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## Celebrate Spring at Bird Fest!

by Brook Hinton, Leavenworth

The 14th annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest, May 19 - 22, welcomes the return of migratory birds and springtime blooms to the Wenatchee Valley and extends a warm invitation for birders young and old, novice to expert, to join us for an unforgettable experience!

The festival offers activities for all ages and experience levels and encourages exploration of the natural world for families who want to get out and enjoy the day, and for birding enthusiasts ready to hit the trails! Folks can explore a wide array of habitats by boat, bus, boot, or bike and enjoy fieldtrips that extend to rigorous off-trail excursions, or gentle walks along easy trails, or even rafting and paddle boarding on the Wenatchee River. The wide variety of trips available all boast the amazing experience of local experts as they share their enthusiasm for birds, fauna, and local natural history.

The festivities kick off Thursday evening, May 19, with a great fundraiser meal at O'Gradys at Sleeping Lady followed by a film, *Audubon* at Snowy Owl Theater. After a fun day of field trips Friday, Bird Fest Central at Barn Beach Reserve offers a chance to relax and chat with other birders at Casual Friday where music, local art, local beer and wine, birding trivia, and keynote speaker Tony Angell await you. The mini film-festival continues Friday evening with the showing of the acclaimed film *The Messenger*.

Saturday is truly a special day at Bird Fest Central! Family Discovery Day offers a chance for free, quality family programs like Sarvey Wildlife Center's show featuring up close and personal views with live raptors. Kids' activities, nature walks, food, and vendors courtesy of the Migration Marketplace serve up everything from how to use binoculars to painting bird houses and more!



Pileated Woodpecker  
photo by Peter Bauer, Winthrop

Saturday afternoon boasts the return of a Bird Fest tradition at Snowy Owl, the Song Bird Concert graciously put on by the Marlin Handbell Ringers.

Bird Fest is extremely pleased to present Keynote speaker Tony Angell, artist, conservationist and author of *House of Owls* at Red Tail Canyon Farms Saturday evening for his talk, *The Age of Owls*, as he illustrates the enduring mystery of owls and the natural world. His presentation follows the annual, and delicious, Birders BBQ. Reservations are required.

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest is a unique tradition highlighting our amazing corner of the world and is made possible by the generous donations of businesses and individuals, and partner organizations in the local community like the Sleeping Lady Foundation, the Maria Norbury Foundation, the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, the NCW Audubon Society, the Washington Native Plant Society, the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce, Artis, the USFWS, and Team Naturaleza. Please thank and support local businesses flying the yellow Bird Fest flag!

For more information about the 14th Annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest, go to [www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.com](http://www.LeavenworthSpringBirdFest.com). If you would like to come join the festival as a vendor at the Migration Marketplace, or as a volunteer at Bird Fest Central, please call email [WenatcheeRiverInstitute@Programs@WenatcheeRiverInstitute.org](mailto:WenatcheeRiverInstitute@Programs@WenatcheeRiverInstitute.org).

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## Celebrate Spring Birds

Spring is the probably the best time for birds and birding. Birds are dressed in their finest feathers and singing their little hearts out. And people are celebrating birds too. Two upcoming bird festivals include the Olympic Peninsula Bird Fest, April 15-17 ([www.olympicbirdfest.org/](http://www.olympicbirdfest.org/)) and the Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival May 6-8 ([www.shorebirdfestival.com/](http://www.shorebirdfestival.com/)). Bird festivals are great opportunities to learn more about birds and birding and explore other parts of our state!



Common Redpolls, lingering winter birds  
 photo by Teri J Pieper

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Do you have a favorite birding app for your smart phone or tablet? Are you looking for one?

There is a new review out on The Nature Conservancy's blog that might be helpful if you are trying to compare various apps. It can be found at <http://blog.nature.org/science/2013/05/27/boucher-bird-blog-apps-smart-birder/>. I use the Sibley app and have found that it mostly fulfills my needs in the field. Do you have a favorite app that you use? Birds are not the only topic of interest. I have a Washington Wildflower app that I like to use also. Let me know your favorites. It would be nice to report on them based on our members' experiences.

And speaking of wildflowers – I know many of you are already seeing hills covered with green and spots of other color while here in mid-Methow Valley, we still are waiting for the snow to melt. Each day there is a little more dirt visible and I make a couple of trips outside each day as the sun warms the soil in hopes of finding something new. The grasses are already growing vigorously, even before the snow melts, I swear. And lots of tiny foliage has appeared. The ballhead waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum capitatum*) is coming up all over. I see tiny arrowleaf balsamroot (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*) sprouts in some of the warmer places. Shoots of larkspur (*Delphinium sp.*), spring beauty (*Claytonia sp.*) and yellow bells (*Fritillaria pudica*) are fairly common. An uncommon plant, steers-head (*Dicentra uniflora*) has also sprouted here. And today I found my first flower on our hill – a tiny, inconspicuous *Lomatium* and I do not know its species or common name. One of the great things about living in a place like North Central Washington is that spring comes at so many different times! People have been seeing buttercups and yellow bells near Ancient Lakes for weeks now and yet sometime in the middle of the summer a person could visit Naneum Ridge, more than 6000' in elevation and high above the Colockum and find similar species blooming in an area of what I call alpine shrub-steppe.

Today I noticed that the American Goldfinches are starting to wear bright yellow feathers! Alongside the goldfinches, Common Redpolls continue at our feeders. Winter and spring are overlapping in so many ways.

This Spring there are many opportunities to learn more about birds and other natural history of our area. NCW Audubon has several field trips planned. The Chelan Douglas Land Trust is offering birding ID skills classes. Wenatchee Valley College and Wenatchee River Institute are both offering classes in birding and ornithology. The Methow Conservancy has guided naturalists' walks. The Okanogan Highlands Alliance has monthly programs which will soon switch from indoors to outdoors. Take advantage of these great programs and get out there and experience all that our natural world has to offer. Take a friend. Take a child. Enjoy!



Merlin eating a starling  
photo by Teri J Pieper, Methow Valley

## NCW Recent Bird Sightings

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

Good winter bird sightings continued in the Okanogan in March with reports of Northern Pygmy-Owls, Northern Goshawk, Northern Shrikes, Great Gray Owls, American Three-toed Woodpecker, Williamson's Sapsuckers, White-winged Crossbills and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finches. Also Mountain and Western Bluebirds and Say's Phoebes were seen. Harlequin Ducks were reported in Winthrop on March 3. Singing Western Meadowlarks were reported throughout our region early in March. The Methow Valley Winter Raptor Route had 47 Bald Eagles, 23 adult and 24 immature, one Golden Eagle, eight Red-tailed Hawks, three Northern Harriers, two Sharp-shinned Hawks, and one unidentified falcon. Participants also observed a Cooper's Hawk but it wasn't on the route. Great Blue Herons are also on the rookery at the mouth of the Okanogan. Double-crested Cormorants were observed in the river next to it. On the Waterville Plateau, both Peregrine and Prairie Falcons have been seen. Greater Sage-Grouse have also been reported at the Leahy Lek. Snow Buntings and a few Lapland Longspurs were seen in one large flock. Snowy Owls were still being seen too.

At Beebe Springs, thirty species were observed on one walk including a Great Horned Owl, two Bewick's Wrens, and seven Great blue Herons that flushed from a roosting site when the train came through. The highlight was a good close-up of the Peregrine Falcon that seems to be nesting in the cliffs to the west of Beebe. They also saw four bighorn sheep, two marmots and a rabbit.

On the Entiatqua Trail on the Entiat River, the Heron rookery tree is full of Great Blue Herons - some in the nests, some beside the nest. There were a total of 6 Herons and 5 nests.

Highlights from the Upper Basin Birders trip was a mixed flock of 60+ Siskins, Red Crossbills and Cedar Waxwing at Tall Timber Ranch plus five Trumpeter Swans on the Fish Lake Bog.

At Number Two Canyon in Wenatchee a Western Screech Owl and Great Horned Owl were observed. At the Horan Natural Area, a Bewick's Wren continues to be seen. In Cashmere, there were Pine Grosbeaks.

# Fun February Field Trip

On February 27 & 28, the North Central Washington and Seattle Audubon chapters 'mixed flocks' and collaborated on a late winter/early spring field trip in the Okanogan Highlands and Waterville Plateau. We met early Saturday morning in Omak and made our way up to Conconully. In search of Sharp-tailed Grouse, we stopped at the Scotch Creek Wildlife Area. There were no grouse, which was not too much of a surprise as we watched the rising sun fall across the receding snowlines. While stopped, we were again reminded of impending Spring as a pair of Western Bluebirds made use of a newly installed nest box and Say's Phoebes called from mullein perches. Once in Conconully, we broke into two groups and canvassed the small mountain town. Everyone was able to glimpse a Northern Goshawk as it flew into the trees. The cherries on top were Violet-green Swallows swooping above in a blue sky.

Feeling satisfied, we made our way up to the Okanogan Highlands. We had great looks at a Prairie Falcon along Havillah Road near the Antoine Valley Ranch. Climbing into the trees, both Western and Mountain Bluebirds were in abundance, further enhancing our bluebird day. We spotted Brown Creeper and heard Pileated Woodpecker at the Highlands Sno-park. Sadly, the Great Grey Owls were elusive and remained out of sight for the remainder of the day. We spotted three Northern Pygmy-Owls during our search; one at the Nealy Road feeders provided a nature show-worthy demonstration, capturing



Mixed Flock of Birders  
photo by Charles Hutchinson

by Gary Kelsbert, Seattle Audubon

and eating a vole. Another highlight was a very cooperative covey of Gray Partridge, which didn't flush and allowed long looks as some were burying themselves in the snow. We finished the day with Pine Grosbeaks adorning the top of a pine tree along Mary Ann Creek Road and two more Prairie Falcons near the Highlands Sno-Park.

On Sunday, we headed up to the Waterville Plateau, with a stop at Bridgeport State Park to admire a Northern Saw-whet Owl tucked deep into the branches. It was described by one as the 'kitten of the bird world' - both fierce and cute. Other highlights for the trip included Northern

Shrike, Rough-legged Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle, Mountain Chickadee, Red-winged Blackbird, Great Blue Heron, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Townsend's Solitaire, Snow Bunting, and the hooting of a Great Horned Owl.

One of the purposes of the combined field trip was to promote friendship among birders on both sides of the Cascades, and we certainly had a congenial group! We were treated very well by our hosts

at the Omak Inn and the Breadline Cafe, and by the owners of feeders

on Nealy Road and at Knob Hill Forge. Big thanks to Gary Kelsberg and Sarah Safranek, who coordinated the Seattle contingent, and Mark Johnston, who helped with our Omak/Okanogan/Wenatchee/Chelan/Leavenworth folks, and also to all of our attendees, who were uniformly cheerful and supportive, as well as expert spotters! We can't wait for more winter birding fun next year.

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## Upcoming NCWAS Field Trips

Mark Johnston will lead a birding trip to Moses Coulee on April 24 leaving from the Easy Street Park and Ride near Wenatchee.

Moses Coulee's superb large-scale shrub-steppe habitats and magnificent cliffs support all the bird species typical of these landscapes in Washington. Those planning to help with the Shrub-steppe Songbird Survey this year will also find this trip to be an excellent opportunity to brush up on needed identification skills (both eye and ear). We'll be doing some walking and hiking, so please wear boots and a hat and dress for whatever weather we might encounter. Bring sunscreen, lunch, and something to drink. We will return by late afternoon. To sign up, please call Mark at 548-5766 or email at [s697striata@frontier.com](mailto:s697striata@frontier.com).

Spring Bird Walks at Woody Island in Okanogan start on April 23. Contact Allisa Carlson at 422-0855, extension 111 or [allisamae@gmail.com](mailto:allisamae@gmail.com) or see last month's Phlox for more information.

Twice-monthly Citizen Science bird walks continue at Beebe Springs near Chelan Falls. Contact Virginia Palumbo at [palumbov@nwi.net](mailto:palumbov@nwi.net) for times and dates. They've seen Peregrine Falcons twice at Beebe Springs this year and also a Great Horned Owl!

Also at Beebe Springs, on April 9, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new fishing pond. Virginia will co-lead a bird walk after the ceremony at 3:00 pm.

# Okanogan Highlands Alliance Highland Wonders

by Julie Ashmore, Okanogan Highlands

## **Native Bees of Washington, April 1, with Dr. Don Rolfs**

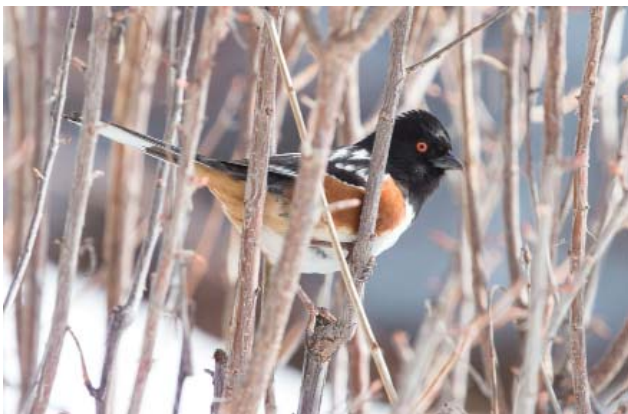
A passionate naturalist and pioneer in native bee biology, Dr. Don Rolfs will present his own, unique and beautiful photographs of native bees of Washington State, on Friday, April 1. Seven years in the making, this fast-moving, profusely illustrated presentation is appropriate for both adults and children. An integral part of this presentation is a handout with life-size photos of 50 species of native bees of Washington.

“Native bees are ideal citizens of the natural world,” says Rolfs. “For a few short weeks each summer, new adults are focused on one thing; assuring that there will be a ‘next generation’ of their kind. Then they die. Our survival depends on their successful life cycles, year after year, through the millennia.”

## **Hooves, Burns, and Browse: Understanding the impact of wildfire on deer, elk, moose, and bighorn sheep May 6, with Scott Fitkin**

Scott Fitkin, District Wildlife Biologist for the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife (Winthrop), will discuss the effects of wildfire on white-tailed and mule deer, and other native hoofed mammals (ungulates). Scott will discuss the past, present, and future status and management of deer in Okanogan County, including information on deer ecology and specific information on the impacts of fire.

Highland Wonders are held at the Community Cultural Center (CCC), 411 South Western Avenue, Tonasket. Dinner at 5:15 benefitting the CCC; \$7.50 for CCC members, \$8.50 for non-members. Presentation is FREE. Questions? [www.okanoganhighlands.org/education/hw](http://www.okanoganhighlands.org/education/hw), [julie@okanoganhighlands.org](mailto:julie@okanoganhighlands.org), or 476-2432.



Spotted Towhee  
photo by Peter Bauer, Winthrop

Clark's Nutcracker  
photo by Teri J Pieper, Methow Valley

# Beginning Ornithology at Barn Beach Reserve

by Suzanne Tomassi, Wenatchee

Get geared up for birding season with wildlife ecologist and ornithologist, Suzanne Tomassi. Learn the basics of bird biology and successful field research methods. Expect to cover everything from characteristics of common bird groups in our area to mist netting, measurements and proper handling techniques (weather permitting). Come get a close-up view of birds and round out your knowledge about birds too!

The course will introduce the science of birds. In the morning, Suzanne will touch on evolution, taxonomy, anatomy and physiology, and behavior (reproduction, flight, migration, molt). We will discuss feathers in some detail. The second half of the day will be spent looking at some familiar taxonomic groups and common research and field methods. We will go into greater depth on topics from the morning in which the participants show special interest. Weather permitting, Suzanne will demonstrate mist net set-up and operation, and we may capture a few birds so that participants can observe some of the anatomical features discussed in the classroom. Suzanne holds a current Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Scientific Collection Sub-Permit for research, instruction, and education purposes.

Suzanne holds a M.Sc. degree in wildlife ecology and has worked professionally as a biologist and ornithologist for 25 years. She presently teaches ornithological field methods to Cardiff University students during a yearly field course in Malaysia (this is her fourth year). She also instructs volunteers in netting and measurement as Bander-in-Charge at an Institute for Birds Populations banding station, and regularly trains assistant banders for yearly field work with the University of Sheffield in Malaysia.

The class will be April 23, 8 am til 4 pm at Barn Beach Reserve in Leavenworth. For more information or to register see <http://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/events/beginning-ornithology-suzanne-tomassi> or call 548-0181.



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# Fodder From the Feeder

by Karen Mulcahy, Winthrop

It's always a joy to see the Western Bluebirds return in spring, although with such an abundance of snow on the ground, spring still feels a long ways away. Nevertheless, the battle for the best nest box has begun.

The other day I watched as a female Western Bluebird perched atop a classic bluebird box and stayed there for quite some time, seemingly enjoying the morning sun. A male perched on another different style house behind her, flying off at times. Every so often they would peek inside the one where the female perched. Then off they'd both fly. Immediately upon their departure, a Pygmy Nuthatch zoomed to the house, flitting in and out of the opening. He would dart away, and back came the female bluebird to the roof. She would stay, and the pygmy would buzz by. The winner has yet to be determined. These two species inspect all the other real estate in the yard, but they seem to prefer the same houses.

My research revealed that this is often the case. These lovely small thrushes compete with other bluebirds, swallows, nuthatches, woodpeckers, and even House Wrens and starlings for nesting areas. They seek cavities already carved out in living or dead trees, and obviously, prefer the same types of nesting boxes we humans place for them. They can be found in open woodland and farmed areas, from sea level to high up in the mountains, at the edges of ponderosa pine and mixed conifer forests as well as aspen, and pinyon pine or juniper. Interestingly, they are said to thrive at the edges of disturbed forest areas such as those that have been logged or burned. They drop to the ground from low perches to grab their main summer diet which is insects - grasshoppers, caterpillars, beetles, ants, wasps and even spiders and snails. You want these guys around because they are great for pest control.

So the paired male and female search for the perfect house and have their brood. Sounds so quaint and romantic, doesn't it? Until you learn that 45% of the nests studied had offspring not fathered by the defending male! In fact, according to Cornell Lab's website, 19% of all young were fathered outside the pair bond. The battles for supremacy amongst males can be quite brutal. They grab each other's legs and tumble to the ground, with the strongest pinning the other and jabbing the weaker with his bill. On a gentler note, there are often nest helpers - adult pairs whose own nests have failed, or other adult males (perhaps the real father of some!), and even juvenile birds. They are very social birds too, especially in their non-breeding season when they often join other bluebirds, American Robins, and even Yellow-rumped Warblers in flocks of up to 100 searching for their winter diet of berries of all kinds.

The Western Bluebird usually has two clutches a season and they are listed as a species of Least Concern - their estimated population is 6.7 million, with around 67% here in the USA. Only 1% of the population breeds in Canada, but some information suggests a small number stay year round in BC.

Audubon's website lists our Western Bluebirds as threatened by climate change. Of the three bluebird species in North America, they are the ones most closely tied to forest health. Salvage logging, snag removal (good-bye to good nesting places) and fire suppression all contribute to their habitat loss. Audubon's recent studies predict an almost 40% decrease in their summer breeding habitat and also a 64% increase in winter range, by 2080. What will this do to their population numbers? With the recent huge fires in our state, will we see a surge in Western Bluebirds here?

Let's hope we can continue to see these delightful harbingers of spring in our lifetimes, and for the generations to come.

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## Spring Naturalists Walks and Talks in the Methow

by Mary Kiesau, Winthrop

As the snow piles have grown dirtier and the variety of birds chirping has increased, we have started to get a lot of questions about when our flower and bird walks are going to start again. Well, they are back now and running throughout the spring and early summer. Mary Kiesau will lead free, casual naturalist rambles at a wide variety of places around the Methow. Stay tuned to Facebook or the Events page on the Methow Conservancy website for dates and times as more walks are scheduled. The first few walks will focus on both plants and birds because the spring thaw is just starting. They are open for registration now! Walks are free but space is limited and registration is required to get the location information. April 1 is an afternoon walk for plants and birds and April 9 is a morning walk, also for wildflowers and birds. Contact us at 996-2870 or [mary@methowconservancy.org](mailto:mary@methowconservancy.org) to sign-up.



Northern Shrike  
photo by Kurt Snover, Winthrop

# A Gift for Okanogan Bluebirds

by Todd Thorn, Omak

Bluebirds in Okanogan County received a fine gift this spring - twelve new bluebird boxes built and donated by Daniel Anderman and his family, of Leavenworth. The Anderman's had experienced large scale wildfire close to home during the Tyee wildfire complex of 1994, and had seen a decrease in the local bluebird population in subsequent years. Recognizing the scale of last year's Okanogan fires, they wanted to join with the efforts of local bluebird trail volunteers in reducing the impact on bluebird nesting.

Daniel has a business building bluebird boxes. He has Down Syndrome and is assisted in this venture by his parents Paul and Terry. Daniel has built 2,200 boxes, of which many are placed throughout the Wenatchee River Valley. On February 29, the Anderman's traveled to Okanogan with their gift of boxes, just as bluebirds began arriving for the breeding season.

The Anderman's met Lee Johnson and Todd Thorn, who are involved with the Okanogan Bluebird Trails Project. A bird box exchange occurred, with the Andermans handing off Daniel's dozen boxes and Lee in turn giving them an Okanogan design box. Daniel's boxes were installed atop

fence posts alongside the Buzzard Lake Road, off State Route 20, west of Okanogan, in an area of shrub steppe habitat that burned in the 2015 wildfires. Adjacent landowners were contacted in advance and welcomed the boxes.

This new trail of bluebird boxes adds to other established trails in the county which are cleaned and maintained annually by volunteers. Some of the existing bluebird trails are located on Tunk Creek, Chewiliken Valley, Havillah, Nealy, Hungry Hollow, Siwash Creek and Rehmke Roads. The nest boxes help make up for loss of bluebird breeding habitat due to habitat conversion and land management. To learn more about the project or volunteer, see [www.okanoganlandtrust.org/bluebird-trails.html](http://www.okanoganlandtrust.org/bluebird-trails.html) or contact Todd Thorn at [todd@canyonwren.us](mailto:todd@canyonwren.us) Look for Daniel and his bluebird boxes at the Leavenworth Farmers Market.

Thank you Daniel, Paul, and Terry Anderman for your gift to the bluebirds of Okanogan County!

Information on the life history of bluebirds is also available at [https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/western\\_bluebird/lifehistory](https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/western_bluebird/lifehistory)

## Commission Takes Action on Listing Status of Four Wildlife Species

from WDFW, Olympia

The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to keep Greater Sage-Grouse and western gray squirrels on the state's threatened species list and Snowy Plovers and Northern Spotted Owls on the state's endangered species list. The commission, a citizen panel appointed by the governor to set policy for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), took action on the protective status of the four species during a public meeting February 26-27 in Olympia. The department recommended keeping the four species at their current protective status.

Both Greater Sage-Grouse and western gray squirrels have seen their ranges shrink over time and continue to face several threats including the loss of habitat. The current populations of sage-grouse and squirrels are not at levels that would allow the department to reclassify either species. The updated status review for greater sage-grouse can be found online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01757/>, while the review for the western gray squirrel is available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01758/>

The Snowy Plover is a small bird that lives mostly in coastal areas of Washington. Although the Snowy Plover population appears to be increasing on the west coast, the population in Washington is still small. The status review for the snowy plover can be found online at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01751/>. The Northern Spotted Owl lives in mature and old coniferous forests in Washington and was listed as an endangered species in 1988. Habitat loss and competition with the closely related Barred Owl is contributing to the continued population decline of spotted owls in Washington. The updated status review for Northern Spotted Owls is available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/publications/01752/>

Black as the night  
Fly high in the sky  
Soar with the eagles  
Sun glint in my eye  
I am the raven  
I look down on you  
Tricks in the clouds  
Tips, barrel rolls  
Sing in my language  
"Cork, Wok, Caterwoll!"

I am the raven  
We talk about you  
Gorgeous black feathers  
Shine in the light  
Pinnacle of Creation  
The gods got me right  
I am the raven  
I'm better than you  
Dark powerful beak  
Eat eyes and crush bone  
Fly my trails every morning  
Find fresh kills on your road

I am the raven  
thanks for the chow

I am the raven  
I will outlast you

I am the raven  
I'm smarter than you

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April 22	Earth Day Scavenger Hunt	With CDLT at Jacobsen Preserve. See www.cdlandtrust.org
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