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## Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest May 18-21

by Brook Hinton, Leavenworth

Spring this year celebrates not only the return of migratory birds and colorful blooms, but also the 15th anniversary of the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest!

Festival activities continue to expand to encourage all ages and experience levels to explore the beautiful Wenatchee Valley and partake of festival traditions, as well as new adventures! Experienced birders can enjoy top-notch trips with our talented volunteer bird guides while they travel an array of habitats by boat, bus, boot, or bike. From rigorous off-trail excursions to gentle walks, river rafting and paddle boarding on the Wenatchee River - the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest truly has something for everyone.

Thursday, May 18th, is a great day to check out some river fun, relax at one of our delicious sponsor restaurants in town, and then wrap up the night at the Snowy Owl Theater's film "*The Birder's Guide to Everything*." Friday, May 19th, offers up fantastic field trips, including a couple of new ones just to shake things up! Our second annual 'Casual Friday' is a chance to meet keynote speaker Clay Taylor, and sample some Lokal Catering appetizers and glass of local wine or beer if you are in the mood. Cap the night off by showing off your artistic side at the Barn Beach Sip and Paint.

Saturday features Bird Fest Central Family Discovery Day offering free,

quality family programs like Sarvey Wildlife Center's show featuring up-close and personal views with live raptors. Kid's art and nature activities, nature walks, a chance to view the travelling collection of award-winning photos from Audubon, and exhibitors and vendors courtesy of the Migration Marketplace serve up everything from s'mores and how to use binoculars to trying out some archery and more! The Song Bird Concert, graciously put on by the Marlin Handbell Ringers, is a tradition not to be missed!

Bird Fest is extremely pleased to present Keynote speaker Clay Taylor,



Bird Fest artwork  
by Heather Murphy, Leavenworth

Naturalist and Market Manager for Swarovski Optik, as he muses over forty years of photography and birding. His presentation follows the annual, and delicious, Birders BBQ at Red Tail Canyon Inn, and reservations are required. Throughout the festival, a "walk through time" display walks you through Bird Fest's past, while the new e-bird route invites a walk into the future!

The 15th Annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest is made possible every year by the generous donations of local businesses, individuals, and partner organizations in the community like the Maria Norbury Foundation, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, the North Central Washington Audubon Society, the Washington Native Plant Society, the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, the USFWS, and Team Naturaleza. Please thank and support local businesses flying the yellow Bird Fest flag!

For more information about the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest or to register for a field trip, go to [www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.org](http://www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.org). You can also stay up to date with the festival on Facebook. If you would like to come join the festival as a vendor at Migration Marketplace, or as a volunteer at Bird Fest Central, please email the Wenatchee River Institute at [programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org](mailto:programs@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org).

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## Bluebird Boxes Readied for 2017 Nesting Season

by Todd Thorn, Okanogan

Once again, volunteers crisscrossed the Okanogan Valley and Highlands to clean out and maintain bluebird nest boxes in preparation for the 2017 breeding season. Much of the work occurred last fall, a splendid time to tour the Okanogan, scramble off roads, open boxes and discover which species claimed each box. After the 2015 fires, fence lines continue to be rebuilt, in some cases limiting box replacement. Interestingly, some boxes survived ground fire but their fence posts burned off.

How many boxes were cleaned or built anew and placed? About 400 boxes, located up the Tunk and Chewilliken Roads, Conconully Highway and Happy Hill, Pharr, Havillah, Nealy, Hungry Hollow Roads, with some sprinkled around Wauconda. Each box may be used several times during a season so the boxes give our bluebird population a boost and serve to mitigate some of the loss of habitat in the Okanogan.

Thanks to those contributing and volunteering through the Okanogan Bluebird Project! For more information or to get involved, please contact Todd Thorn [attodd@canyonwren.us](mailto:attodd@canyonwren.us)

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This afternoon I went looking for a place to walk that might feature bare ground. I did not have much luck with that. However, I heard and saw my first of the year Western Meadowlark singing against the backdrop of Mountain Bluebird blue skies. Can you just picture the vibrant yellow of the meadowlark contrasting with the brilliant blue? It was amazing. And there were Mountain Bluebirds too. Here in the Methow Valley, we still have a foot or more of wet, sloppy, rotten snow that makes getting out and doing things challenging. That hasn't stopped spring birds from returning. First there was the Say's Phoebe with her plaintive calls. Then there were the swallows – mostly Violet-green but some Tree's too. Ken tried to get a count of them a couple days ago, and estimated that there were over 1000 perched on the power lines across our place. And then there were Western Bluebirds, Dark-eyed Juncos, House and Cassin's Finches and Spotted Towhees. After a long quiet winter, it is nice to go outside and hear the bird songs even on the foggiest, grayest morning, like today. I am a little bit disgruntled about starlings. They are already checking out our American Kestrel nest box and they have been coming to the feeders. Last year a fellow with a cabin on this hillside put up some flicker boxes and the starlings took them over so now there is a population that has been raised here.

Have you cleaned out your nest boxes? The swallows and bluebirds are already scouting out their favorites. Some people clean them in the fall. We do ours in the spring. My husband believes the nesting material provides good night roosting habitats for our winter birds. That means we struggle through soft snow to get to all of them before the birds arrive!

We hired an arborist to do some work on our dead trees and while he was climbing around we noticed some Western Bluebirds checking out boxes. There were two males and a female and apparently the tree where Aaron was working was quite desirable. The two males began to fight! They would fly towards each other and fall to the snow-covered ground and have a big wrestling match. They did this repeatedly until one of them finally gave up and flew away leaving the remaining couple to inspect the nest box on the big snag. It was all very exciting and the arborist really enjoyed the spectacle. He is gaining a reputation for creating wildlife trees for his customers.



Fighting Western Bluebirds  
photo by Teri J Pieper

Maybe I am yearning for spring because I had an end of the winter vacation to a warm spot – Belize. You can read about it on page 7. It was truly a winter break and marvelous experience in so many ways. I can see why some people schedule trips like that every year. The birding was great but I also enjoyed getting to learn some about the history and culture of the former British colony and I got to tour two Mayan sites!

This is the season of birding festivals around Washington. There is a new one near Ellensburg in the Yakima Canyon that is sure to be a good opportunity to see birds and wildflowers. It is the week before Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. The Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival happens in early May and it is always a very birdy occasion. The Olympic Peninsula Bird Festival is April 7-9. Do you attend any of these festivals? I'd like to hear what you think of them.

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## NCW Recent Bird Sightings

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

Western Meadowlarks and Say's Phoebe have returned to the hills around Wenatchee and all over Okanogan County. A Lesser Goldfinch continues in Cashmere. Sharp-tailed Grouse and a Townsend's Solitaire were located on Bridgeport Hill on West Foster Creek. A Great Horned Owl was seen in Central Ferry Canyon. A Snowy Owl was observed near Mansfield.

In the Okanogan Highlands, most of the finches continued to be absent this winter although 40 Gray-crowned Rosy-finches were seen on Happy Hill Road. A Great Gray Owl was seen more than once at the Highland Sno-park near Havillah. Numerous Northern Pygmy-owls were also reported in the Highlands along with a Short-eared Owl. Bridgeport State Park continues to have Northern Saw-whet Owls. A Northern Goshawk scared Red-winged Blackbirds at a feeder near Pearrygin Lake. Three Golden Eagles have been putting on an aerial display at Bally Hill, near Twisp. American Tree Sparrows and perhaps as many as 1000 Snow Buntings were reported along Cameron Lake Road, east of Okanogan. A Northern Shrike was singing between Twisp and Winthrop and Clark's Nutcrackers were reported upstream of Mazama. Turkey Vultures and Sandhill Cranes have returned to the Okanogan area.

# Fodder From the Feeder

By Karen Mulcahy, Winthrop

Well, sad to say, my feeders are even quieter than in February. I have seen a return of some Mourning Doves; the Northern Flickers have started their drumming; our resident ravens are remodeling their nest in the pine behind the garage, and a flock of Pygmy Nuthatches charmed me with their antics and calls one day. So, spring must be just around the corner but with the piles of snow I see out of my window, I can't imagine food is too plentiful.

We did have a great Hawk Watch winter run this year. Michele Dewey and Art Campbell joined us once again for the 58-mile treks down valley to south of Carlton and back up again. This year we conducted three surveys starting south of Carlton on the Gold Creek Loop road to have the sun at our backs. We drove up the valley on as many side roads as possible, including the East and West Chewuch and on to the Rendezvous. We decided it was so dang cold in December that the birds wouldn't be out at the crack of dawn. A later start would possibly be more fruitful and certainly more tolerable for the humans involved.

It was still a chilly 10°F despite our late 09:40 start. However, it was clear as a bell, and sunny. We thought we wouldn't see a lot of raptors, as it was so cold. Thankfully, we were quite wrong. The highlight of this first trip was spotting six Rough-legged Hawks, all found in the fields along the East County road between Twisp and Winthrop. There was also an abundance of red tails (23), 16 Bald Eagles, five Golden Eagles, a Northern Harrier and a

Northern Shrike. Nothing was seen in the Rendezvous. We have often seen raptors there when hiking but in the winter, not so much, it seems.

The trip in January yielded less raptors and it was still dang cold (12°F when we started). We counted 31. The fun finds this time were two Cooper's Hawks, with one spotted on the East County Road. Our third trip in late February was much more pleasant temperature-wise. We started out at 20°F and ended at 32°F. Balmy! This time Bald Eagles ruled, followed by Red-tailed Hawks and Golden Eagles. No unusual species. And skunked again in the Rendezvous. I am petitioning my husband to consult the powers that be to take the Rendezvous off our route. So far the best spots seem to be the Gold Creek loop, the Twisp-Carlton Road, and the East County Road. On the final trip, we stopped at a nice vantage point on East County that Art always likes to survey. And we were finally rewarded - Rick spotted at least ten eagles circling over the pasturelands about two miles north. It was lovely to watch these majestic creatures against the blue sky with the snowy mountains as a scenic backdrop. It just doesn't get much better than that.

With grateful thanks to Art and Michelle for their humor, their spotting scope, and their love of Hank's donuts! I believe we have the perfect recipe of equal parts laughing and counting. And thanks to my husband Rick for starting us on this citizen science project.

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## December Fodder From the Feeder Postscript

By Karen Mulcahy, Winthrop

In the December Wild Phlox, Karen wrote about the mining devastation in the Sudbury, Ontario region where she was raised. During recent visits, Karen noticed there has been some landscape-scale rehabilitation and she was curious about the possible effects to the bird population. She inquired about this to Chris Blomme, from the Laurentian University Department of Biology in Sudbury.

Chris replied:

The Sudbury basin has had extensive liming, re-greening, and tree planting such that now you would probably not recognize many of the areas. Trees easily reach twenty five to thirty feet, where they started as seedlings. Bird populations vary due to population dynamics of the species as well as habitat changes as you well know, which makes the question difficult. Common Nighthawks, for example were plentiful in the area in the early seventies and would nest in the treeless barrens as it was great nesting habitat, and the insect populations (mosquitos, gnats, flies etc.) were good. Now the species is scarce, probably based on the fears that insect eaters in general are showing a decline. House sparrows were established in Sudbury and now are

extirpated, possibly due to food availability changes and maybe a virus. Mourning Doves were not present much in the early seventies and now are very common, winters are mild, and they survive that period. Northern Cardinals have become established in very small numbers currently and were unheard of in the early seventies. There are other examples I could mention. Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Alder Flycatcher, Song Sparrow, all are well established in the Sudbury basin in large part due to re-greening which has made trembling aspen, red maple and white birch common species that are established in limed areas and natural areas.

Sudbury had a Peregrine Falcon release project and 91 birds were released in Sudbury and Killarney. What is interesting here is that four of the large mining pit areas were used by peregrines as nesting sites as Sudbury lacks cliff sites. The mining pits used however, are not active or they have inactive areas. Some sites used to this day. Bald Eagles that were very rare now have a nest site within city limits. Unheard of in the early seventies.

# Meet the NCWAS Board

An Ongoing Series  
by Penny Tobiska, Wenatchee

Here are some thoughts and opinions from our treasurer, Larry Tobiska, who has a background in accounting and law. As a retiree, he is involved in community organizations and outdoor activities.

**Tell us a little about your background and how you came to be interested in the natural world.** Throughout my life time I have felt and sought out a connection with the natural world - being part of it myself. I relate to the natural world more based on feeling than intellectually, i.e. it has not been natural for me to study the biology or scientific classifications of things in nature but rather to try to experience them on a physical and spiritual way. Hence my life style has been one of doing active things out of doors as much as possible.

**What are some of your interests now that you are retired?** My retirement interests are similar to what I have done



Larry Tobiska in the natural world  
photo provided

before retirement but now I get to do them almost every day. These include rowing (sculling) on the Columbia River, bicycling, cross-country skiing and hiking, as well as camping in the various parks and other public places. I also enjoy playing the piano, singing with the Columbia Chorale and pursuing my interest in the Spanish language. Of course, my interests also include nurturing my marital relationship with the Association Secretary and my relationship with my extended family.

**How do you see the “green community” going forward at this point?** I am very concerned about the health of the “green community” as we are under assault from a new and, in my opinion, regressive government administration. I believe we, as human beings, are a part of an interdependent web of all nature on our planet and beyond. We are dependent on the health of this planet for our sustenance over time and error greatly when we ignore that fact.

## Shrub-Steppe Restoration

by Jim Evans, Washington Native Plant Society

The Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) is offering a course on shrub-steppe restoration. This no-cost program combines classroom learning with field trips, giving participants an opportunity to better understand the importance of native plants in grasslands and shrublands and how to use this knowledge to protect and restore these habitats. Classes will meet on April 20 and May 4 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm and on April 25 and April 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. An all-day field trip on April 22 will explore examples of shrub-steppe habitats around Wenatchee. The course will provide fifteen hours of direct training in shrub-steppe ecology, identification of native and invasive plants, restoration skills, and other conservation actions, supplemented by selected readings and videos for study at home. In return, participants must provide 15 hours of service to local conservation and restoration projects within eighteen months of course completion.

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board, and other local organizations will be partners in this training and have projects that need stewards' help. Anyone can apply! Participants must be members of WNPS. It's easy to join! Visit [www.wnps.org/join.html](http://www.wnps.org/join.html). For more information or to request an application, contact Jim Evans, State Stewardship Program Manager, Washington Native Plant Society, at 206-678-8914 or [jimevans@centurytel.net](mailto:jimevans@centurytel.net).

## Birdwatching for Beginners

by Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee

Are you curious about becoming a birder, America's fastest growing avocation? Join NCW Audubon Society's Jenny Graevell and Wenatchee Naturalist Susan Ballinger as they introduce beginners to the fundamentals of birdwatching in a collaborative setting. This hands-on course will use a variety of field guides, web-based tools, bird models and several types of optics to better understand birdwatching. Loaner binoculars will be available, courtesy of the NCW Audubon Society. We will practice ID skills on the half-day Saturday field trip to local birding hotspots. The instructors' goal is to launch a student on a path of life-long learning and appreciation of birds. Cost is \$69. Tuition scholarships available at [www.ncwaudubon.org](http://www.ncwaudubon.org). Dates: April 24, 26, 29. Monday Wednesday 6-8 pm & Saturday 9 am-noon. Register with Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education at [sww.wvc.edu/directory/departments/conted/](http://sww.wvc.edu/directory/departments/conted/) or call the office 682-6900.

This is a partnership program with North Central Washington Audubon Society.

# Those Marvelous, Myriad Lichens

## A Highlands Wonders Presentation

by Julie Ashmore, Okanogan Highlands

An indoor slideshow presentation on Friday, April 7th will be accompanied by hands-on specimens and lichen displays, and will be followed with a field trip on Saturday, May 6th! Jack Massie, a seasonal botany/ lichenology tech with the Cle Elum Ranger District, will discuss basic lichen definitions, and will present the process that a lichenologist would follow to discover, classify and identify lichen species. Many of the common and some of the more obscure lichens of Okanogan County will be covered. Ecology, specific lichen characteristics and unusual habits (and uses) will be discussed. Massie has worked for the Forest Service since 2005, starting in Tonasket. He has done plant surveys, lichen specimen collection, botany unit surveys, as well as wildlife-related work. Massie was a career high school life science and research inquiries teacher for 34 years, and is passionate about lichens.

“Lichens are breathtakingly beautiful for their myriad colors and forms while being funky and unconventionally stylish in view of their genealogy. Each unique lichen has one (or two)

unique fungi, but the same alga (or two) can be present in different lichens. Lichens live symbiotically and are considered compound organisms. They are the ultimate pioneer species... getting water from moisture around them; yet are foremost colonizers of barren landscapes. This bizarre world of lichens is surely mysterious—I will bring to light facts about these marvelous, misunderstood, resourceful, and useful organisms!” ~ Jack Massie

**Event at a Glance:**  
When: Friday, April 7, at 6:30 pm.  
Cost: Presentation is free; dinner is \$8 for CCC members and \$9 for non-members; desserts by donation  
Where: Community Cultural Center (CCC) of Tonasket, 411 S Western Avenue

May Field Trip: Due to the nature of the outdoor event, participation is limited, and priority registration will be offered for OHA members. A waiting list is being generated on a first-come, first-serve basis. To begin or renew OHA membership and be first in line to register for the summertime events, community members can visit [www.okanoganhighlands.org/](http://www.okanoganhighlands.org/) support, or contact OHA for more information. Event details will be provided to those who register for the field trip. To sign up for this event, email [julie@okanoganhighlands.org](mailto:julie@okanoganhighlands.org) or call 476-2432.

## Spring Bird and Wildflower Walks

The Chelan Douglas Land Trust has numerous spring wildflower walks planned in April and May. They will be at the Leavenworth Ski Hill, the Wenatchee Foothills, Icicle Ridge, and other locations. Guides will include Connie McCauley, Susan Ballinger, Mall Boyd and Ann and Don Schaechtel. These are wonderful opportunities to experience spring wildflowers and birding in Chelan County. They are scheduled at different times of the day and days of the week to give everyone a chance to participate. For more information see <http://www.cdlandtrust.org/whats-new>. Sign up early since some groups have a limited size.

The Methow Conservancy will also be offering spring naturalist walks and talks led by Mary Kiesau. Dates will soon be announced. Contact Mary at [mary@methowconservancy.org](mailto:mary@methowconservancy.org) or 996-2870 for more information and to sign up.

## Be Weed Alert

by Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee

What do scentless mayweed, yellow star thistle, and jointed goatgrass have in common? All are noxious weeds we don't want to find in our foothills! Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) is recruiting trail users to help us locate new populations of troublesome weeds so we can eliminate them before they spread. We're calling it the Weed Alert program. CDLT has teamed up with Chelan County Weed Board to offer a free two-part training series for the community. The April 25 and April 27 workshop presentations will be held at the Wenatchee Public Library Auditorium, 310 Douglas Street, from 6-8 pm. CDLT Stewardship Director, Neal Hedges, has discovered several new weed species in the Wenatchee foothills, likely transported to our area on fire-fighting vehicles and equipment. Neal's goal is to enlist trail users to provide a first-alert for these invaders so action can be taken to keep the weeds from spreading. Weed Board Field Supervisor and Botanist Julie Sanderson will teach field identification tips for a list of "most wanted" invasive species. Participants will be provided with pocket guides and a way to share the location with CDLT by taking photos and their location, either on a map or by using a cell phone app. Workshops are free and open to the public. RSVP or for more information call 667-9708 or email [susan@cdlandtrust.org](mailto:susan@cdlandtrust.org).

## Native Plant Society Spring Walk

by Molly Boyter, Wenatchee

On April 21, Join Cindy Luskus for an early spring exploration of the Dusty Lake area and an opportunity to see lots of spring shrub-steppe plants! The hike is a three-mile round trip on a trail with an elevation loss and gain of 900 feet. If the group is up for it, there is an opportunity to wander around the ledges in the area. Pace will be easy. Be prepared to spend the day with lunch, water, hiking boots and clothing for varied spring weather and wind. Bring guide books and binoculars. Meet at 9 am at the Park and Ride on Penny Road in Olds Station. Plan on being back by 4 pm, if not earlier. Limit of twelve participants. RSVP to Cindy Luskus, 888-0245 or [cluksus@nwi.net](mailto:cluksus@nwi.net)

# Birding in Belize

article and photos  
by Teri J Pieper, Methow Valley

Bare-throated Tiger-heron, Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture, Crane Hawk, Rufous-necked Wood-rail, Squirrel Cuckoo, Olive-throated Parakeet, White-collared Seedeater. Just a month ago, I had no idea these birds existed. I had barely opened the Peterson bird guide to Northern Central America before boarding a plane bound for Belize. There was so much to do to get ready and truthfully, I was not sure what habitats I was going to see and which birds might be present at the end of our winter season.

The occasion for this trip was to mark a milestone birthday for me and a good friend who is not a birder. We were planning on snorkeling and kayaking but I really wanted to see more of the country than a tiny island off the coast. Given the distance we were traveling, it seemed silly to limit ourselves.

Our first destination was the Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary managed by the Belize Audubon Society. Crooked Tree is a lowland habitat including a vast shallow freshwater lagoon. Crooked Tree is recognized as a Wetland of International Importance, especially as waterfowl habitat, under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. It is home to hundreds of bird species, crocodiles and occasionally

jaguars. Like many of the wildlife areas in our country, cattle are allowed to graze in the sanctuary. Traditional uses, such as commercial fishing continue. The Belize Audubon Society's motto is 'Creating a Balance Between People and the Environment'. It seems to be working at Crooked Tree.



Magnificent Frigatebird

We stayed at the Bird's Eye View Lodge overlooking the lagoon. This family-owned business caters to eco-tourists and they do a very good job hosting and guiding visitors to experience the wildlife and history of the area. We had two trips to see Mayan archaeological sites as well as excellent guided birding field trips. While all those birds I listed at the top of this article were amazing to see, the highlight was probably the Jabiru Storks! These prehistoric looking birds stand four and a half feet tall and have a wingspan of eight feet! We observed one standing on a mudflat surrounded by cormorants, egrets and herons – all fairly good-sized birds. However, the stork dwarfed them all. It was an amazing sight to see.

Our other destination was Half Moon Caye where we went for the water activities. I found good birding on that forty-acre island also. There is a nesting colony of white-phase Red-footed Boobies and Magnificent Frigatebirds. The Belize Audubon Society is also involved in the management of this natural

monument. They built a small tower into the forest canopy to allow for close observation of the nesting birds. I was surprised to see that the boobies have little or no fear of people. Some booby nests were less than ten feet from the platform. The frigatebirds put on an entertaining show inflating their red throat

pouches to an unbelievable size. I thought it looked like a delicate balloon and I wondered if they ever poke them with tree branches or another bird's beak. The two species seem to get along well even though the frigatebirds steal food from the boobies as they approach the colony. An employee with Audubon said that the frigatebirds would defend the boobies from other birds.

Belize is a small country, maybe 25% larger than Okanogan County and yet we visited just a very tiny part of it. In the south, there are mountains and rain forests – different habitats with many other birds to see. Even in the small parts we did visit, I added 44 new bird species to my life list. And I met folks that were as avid about watching fish as some of us are about watching birds! There is so much to see and learn about in this world.

Learn more about Belize Audubon Society at [www.belizeaudubon.org](http://www.belizeaudubon.org). To see more of my photos from Belize, see posts at [www.myeverydayphotos.com](http://www.myeverydayphotos.com) dated from March 10-15.



Adult Red-footed Booby with two-month old chick



Boat-billed Heron

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