



artwork by Steven D'Amato

Where Raptors Soar: Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival

Join the Methow Valley Ranger District, North Central Washington Audubon Society, HawkWatch International and the City of Pateros for a free family event to learn about and celebrate raptors as they journey to winter territories. Shop vendors, see live birds, and take a field trip to the spectacular Chelan Ridge Raptor Migration Site. This event will take place at Memorial Park in Pateros, Washington on September 25, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival will have art projects for kids, hands-on activities, and raptor exhibits. Attendees can also go on birding field trips with experts to identify waterfowl and migrating songbirds while exploring along the Columbia River. During the day, shuttles will run from Pateros to Chelan Ridge where families, bird lovers, and learners of all ages will be able to see raptors such as Sharp-shinned Hawks up close before they are banded and released. This not-to-be-missed experience will feature educational opportunities and interpretation guided by HawkWatch and US Forest Service personnel.

This festival is scheduled to coincide with the peak of southbound migration of raptors at Chelan Ridge—the best place in Washington to view fall

migrating raptors. Chelan Ridge is one of HawkWatch International's 13 Raptor Migration Sites in North America. HawkWatch International (HWI) is a Salt Lake City-based nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving the environment through



A Sharp-shinned Hawk banded at Chelan Ridge in 2008.
photo by Teri J Pieper

education, long-term monitoring, and scientific research on raptors as indicators of ecosystem health.

According to Kent Woodruff, a biologist for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, "The Chelan Ridge project is good news for hawks, which in some cases still face challenges for survival. It's also great for nature enthusiasts who like to see

by Bridget Egan, chair
Hawk Migration Festival committee
animals in the wild doing what comes naturally and see scientists at work trying to learn more about the raptors as they migrate south to spend the winter."

To pre-register for the field trips leaving from Pateros and to reserve a space in the shuttle to Chelan Ridge, please call 509-731-4790.

For more information about this free festival, please visit www.ncwardubon.org/ or email festival@ncwardubon.org.

On Sunday, continuing the celebration of Hawk Migration, the North Cascades Basecamp, a festival sponsor, will host a pancake breakfast with an expert speaker and then provide a guide for a free field trip to Harts Pass, another excellent place to view migrating raptors. Call 509-996-2334 or see their website www.NorthCascadesBasecamp.com or see their booth at the festival in Pateros.



A Peregrine Falcon plucks its breakfast at the North Cascades Basecamp.
photo by Teri J Pieper

Editor's Note

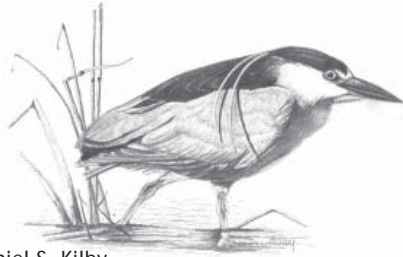
How can it be? Is September really just around the corner as I write this with temperatures again forecast in the 90's? Birds are even telling me that summer is coming to close. Swallows are in big flocks, Common Nighthawks gather in groups (family groups?) each evening catching bugs above the warm highway. Red-tailed Hawks and Great-horned Owls are still teaching their young how to hunt and I imagine the parents may be getting a little fed up with the begging youngsters.

The NCW Audubon board met in Wenatchee on August 16th and sadly said goodbye to two longtime board members – Karen Haire and Jeanie Garrity. We also welcomed brand new board member Nancy Warner to our flock along with Bridget Egan, programs chair and Torre Stockard, webmaster, both new from last spring, to their first board meeting. We continue to work to recruit a secretary, development and membership chairs and also a 'president-in-training', otherwise known as a vice president.

At NCW Audubon we are very busy preparing for the upcoming First Annual Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival! Our volunteers are working hard with HawkWatch International, the US Forest Service, the city of Pateros and the North Cascades Basecamp to bring you a free fun family festival! This is YOUR opportunity to see raptors up close and personal and learn their stories of migration and survival in their native habitats. There will be vendors, displays, artists and field trips at the Memorial Park in Pateros and free shuttles up to the Chelan Ridge Raptor Migration Site. Mark your calendar for September 25 in Pateros.



A Townsend's Solitaire nest observed on a Native Plant Society walk in June. photo by Teri J Pieper



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Summer Bird Walks to Continue

by Teri J Pieper, Twisp

The NCW Audubon Summer Bird Walks have been popular and we have enjoyed seeing and listening to birds, familiar and unfamiliar. For many of us, learning the breeding birds' songs was a challenge, no doubt to be repeated next year! During the summer we visited the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery, Big Valley Wildlife Area, Pearrygin State Park and most recently, we visited the North Cascades Basecamp

Five of us met at the MVSTA parking lot in Winthrop August 9 for the last of our scheduled summer bird walks. It was a lovely morning as we all piled into a Prius to make the drive to the North Cascades Basecamp. The Basecamp is stop number 40 on the Cascade Loop of the Great Washington Birding Trail, produced by Audubon Washington and it is open to birders to walk its trails at no charge. We knew we were late in the season to see the nesting species but Kim, the owner and our guide, had said we might get to see some special

birds anyway. She was right. We were treated to spectacular views of the resident Peregrine Falcon family! The young recently fledged and have been seen regularly hunting in the forest surrounding the Basecamp. We saw both young and an adult. At one point along the river, we noticed feathers falling from the air! We turned and saw one of the parents plucking a tiny bird in the tree above us!

Here is our short species list:

Peregrine Falcon
Western Wood-Pewee
Unidentified Empidonax
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
Yellow Warbler
Western Tanager
Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin

There were other calls that we heard but we were unable to identify them.

In September we will venture further afield, traveling down the Methow to the Columbia in hopes of seeing American White Pelicans and other water birds. We will meet at the MVSTA parking lot at 7:30 on September 8. Bring a lunch and something to drink, your optics, including a scope if you have one.

Birders along the Methow River observe a Peregrine Falcon plucking its breakfast.
photo by Teri J Pieper



Hummingbird Migrant Wonder

On January 13 Fred Dietrich of Tallahassee, Florida, banded a female Rufous Hummingbird at a yard near his home. The hummingbird was apparently born in the summer of 2009.

Dietrich had been helping others band hummingbirds for about 10 years, but he has only been banding on his own in Tallahassee for the past year or so. He was well aware that Rufous Hummingbirds, western breeders, typically spend the winter in Mexico, although they are increasingly being found wintering in the southeastern U.S. and occasionally in southern California. Accordingly, it was notable that he had banded this hummingbird, but not extraordinary. He had banded Rufous Hummingbirds before.

What was extraordinary was the news he recently received. The female Rufous Hummingbird that Dietrich banded on January 13, 2010 in Tallahassee was recaptured by Kate McLaughlin on June 28, 2010 in Chenega Bay, Alaska! That's about 3,530 miles away "as the hummingbird flies" – and it's hardly likely that the migration route was in a straight line.

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This record is the longest migration for any hummingbird that has ever been documented. The bird was released alive and well in Alaska, and, with luck, it could be preparing to head back to Florida again this winter.

The previous long-distance record was held by a Rufous Hummingbird banded in Louisiana and found dead on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, a distance of at least 2,200 miles.

While it has long been believed that Rufous Hummingbirds that winter in the southeastern U.S. may come from as far away as Alaska, this is the first time that bird-banders have been able to document the fact on both ends of the migration route. Without banding much of our knowledge about hummingbird migration would be mere speculation.

Fred Dietrich has posted some photos of this record-holding hummingbird that he took when he banded the bird in January: www.pbases.com/fdietrich/alaska

From the Blog - Ponderings and Peregrinations

Another Day at the Computer, but I Added One New Species to my Life List

Posted by Don McIvor, Twisp

Sitting in front of my computer on a near-100 degree day, it's hard to believe I just added another species to my life list. But I did, and maybe you did too, without even knowing it and hopefully doing something more life affirming than staring at your computer. Here's how it happens.

The FIFTY-FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST OF NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS hits the streets this month, and a pdf version just landed like a sodden copy of The New York Times in my in-box. For the non-bird nerds out there, this is the annual culmination of the work of a lot of pointy headed people who spend significant portions of their lives lumping and splitting. Species, that is. This year there are 12 authors on the paper, and I'd be willing to bet they were all really good in high school debate club and they still like to argue. A lot.

These days, the re-ordering of avian taxonomy is driven largely by genetic analysis. While the details of this type of work are pretty tedious and mostly take place far from actual birds and under fluorescent lighting in windowless rooms, the outcome is often quite interesting. And the AOU supplement spares us most of that back story.

In the latest supplement there is a lot of renaming of Orders, but usually just by a letter or two. There is also the inevitable re-arrangement of Orders and Families, meaning some groups of birds are now recognized as older or younger than previously thought. This ranking determines the arrangement of the content in field guides, so these sorts of changes keep publishers in business and also guarantee that you won't be able to find anything in your next field guide without fanning through pages like an old lady in a windowless church in August.

For most of us bird watchers, things get a bit more interesting at the species level. This time around, genetics (and song and lack of inter-breeding) have determined that what used to be the Winter Wren here in Washington is now the Pacific Wren. What used to be the Winter Wren in New England, where I first encountered the species, is still the Winter Wren. Thus the new species on my list and maybe yours too.

Eventually all of this exciting news will be published on the AOU's web site. For now it is in volume 127 of *The Auk*, which you can find in the library of most universities, should you be near one, or on line, should you wish to pay for the privilege. Or you can relax and just wait for the next edition of Sibley's field guide to come out!

Notes from Bob's Journal

by Bob Spiwak, Mazama

It was the smallest of days and the largest yesterday. The day began with the usual hordes of hummingbirds at the feeders in the morning and featured a gaggle of swans (if swans indeed gaggle) and a pelican on Lake Pateros. This was August 11th. The swans were there at 0830 and still floating majestically eight hours later. I have no idea what kind they were, going by a 50 mph did not afford aging eyesight much help, but I did not notice any black on them.

The hummers have been imbibing at three feeders, two of which are in a shady spot under a vine maple tree and the other about ten feet away on a piece of lawn. At least we call it lawn after its twice or thrice a year summer mowing. Point is, it is grass beneath the bulbous non-traditional feeder. The usual type feeders under the tree have bare ground beneath them, and a couple of feet in front of them are three garbage cans in a line, filled with recyclable cans, bottles and paper goods.

One night a few weeks ago the bare ground became bear ground as a night visiting bruin decided to sample the hummers' sweet elixir. This is kind of to be expected, as for miles around, probably due to a late berry season, the bruins have been raiding garbage cans, dumpsters and even a couple

of structures. We have been spared except for the one visit (my wife brings the feeders in nightly now) and at the time of the visitation, Mr. Bruin left a calling card, a large pile of ursal excrement between the garbage cans and the feeders.

Otherwise, the consensus here in the upper Methow is that everything is a month late, berries, corn and good grief - even zucchini! In the wonderful world of summer, many are complaining about the mosquitoes this year, and yet it seems to me there are fewer than usual. Being a vitamin B advocate, this could be why they don't attack me with the numbers and ferocity that seem to curse others around me, like my wife or some visitors. Most joyful is the lack of yellow jackets and bald-faced hornets.

I photographed a wedding at Harts Pass last Saturday in a muskeg-like meadow with hordes of wildflowers. There was the occasional sprinkle, and a constant air movement from breeze to wind. I expect without the latter, we all would have been consumed by the insects. The only sufferer at the event was a little girl, intended to be flower girl but derailed when she stepped on a nest of yellow jackets next to the trail to the wedding site. Her mother excused her from nuptial duties.

Washington Ornithological Society Young Birders' Fund Awards First Scholarship

by Tom Mansfield,
reprinted from 'WOSNews'

Leah Rensel, 18, of Arlington, is the first recipient of a grant from the Washington Ornithological Society (WOS) Patrick Sullivan Young Birders' Fund (PSYBF). The award presentation was made by Ruth Sullivan, mother of the late Patrick Sullivan, and PSYBF chair Tom Mansfield during the WOS Conference banquet June 12 in Wenatchee.

Such a fund was first conceptualized by Andy and Ellen Stepniewski of Wapato and the Yakima Valley Audubon Society, to encourage and support young people interested in birding. In 2005, the Young Birders Fund was formally established. Following Patrick's untimely death in 2007, the fund was renamed in his memory to honor his many contributions to Washington birding. During the past five years, fund trustees have concentrated on building up the endowment.

Leah exemplifies the type of young birder the fund seeks to assist. While completing an impressive list of field projects in her secondary school years (she was a member of Seattle Audubon Teen Birdwatch and attended banding camp, volunteered for WDFW scoter and goose banding, participated in the Dunlin Winter Movements Studies Program, and has been a hummingbird banding volunteer, among other projects), Leah demonstrated solid academic skills, graduating from Arlington High School last year in the top 1% of her class with a 3.95 GPA. She is now a freshman at Linfield College in Oregon. This summer, she is participating in three WDFW projects: Locating Black Oystercatcher nests in the San Juan Islands, and further scoter and goose banding.

Leah's birding experience and interest in ornithology and biology come quite naturally. Her mother, Ruth Milner, is District Biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in LaConner. With her mother's encouragement and participation in numerous avian programs, Leah has had not only the opportunity to handle and learn about a variety of species, she has also had the benefit of working with professional biologists as a volunteer.

The PSYBF request from Leah was

for a \$750 grant to assist with a four-week course through Linfield College called Plant/Animal Interactions in Costa Rica. The course will commence in January 2011. Part of the course will be to develop an independent research project – and while Leah has not yet identified her solo project, she plans to focus on some aspect of birds – possibly the neotropical migrants that breed in Washington. When her Costa Rica studies are completed, Leah will be sharing the results of her life-changing experience with the WOS membership.

While the trustees continue their efforts to grow the PSYBF endowment, they encourage young birders to consider this financial resource for such activities as attending a birding conference or related event, field trip, youth birding camp, bird banding school, research, or census work.

Further details and the PSYBF grant application can be found on the WOS website (www.wos.org).

A Morning Montage on the Beach Gloria Piper Roberson

I hope I wouldn't take even one like a seed from the sunflower's face,
like an ant's white egg from the warm nursery under the hill.
I hope I would leave them, in the perfect balance of things,
in the clear body of the sea.

from the poem "Stones" by Mary Oliver.

A gray, unbroken sand dollar is in my reach...

A lone sea lion lurks
in the water;
Straw-legged sandpipers
devour the doomed innocent;

a fragile shell flower...

A seagull bugles death
to its toppled prisoner;
A bald eagle plunges
to the blue floor like a silent movie;

I softly puff the sand from its brittle petals...

A bountiful wind batters the beach grasses
into a feast adrift on tiny wings;
A dark cloud expectant and heavy
suckles the sea.

then, slip it back into the breathing tide.

National Audubon Society Introduces its New President

The National Audubon Society last month announced that David Yarnold has been named its new President and Chief Executive Officer, giving new momentum to efforts to connect people with nature and their power to protect it. A passionate conservationist, Yarnold currently serves as Executive Director of Environmental Defense Fund and President of Environmental Defense Action Fund. Prior to that, he was a Pulitzer Prize-winning editor at the San Jose Mercury News.

“David brings proven leadership in the for-profit and non-profit sectors to Audubon at a time when efforts to protect birds, habitats and the resources that sustain us are needed more than ever;” said Holt Thrasher, Audubon’s Board Chair. “His leadership ability, his passion for conservation and grassroots action, his communications skills and his organizational expertise all make him the perfect fit for the Audubon of 2010 and beyond.”

Yarnold has been at EDF since April 2005, where he is responsible for all operations, from programs, to development

and marketing/communications. He helped expand EDF’s innovative corporate partnerships work, focused on EDF’s international programs, particularly in China, and helped the organization grow from \$52M to \$117M in revenue. He is also President of the organization’s Action Fund, its political action arm.

Yarnold’s San Jose Mercury News was consistently ranked as one of America’s 10 Best Newspapers. His paper was called, “America’s Boldest Newspaper” by a panel of international judges. During his time in San Jose, the Mercury News was widely recognized for its commitment to diversity and for its in-depth coverage of technology. He was also one of three Pulitzer Prize finalists for editorial writing in 2005.

“For me, going to Audubon is like going home. Community-based education and action that breeds broader changes has always been engaging and rewarding for me and those are the things Audubon does best,” Yarnold said.

He will assume the Presidency of Audubon on Sept 1.

Boots on the Ground

by David Yarnold

National Audubon Society President and CEO

“Look, up there, on that peak,” our guide said. And through a borrowed spotting scope, I saw the pair of Gyrfalcons. Erect, watchful, the personification of ‘raptor’. We’d just come from the Latrabjarg Bird Cliffs on the western-most point of Iceland and Europe. The cliffs, as many of you know, are home to hundreds of thousands of Atlantic Puffins, Razorbills and Murres. I’d never seen an avian blanket on such a massive piece of landscape.

That’s my highlight reel or the best I can offer as a novice birder. I have a lot to learn about birds and I’d like to ask your help: Set me on a birding path worthy of Audubon. After an initial week in New York in September, I want to go birding with you. I’m going to spend most of that month - my first real month on the job - learning in the field. I can’t think of a better way to tap into your passion and to get to know your issues and your thinking.

While I’m a budding birder, I’ve run an environmental NGO for almost 5 years and I’m a life-long outdoorsman. I know that, like the people at EDF, Audubon’s staff and its volunteers are there to help the planet thrive.

As I’ve talked to friends about Audubon in recent weeks, I’ve told them this: In journalism, we learned to ‘follow the money’. In conservation, it’s ‘follow the birds’. I’m thrilled to represent an organization that believes that by focusing on birds and IBAs, we get a clear view of the health of nature’s ecosystems - the systems that benefit humankind and birds alike.

I’ve learned a couple of things in the process of becoming your new President and CEO. First, I’ve come to understand that Audubon doesn’t belong to the New York home office.

And while the state offices do tremendous work, they represent something larger. The chapters and their volunteer leaders do Audubon’s grassroots work. But the fact is - and I will keep this thought at the center of my work as your new President - we are all Audubon.

Here’s the other thing I’ve learned. While I’ve always associated birds with special moments, I’m just beginning to see and appreciate them. I was going on last week with a friend about heroic migratory songbirds that shed half of their body mass during their migration, and he said, wow, they really do have you, don’t they? From the canopied running trail where I put in five miles each morning to a peak overlooking Hong Kong to the Brown Pelicans in Louisiana’s Barataria Bay, birds have moved to the front of my awareness in the past three months - and are no longer part of nature’s background imagery. I’m guessing that’s an early stage of a birder’s evolution, so rather than being shy about admitting it, I’m proud to be on the road to discovery.

I’ve always enjoyed nature. I put myself through college working at a backpacking store. I’ve hiked most of the John Muir trail, backpacked in the Cascades and up Mt. Whitney and kayaked from Alaska to Quebec to the Colorado River - and on the Hudson River I see from my home.

But something’s different now - it’s all about the birds. I told my 14-year-old daughter, Nicole, I was considering this opportunity and asked her advice. Take it, she said, without hesitation. You already have the app on your iPhone.

You’ll be hearing more about how we’ll organize the logistics of my boots-on-the-ground month in the field. I’d appreciate your help, and I’m looking forward to getting to know you.

Chelan Douglas Land Trust Happenings

by Bridget Egan, Wenatchee
CDLT Membership Coordinator

Sustainable Trails Workshop

Leavenworth, September 16th – 19th: The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will welcome the International Mountain Bicycling Association's (IMBA) Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew to north central Washington. The workshop will focus on building and maintaining long-lasting trails that are easy on the environment; it is open to anyone interested in learning about sustainable trails or digging in the dirt! The Land Trust invites the community to participate in this event, which will start with a kick-off party on Thursday evening at Munchen Haus in Leavenworth featuring special deals and discounts. The workshop continues with hands-on instruction and work parties at our Mountain Home Ridge property in Leavenworth all weekend followed by a social ride and hike on the 19th.

Salmon Walk, Entiat, October 9th 9:00 a.m.

Join us on a walk to see native plants, wildlife, and fall colors on the Entiat River. Learn about the life cycle of anadromous fish, (who return from salt water to fresh water to spawn), during the fall spawning season with fisheries biologist Phil Archibald.

Annual Dinner, Wenatchee, October 22nd 6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the Land Trust's 25th anniversary and conservation success stories. Socialize with friends new and old and enjoy wine, dinner, and a 25th anniversary film.

Reservations required. Please call 667-9708 for tickets.

Make a Difference Day, Chelan County, October 23rd.

Join the Land Trust on Make a Difference Day to volunteer for stewardship activities and trail work in the Wenatchee Foothills. This is always a fun day of service and socializing!

Introduction to Birding, Wenatchee

November 4th 6:00-8:00 p.m. and November 6th field trip. Participants in this free, interactive workshop will be introduced to the basics of bird biology, view images of common birds of the Wenatchee Valley, and learn how to use field characteristics as an aid to bird identification. Participants will be introduced to field guides, audio tools, binoculars, and birding organizations. On Saturday, November 6 join leaders from the NCW Audubon Society for a two hour field trip at the Horan Nature area in Confluence State Park to try out newly learned skills. Details will be provided at the Thursday evening session. Instructor Susan Ballinger, biologist and educator, enjoys introducing newcomers to the adventures of birding. RSVP required.

For more information on any of these events or to reserve a spot, please email bridget@cdlandtrust.org or call 509-667-9708.

Restoring Upland Riparian Habitat One Beaver at a Time

by Steve Bondi, Mazama
Stewardship Director, The Methow Conservancy.

The heat of summer beats down and focuses our attention to all places water, particularly the cool rivers and streams that provide sanctuary from the intense 100 degree heat. Cool rivers and streams also provide high quality habitat for our aquatic species including endangered spring Chinook and summer steelhead and threatened bull trout.

For three years now, the Methow Conservancy has partnered with the US Forest Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, working with private landowners to relocate nuisance beavers from valley bottom locations to higher elevation tributaries. This is an effort to maintain and restore riparian habitats and to decrease water temperatures. The theory is that if beavers can build dams and store snow melt in higher elevation ponds and recharge below ground aquifers rather than letting this water quickly runoff in the spring, the cooler water is available for later season release which offsets summer warming trends in the main rivers – the Methow, the Twisp, and the Chewuch.

This summer has been an exceptional season for our project, with over 10 landowner concerns addressed, 40 beavers relocated, and at least three new populations established in three tributary streams. Our seasonal crew plus crew leader deploy daily to meet with landowners, capture and relocate nuisance beavers, and to provide education to the valley community. Interestingly, nuisance beavers are temporarily held at the Winthrop National Fish Hatchery in old fish raceways. This facility is open to the public everyday and we invite you to visit and view the beavers and learn more about the project.

The Washington Department of Ecology and Yakama Nation both currently fund the program because of the benefits to water quality and fisheries. With continued funding, our project expects to make a profound difference in the health of the Methow watershed with the free help of nature's most fantastic engineer - the beaver.

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September 8	Audubon Methow Bird Walk	A trip down valley to the Columbia in search of pelicans and other waterbirds. See page 3 for details
September 16-19	CDLT Trails Workshop	Learn to build trails with the pros. See page 7 for details.
September 18-19	Wenatchee River Salmon Festival	See Insert for Volunteer Sign-up and more details!
September 25-26	Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival	A Celebration of Birds and Migration. See page 1 for details
October 5	The Gray Squirrel Project	The Methow Conservancy First Tuesday Program. www.methowconservancy.org/
October 9	CDLT Salmon Walk	Walk like a salmon! See page 7 for details
October 22	CDLT Annual Dinner	Celebrate! See page 7 for details
November 2	How Rivers Work	The Methow Conservancy First Tuesday Program. www.methowconservancy.org/
November 4 and 6	Intro to Birding	NCW and the Land Trust! See page 7 for details



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