

# NCW Audubon Society – 2021

Involvement During a Pandemic



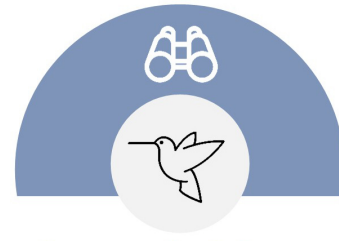
## Conservation

- Horan Natural Area
- Rock Island Ponds
- Shrub-steppe conservation
- Icicle Creek Water Mgmt.
- Chelan County Shoreline Mgmt.
- Stemilt Partnership
- Enloe Dam
- Kestrel box re-establishment



## Communication & Education

- Wild Phlox newsletters
- Social media
- New website and content
- NCWABird Google group
- Email alerts & notifications
- Birdfest
- Schoolyard birding



## Community Science

- Bird surveys
- eBird
- Climate Watch
- Kestrel monitoring
- Hummingbird project



The North Central Washington Audubon Society (NCWAS) is committed to natural resource conservation within our four-county area. 2021 was another Covid-19 year that tested our resilience and stamina. Dealing with Covid has been a bit of a yin-yang experience. On one hand, the pandemic has severely restricted our ability to organize and host bird trips and educational outings. We miss group gatherings. We also miss having the ability to meet in person to prepare the Wild Phlox newsletter for mailing. We wish we were able to engage with school kids who are experiencing ‘What’s That Bird?’ for the first time. The loss of frequent face-to-face interactions reminds us of how much value we place on knowing our members.

On the other hand, the Covid restrictions have forced us to find ways to stay relevant to our members and our communities. Our commitment to being present in several conservation issues meant that our board members sat in on numerous remote meetings via Zoom or other platforms. We found ways to continue to produce and distribute the Wild Phlox. We followed CDC and state health guidelines to resume a limited number of bird trips. We used the “down time” to redesign our website and populate it with new content. Our all-volunteer board contributed hundreds of hours to keep the NCWAS ship afloat. And our members responded with a surprising number of generous donations. We appreciate every contribution to NCWAS and understand that you value the organization and what we do. It is our intent to continue doing the work you expect from us. Thank you.

As we move into 2022, we look forward to increased flexibility to be outside with groups, to re-engage with students, and to provide financial and personal resources needed for meaningful restoration and conservation. Climate change is the “elephant in the room” and an area where we know that we need to concentrate our time and resources. Climate extremes will test our natural and social systems. We are encouraged to see more young, enthusiastic people with high interest in birds. We see community science as a direct means to involve and educate people about nature, birds, and conservation. We look forward to finding creative ways to protect or enhance bird habitat and populations. We look forward to working with our many partners and members to meet these challenges.



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