



## Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Ready to Fly

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by Gail Roberts, Plain

It is nearly time for our annual birders' "party," Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest, May 13-16.

To whet a birder's appetite for the festival, we are offering a few events to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD), May 8 and 9. If you have ever been on a outing with Heather Murphy, you know you will have a great time and see and learn about lots of birds! Heather leads a "hike and draw" on Mountain Home Ridge and a birding adventure in the Lake Wenatchee backwoods.

Additionally, we have scheduled many more events with Spanish interpretation, thanks to Daniel Mendez, biologist from Mexico, this year's intern at North Cascades National Park. Daniel is leading bird trips beginning May 8, and throughout the festival.

On IMBD be sure to catch the performance of *Dancing With Birds* at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

During Bird Fest, *Songs of the Sage*, *Owl Prowl*, *Waterfront Raptors*, *Birding in the Coulee* with Dan Stephens, and many more favorite field trips return, along with some new treats:

- The staff of BirdNote will lead three field trips—learn about the "birds of BirdNote."
- Keynote Martyn Stewart will describe how a scientist uses technology to understand bird song. Visit his website ([naturesound.org](http://naturesound.org)) for a preview of this fascinating topic.



Bird Fest cover art by student art winner Veronica Hontou

- For those new to birding the place to be is "Finding Your Wings" on Saturday morning. This trio of offerings, featuring author/professor Burt Guttman, will help a neophyte get speed-launched into a new lifelong hobby.
- Morning on Mountain Home Ridge is another chance to visit this newer piece of Chelan-Douglas Land Trust property with Neal Hedges, their stewardship coordinator.

The arts are a traditional presence at Bird Fest. Learn to quickly sketch field marks as you lazily boat around scenic Fish Lake with artist and Upper Basin Birder (UBB) Lori Aylesworth. Enjoy Friday afternoon's presentation: *The Art & Science of Birding*, about the UBB's surveys at Lake Wenatchee...it is stunning! Icicle Arts presents Friday evening's "Music, Magic, & Masterpieces" and Saturday afternoon's free performances at Bird Fest Central. View the student art show—the cover of this year's Bird Fest program is last year's student art winner! Take a workshop and learn how to create a bird whistle. And be sure to top off your Bird Fest experience with the Sunday concert at Icicle Creek Music Center.

Check out the website: [www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com](http://www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com) or pick up a program at a USFS office near you!

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest  
May 13 - 16  
Celebrate International Migratory  
Bird Day in Leavenworth  
May 8 & 9

## Editor's Note



Daniel S. Kilby

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The Red-tailed Hawk nest I reported on last month has hatched out at least two fluffy white babies. The adults now spend much time hunting and feeding these youngsters. Yesterday I saw one little one lift its rear end over the nest's edge and relieve itself. Barely a week old and already toilet trained! Must be some mighty good parenting happening.

The cottonwoods along the river sprouted leaves last week making a beautiful sinuous line of that incredible spring green seen only so briefly at this time of year. One day they were leafless and the next day, the color had burst out. This week we've been battered by wind, making it hard to enjoy the pleasures of spring. The hummingbird feeder swung wildly back and forth while the tiny hummers tried to time their feeding with its movements. I finally had to take it down as most of the juice had spilled out. This morning, all seems right with the world as calmness has replaced the wind.

Last month we travelled to Othello for the Sandhill Crane Festival. What a delight to see our old friends the cranes, also Long-billed Curlews and many thousands of waterfowl, and hear a wonderful talk by banquet speaker, Paul Bannick. Birding festivals are great times to learn about birds from local and far away 'experts' and see numerous species in their native habitats. Be sure and check out Leavenworth's Spring Bird Fest and others such as the Shorebird Festival at Grays Harbor.



Long-billed Curlew  
photo by Teri J Pieper

Looking at this issue of The Wild Phlox, I can tell there is no shortage of activities and events to get you out in nature in North Central Washington. Enjoy!

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# Okanogan Highlands Spring BirdATHon May 23

by Heather Findlay,  
Okanogan

On Sunday May 23rd we will have our annual Okanogan Spring Birdathon. This year our local Okanogan birding group and NWCAS are partnering with Okanogan Valley Land Council (OVLC).

We invite all Audubon members, friends and anyone else interested to join us on our annual spring birdathon. All ages and levels of birding ability welcome!

On Sunday May 23, we will start at 7:30 a.m. from the Okanogan Valley Land Council office in Tonasket (behind the Subway on the main street). We plan on birding in several areas in the Okanogan Highlands, and will be visiting one or more OVLC conservation easements. It will be a day of birding, enjoying the beautiful Okanogan highlands and a variety of different habitats, and learning a little about conservation easements and the natural environment of this area. We will stop for a picnic lunch somewhere interesting. There will be a few short walks, and some driving in between. We'll carpool from the starting point in Tonasket.

Bring along binoculars, a bag lunch, and your enthusiasm for enjoying our beautiful region with some local birding and conservation enthusiasts! We've got an interesting route planned. Maybe we'll be lucky enough to see a Great Gray Owl, or Bald Eagle nestlings – just a couple of the highlights from last year. Big birds, little birds, we'll enjoy seeing them all.

Folks are also invited to travel to the Okanogan on Saturday May 22 so we can make an early start from Tonasket Sunday morning. We do already have some Okanogan friends offering to put people up on Saturday night. We can also have a potluck or other evening get together if people are interested.

The Okanogan Highlands is wonderful place, for birding and other natural features and activities, so we hope you'll join us for this special event.

Please RSVP to 509-846-0475 or [heather@eaglesun.net](mailto:heather@eaglesun.net)

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## Art Inspired by Birds of the Methow

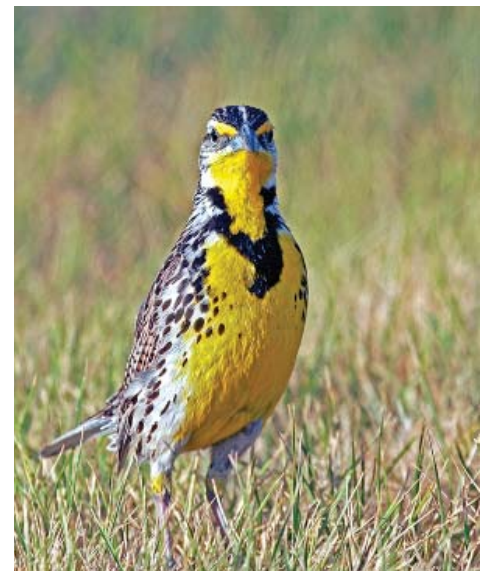
by Teri J Pieper, Twisp

The Winthrop Gallery, a cooperative art gallery, presents Art Inspired by Birds: Methow Aviary. Local artists have come up with many examples of birds in painting, photography, glass, enamel, pottery, mosaic, brass and fabric art. Some of the participating artists include Mary Powell, Patty Yates, Kathy Meyers, Denny O'Callaghan, Shannon Farnham, Carol McMillan, Michael Caldwell, Laura Aspenwell, Gloria Spiwak, Jim Neupert, Steve Love, Larry and Linda McWhirter and Teri J Pieper. The show opened April 22nd with a reception on the 24th. It goes through May 31st. The Gallery, located at 237 Riverside Avenue in Winthrop, is open 10 am – 5 pm, Thursday through Monday and til 6:00 pm on Friday. For more information call 996-3925 or email [info@winthropgallery.com](mailto:info@winthropgallery.com)

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
oil painting on board  
Michael Caldwell



Ravens  
Rock mosaic  
Larry and Linda McWhirter



Sargeant Major Meadowlark  
photo  
by Denny O'Callaghan

# Ponderings and Peregrinations: The New NCWAS Blog!

by Torre Stockard, Winthrop

Well, you asked for it on our survey, and it might have taken us awhile, but (drum roll, please) here it is: welcome to our new blog: Ponderings and Peregrinations! You can find it at <http://ncwaudubon.blogspot.com/>. We envision this blog serving as a complement to our monthly newsletter *The Wild Phlox*, and a place to share news of interest, upcoming events and field trips, discussions of books, bird sightings, tips and advice.....whatever might be of relevance to our North Central Washington members, and to fulfilling our chapter mission of “furthering the knowledge and the conservation of the environment of North Central Washington, our Nation, and the World”. Through the wonders of internet technology, we have the opportunity to incorporate your ideas, enlist your feedback, and make this a dynamic platform for timely knowledge sharing, which we hope will create a better sense of community among our wide-spread chapter members.

We currently have four contributors to this blog, each of us with different backgrounds, but all of us with a desire to share our passion of birds, science, literature, photography—you name it—with our readers. Mark Oswood you know well as our president and all-round chapter-glue-extraordinaire. He’s looking forward to sharing book reviews and his perspectives, from a past life in academia and new life as a novice nature observer. Don McIvor is the Washington state Audubon Science Coordinator, and as such, he will, no doubt keep us all connected with other Audubon happenings outside our chapter. Teri Pieper you know as our illustrious newsletter

editor, and she is also an excellent photographer and birder. And I am a mutt of a research biologist who’s been around a couple different blocks and enjoys birding, writing, and birding. (Did I mention birding?) Oh, and I also agreed to take on the nuts-and-bolts of blog creation and maintenance.

So, please come visit our blog site, bookmark it, spread the word among family, friends, and co-workers. Make comments to our posts, and send us bird sightings, questions, and items you’d like to see posted and discussed. This is your blog! Our membership spans a huge area, across four Washington counties. There’s gotta be a lot of fascinating stuff happening out there. If you’d like to be an active contributor for your region, please give us a shout.

All emails can be sent to: [blog@ncwaudubon.org](mailto:blog@ncwaudubon.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

*And now a technical note: anyone may view the blog, but in order to post a comment, you will need to register. (This is to cut down on spam.) To do this, click on the “Comment” link under the post of interest, and a window will pop-up. You can sign-in with an existing Google or OpenID account. If you don’t have one of these, just select the “Sign up here” under the Google Account option. It looks a little confusing at first, so please know that you will **not** need to create a whole new email account to sign-up for the blog. Just enter an existing email address and create a password. That’s it!*

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## NCWAS Website: Upgrades in the Works

by Torre Stockard, Winthrop

As many of you have experienced, our website is in need of a facelift. I have volunteered to be the new webmaster, and have started researching how we can improve the site. We have already migrated it to a new web hosting service, and we’re very excited about that. The folks at Methownet.com, in Winthrop, are very customer service oriented, and they are thrilled to be hosting the website for North Central Washington Audubon Society.

Ultimately, I am looking forward to redesigning the whole website, but that won’t happen overnight. In the immediate future, I will do my best to get contact information updated, the newsletters posted, and any upcoming events and field trips listed. With luck, by the time you read this, some of this will have already happened! Over the summer, I will work towards adding new features, designs, and functionality.

My goal is to create a website that we all look forward to visiting often. It should be easy to navigate, effective at conveying information, a platform for explorations and learning. I hope it will be a hub to find out what’s happening in the far reaches of our large chapter area. And it should be fun! Together with our new blog (see separate article above), I hope to foster a dynamic venue, where our membership will discover an enhanced sense of community.

I have several ideas already, but I solicit your ideas and input. The best way to create a website you like is to find out what you want! Please feel free to send any comments, questions, or suggestions to: [webmaster@ncwaudubon.org](mailto:webmaster@ncwaudubon.org). Thank you!



# Tuesday Talk About Birds

by Ken Bevis, Twisp

The Methow Conservancy sponsors a monthly "First Tuesday Lecture Series". The lectures provide a forum to learn about the Methow Valley's natural characteristics and natural resource issues. June's first Tuesday (June 1st) will feature biologist, Ken Bevis talking about 'Birds and their habitats in North Central Washington'. Ken will explore what birds have meant to people through the ages and now; then he will take us on a visual and auditory tour of key habitats and bird species of our region, including shrub steppe, forests and alpine. Birds as harbingers or

actual sources of conservation challenges will be examined as well. He might even perform an original song. Ken works as the Watershed Steward of the Upper Columbia (Wenatchee, Entiat, Chelan, Methow and Okanogan River watersheds and Foster Creek) for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

All First Tuesday Lectures are free and open to everyone. Location in Twisp to be announced. For more information contact Mary at 996-2870 or info@methowconservancy.org

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# Native Plant Field Trips, as Numerous as the Wildflowers

by Joyce Bergen, Winthrop

It's the glorious, gorgeous, growing season – a great time to learn about the wild plants all around us. The Okanogan Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society offers easy meadow strolls, bracing mountain rambles, butterfly watching expeditions, seed collecting excursions and there are birds....from now until the leaves fall in autumn.

All outings are free, but you must contact the trip leader in advance to join a field trip. Some dates and locations may change as the season progresses.

Tuesday, May 4, **Rendezvous Birds and Flowers:** Some members wanted to see forest birds, so this will be a wander around 180 acres of low forest land, some riparian, and some open spaces. The birds that nest in this area may include Williamson's Sapsuckers, Red-naped Sapsuckers, Pygmy Nuthatches, White-headed Woodpeckers, and Black-headed Grosbeaks. Abundant flowers as well. We'll be off-trail with some up and down. Meet at 9 a.m. at the MVSTA trailhead parking lot in Winthrop, near the gym. This trip is limited to 12 people. To join this field trip notify Caryl Campbell or 996-3458.

Wednesday, May 5, **Liberty Bell native plant garden & field trip:** Rob Crandall, owner of Methow Natives, will introduce us to the native plant garden at the high school, where we can evaluate whether or not to take this on as a future project, with school participation. We'll do some work to clean it up and plan improvements. Afterwards, we'll walk to nearby shrub-steppe in very good condition for inspiration and plant IDs. 5 – 7 p.m. To join this field trip notify Tom Forker, 996-8256 or mpettelle@centurytel.net

Monday May 10, **Aspen Lake:** A short steep climb to open meadows with vistas of the valley, then a gradual ascent to a small, pretty lake. We'll also ascend to the western peak above the lake and have lunch; those not wishing to do that segment may return to their car from the lake. Meet at 9 a.m. at the trailhead on Elbow Coulee Rd., three miles from Twisp River Rd. To join this field trip notify Dennis Kirkland, 997-7177 or denniskirkland@centurytel.net

Thursday, May 13, **Sun Mountain Overland Trail:** An easy walk to see shrub-steppe and woodland flowers. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Chickadee trailhead near Sun Mountain Lodge. This field trip is limited to twelve people. Date may be adjusted, depending on bloom times. To join this field trip notify Brian and Carole Reid, 996-3212 or bcr@mymethow.com

Friday, May 21, **Eagle Rocks Rim Walk:** A half-mile walk from the Bonner Lake side of Bally Hill to the rim of Eagle Rocks, to see some special plants, including 'Snake River Cryptanta', *Cryptantha spiculifera*, a 'sensitive' species. The view from the rim is supercalifragilistic. Meet at the junction of the Bally Hill road with the Twisp-Winthrop Eastside road at 9 a.m. Trip limited to 12 people. To join this field trip, notify Dana Visalli, 997-9011 or dana@methownet.com

Sunday, May 30, **Sandy Butte:** Meet at the Mazama Store at 10 a.m. This trip is limited to 10 people who would enjoy hiking off-trail on the potential route of a possible future snowshoe nature trail similar to the Nordic Club's Cedar Creek Loop (above the Creek Overlook trail), but without the scary, for some, foot logs. Bring a lunch or pick one up at the store, for a leisurely bushwhack through an interesting variety of forest types. To join this field trip, notify Eric Burr, 996-3101 or burrski@methownet.com

Saturday, June 5, **Tom Forker's Alpine Garden:** Early June floral displays usually include *Aubrieta*, *Aster alpinus*, *Aetheonema*, *Aquilegia*, *Astragalus*, *Campanula*, *Delphinium*, *Dianthus*, *Erigeron*, *Eriogonum*, *Geranium*, *Gilia*, *Hypericum*, *Lewisia*, Lupine, Penstemon, *Polemonium*, Yarrow, and more. Most of those genera include multiple species. This outing is limited to 20 people; arrive at 1 p.m. To attend this outing and get directions, contact Tom Forker, 996-8256 or mpettelle@centurytel.net

*Editor's note - this is part one of two. Look for the rest of the schedule in the June edition of The Wild Phlox.*

# Notes from Bob's Journal

## Slimy Singers and Plastic Flowers

The concert began a couple of weeks ago, first a soloist, then the chorus joining. Like Beethoven's Ninth. The solo was meek and soprano, but the next evening it had been joined by the rest of the ensemble, and the effect was of a horde of discordant sopranos also singing the same note.

A week later to the day (or evening, to be precise) two tenors joined the group, albeit two ponds and 600 feet distant. The duo contributed continuous ribbit's in voice from tenor to high baritone, and counterpointed the mass of distant, but clearly audible choral notes.

About three nights later, as I sat on the deck with a tot of VSOP in hand listening to the cacophony, the third tenor came on (or in) stage beneath and ahead of me. Luciano Frogaratti had arrived, uttering single notes, sounding to my human ears like "Urp!" and maintained a steady stream of sound at a rhythm of four-four time.

Spring had descended on the upper Methow and the frogs announced it. Even though the thermometer was hovering in the low thirties, the frogs had found the pond water temperature to their liking and vocally brightened the night. Of course it was all about sex and I was happy to countenance their cohabitation. Where did they come from

by Bob Spiwak, Mazama

and where do they go is beyond me, but when their songs of frog love conclude in a month, the silence is deafening.

Otherwise, the arrowleaf balsamroots are flowering their way up the valley and if the sunshine continues, they ought be in bloom here in a week or so. Blooming also are my wife's plastic flowers across the pond, mixing nicely with real daffodils and poppies. Then, there are the marmots, now seen daily scurrying about the guard rail posts on highway 20 - a road to be invaded tomorrow when it opens for the season. (*editor's note: indeed, with the highway opening on the 16th, the whole character of the valley has changed*)

It was a mild and easy winter and somewhat disheartening spring, cold and dreary. It has been a real bummer replete with rain and snow right into the second week of April. But things are looking up now, and looking down, I try to see the frogs flooding the air with their spring sonnets.

### Many Thanks to the Mailers

Thanks very much to the great NCWAS volunteers who have helped to mail the Wild Phlox this year: Joyce Brogan, Mike Brogan, Jeanie Garrity, Diane McKenzie, Laurelie Mingo, Mark Oswood, Dan Ulrich and Barbara Wolfe and to Phyllis Madden for helping to get the word out to the mailing crew.

## DIY: Home Microphone Brings the Outdoors In by Torre Stockard, Winthrop

Last year, in early spring, I got up in the pre-dawn hours to check on something. Once outside, I was amazed at how much birdsong was already happening out there, even in the winter-like temperatures of March. It was still way too cold at night to have the windows open in our bedroom, and in this day and age of energy-efficient, double-paned glass, we suddenly realized there were lots of nature sounds we'd been missing.

So, I started to do some research and found a very affordable way to set up a tiny microphone in our window, to "pipe" the outdoor sounds into our house. I'm sure there are some much fancier set-ups out there, but here's our quick-and-dirty one:

Supercircuits ([www.supercircuits.com](http://www.supercircuits.com)) has a very small, high-gain surveillance mic for about \$10. You can get it either in an inline or right-angle configuration. It has a little

pre-amp built in, so you'll need a 12V AC adapter plug to power it. Finally, you'll need a stereo with a line-in jack and speakers to hear the sound in your house.

In our house, we have a slider vent above our bedroom window, with little holes for air flow. I found I could insert the mic right into one of those holes. On the outside, I stuffed a small piece of foam rubber into the void, in front of the mic, to cut down on wind noise. Inside, I needed an extension cord with RCA plugs (easily obtainable at places like Radio Shack) to get all the way from our window to a small stereo. And voilà! Now we can easily hear all the pre-dawn bird chatter (and sometimes frogs) in the comfort of our warm bedroom. (Plus, it confuses the cats and drives them nuts! Entertainment in and of itself.)

I will note that this small mic does not have a huge range. We can hear birds

at our feeder very clearly (about 30 feet away), but anything beyond 50-60 feet may be pushing it. I find that we have to crank up the volume fairly high to hear the farther birds, which produces a bit of hum. But hey, it was \$10! Also be aware that if you're in an urban area, traffic noise might be an issue, depending where you point it.

I'm sure many of you will come up with better solutions—perhaps you'll find a mic with better range and signal-to-noise ratio, or you'll come up with a way to waterproof it so you can move it outside, closer to the sound source. Whatever you decide to do, it's fun to bring nature noises into your house. We've enjoyed many hours of bird song we would have otherwise missed. Please share your experiences; this would be a great topic to post on our new blog, "Ponderings and Peregrinations"!

# Spring Naturalists' Retreat May 13th - 16th

by Mary Kiesau, Winthrop

The Naturalists' Retreat is an annual celebration of the Methow Valley springtime! Come spend a long weekend with us where we'll enjoy beautiful days in the field and engage in presentations and group dinners in the evenings. Under the friendly and expert tutelage of ornithologist Libby Mills and botanist Dana Visalli you will be amazed by all that you learn and soak up in this fantastic nature and educational experience!

Arrowleaf balsamroot and many other spring flowers will be at their prime in mid-May, and the neo-tropical migratory birds will be pouring into the Valley after their long journey from South and Central America. We'll go to a variety of places throughout the Methow Valley on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to experience all that the natural world of the Methow has to offer. In the evenings, we'll share meals and hear presentations from Dana and Libby on the Methow's natural history as well as the life and times of Methow birds.

Registration is required and the retreat is limited to 20 people. The retreat cost is \$130/person. Participants should be willing and able to take part in the entire retreat including evenings. Participants should be in good physical condition, able to complete moderate hikes and spend six or more hours in the field per day. Free tent camping is available at Dana's property along the Methow River near Twisp or you can make your own lodging arrangements. Thursday evening's dinner is a potluck. Friday's dinner is a shared meal provided by the Methow Conservancy (included in the retreat fee). Saturday's dinner is a no host group function at a local restaurant. Locations for day and evening events will be given before the retreat starts.

Contact Mary Kiesau at the Methow Conservancy for more information or to register 996-2870

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## Spring Fun and Opportunities with the Chelan Douglas Land Trust

by Sharon Lunz, Leavenworth

The Chelan Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) has a variety of events and volunteer opportunities coming up. To participate in any of these, please call the Land Trust at 667-9708. For more information see their website [www.cdlandtrust.org](http://www.cdlandtrust.org).

**Butterflies, Bugs & Blooms**, May 8th, 9:30am – 12:30 p.m., Storm Creek Preserve, Entiat

Phil Archibald leads this exploration of full-blown Spring glory on our Stormy Creek Preserve! Limited to 15 participants.

**Birding at Horse Lake**, May 22nd, 6:30 a.m., Horse Lake Reserve

David and Beth St. George lead a walk through Horse Lake Reserve, a high quality upland bird habitat. This diverse habitat attracts Yellow-breasted Chats and Eastern and Western Kingbirds, among many neo-tropical migratory species. The walk also offers panoramic views of the Columbia River and Wenatchee Valley.

**Birding at Mountain Home**, June 5th, 6:00 a.m., Mountain Home Ridge

Neal Hedges, Stewardship Coordinator, will help us learn how to listen for and identify spring birds by their calls and songs. This is a 3 hour trip on our beautiful Mountain Home Ridge property. Limited to 15 participants.

**Easy Photography for Nature Lovers**, June 19th, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m., Wenatchee Foothills

You don't need a fancy camera to take great nature and outdoor photos. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust brings Mike Irwin — a reporter, photographer and blogger for the Wenatchee World — to lead a foothills photography hike. Mike specializes in a low-gear, almost no-gear, approach to visualizing images and recording what you see. He'll explain the basics of camera use, the tricks of composition, and the essentials of light, texture and form. Bring your small digital camera and abundant curiosity for a slow, easy hike through photogenic terrain. Limited to 12.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

**Tweets & Twigs**, April 29 and May 20. 6:30 – 11:30 at Horse Lake Reserve, June 10, 6:30 – 11:30 at Mountain Home Ridge

Morning bird walks followed by pruning shrubs and pulling weeds on the return hike.

**Horse Lake Fence Building**, May 12 8:00 am – 2:00pm, Horse Lake Reserve

Build a new fence at the Horse Lake Reserve.

**Reptile Survey**, June 1st 9:00 – 12:00, Horse Lake Reserve  
Find out what reptiles live in our area. Expect western fence lizards, gopher snakes, racers, and rattlesnakes and perhaps a few lesser known species.

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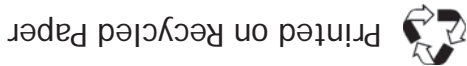
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May 13-16	Spring Naturalists' Retreat	Learn about Methow Natural History. See page 7
May 22	Birding at Horse Lake	Chelan Douglas Land Trust. See page 7
May 23	Okanogan Highlands Spring Bird-A-Thon	Join your friends and learn about the birds of the Highlands, maybe see a Great Gray Owl! See page 3
June 1	Birds & Their Habitats in NCW	Ken may even sing a song. See page 5.
June 5	Birding at Mountain Home	Chelan Douglas Land Trust. See page 7
June 11 - 14	WA Ornithological Society	Meeting in Wenatchee, see www.wos.org



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