to fight climate change and preserve our nation's most valuable landscapes, so please call President Biden and show your support for protecting the Refuge. The White House Comment line: 202-456-1111

WDFW Seeks Volunteers for Common Loon Surveys

by Devon Comstock
Assistant District Wildlife Biologist

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) biologists for Chelan and Douglas Counties are seeking volunteer assistance with Common Loon occupancy surveys between May and July this year. NCW Audubon members may be familiar with nesting territories in Okanogan County and state efforts to regulate the use of lead fishing gear at these lakes to prevent lead toxicity in loons. Common Loons are listed as a state sensitive species. This year WDFW is focusing on not just revisiting known nesting territories, but trying to census lakes where nesting habitat occurs, and breeding pairs have not been recently confirmed. Surveys require one to three visits to a potential water body for a minimum of one hour. Surveys are best conducted by a kayak or other non-motorized watercraft. Surveys can be completed by a solo volunteer or in small groups. Training will be provided by WDFW staff. Interested birders should contact Devon Comstock, Assistant District Wildlife Biologist devon.comstock@dfw.wa.gov. 699-8477



Common Loons in Okanogan County
photo by Teri J Pieper, Methow Valley

No Plants, No Bugs; No Bugs, No Birds With Websites!

Inadvertently, I have done my gardening the right way—at least according to Dr. Douglas Tallamy, the latest scientist I've encountered who proselytizes to the general public about avoiding and correcting environmental harm. As he would wish, I've left the edges of my property natural—sagebrush, rabbit brush, Saskatoon, red osier dogwood, and prairie grasses. I've attacked the alien invader, Siberian elm, with an electric cutter, repeatedly.

Dr. Tallamy calls for converting at least a portion of our properties over to native vegetation to create a "*Homegrown National Park*." He projects that converting parts of our yards to nature would be more useful even than creating wildlife corridors. He contends that natural vegetation is more nutritious to natural fauna, especially birds, than are glorious flowering plants imported from other continents. He doesn't require us to give up our smooth monocultural lawns—he just wants them dramatically reduced. My husband would vote for that. Tallamy would replace lawns with the natural equivalent of English hedgerows and herbaceous borders.

Tallamy's latest book, *Nature's Best Hope*, cites evidence that native vegetation supports insects sufficient to feed native birds, which non-native vegetation does not. He explains that caterpillars, not worms or berries, are the prime food for birds. Our neighbor, a cherry orchardist, might dispute that. Birds require massive volumes of larvae to feed their nestlings, completing hundreds of trips per day from nest to insects and back to nest, usually ranging no more than 150 yards away. The larvae of moths and butterflies are tubular feed bags of pure protein, he explains.

Tallamy also calls for supporting native bees to pollinate those plants that the moths and butterflies rely upon. His suggestion for supporting bumblebees is to bury rolls of toilet paper half-

way up in dry places in our gardens to invite the bees to nest. He didn't say toilet paper rolls, he said rolls of toilet paper. I will try it, but if anybody sees me, you will have to bail me out of the loony bin.

Tallamy refers us to two websites to identify the best native plants to move into our yards to re-naturalize them. The website for the National Wildlife Federation selects plants specifically to attract butterflies and moths to our yards, selecting based on our zip codes. It opens to a selection of plants in priority order by the number of insects they were found to support in actual field counts. One list is for flowers and grasses, another for trees. The opening screen displays eight plants for each list and allows searching for more plants of lesser interest to butterflies and moths. The website opens easily and is easy to use, but photographs of plants further down on the list are missing. The website does not relate particular birds to particular plants. See <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder>.

Tallamy's second referral is to the National Audubon Society's website treatment of planting native vegetation to attract birds. See: <https://www.Audubon.org/Plantsforbirds/> The Audubon website also selects native plants for us according to our zip codes, opening to a list of plants organized by common name, mixing flowers, shrubs and grasses. It also allows a search by plant type, e.g. trees. The list has photographs of each plant. The website suggests which birds each plant attracts, by bird family. Unlike the NWF list, Audubon's list is not specific to insects. Audubon's list places a number of plants as first priority (listing 62 items at my Zip code) and identifies other local plants that might be attractive to birds as well (349 for me.)

Now excuse me. I have some toilet paper to plant.

Tallamy, Douglas W., Nature's Best Hope, Timber Press, Portland, OR (2019)

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Where to Go Birding	Socially distanced, of course	www.ncwaudubon.org/BirdingSite/index2.php and www.wabirdguide.org/
May 4	Understanding Bird Song Come away from this presentation with a deeper understanding of the bird songs you hear this spring.	Methow Conservancy First Tuesday. Presented by David Lukas This event is free; email info@methowconservancy.org to get the zoom link and RSVP.
Enjoy birds from home	Watch Bruce McCammon's wonderful videos of local birds	<i>Songbirds of NCW</i> and <i>The Beauty of Birds</i> at www.ncwaudubon.org/
May 13-16	Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest	Participate virtually and in person. See page 1 for more information.
May 23-25	<i>Anthropocene</i> Film and Discussion	Watch the film and then join the discussion on May 25. See page 4 for more information.
June 5	Four-county Bird Count	How many birds will you count in our four-county region? See page 5 for more information.

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