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Birdability at Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest

by Susan Ballinger and Jane Zanol
Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Committee

The 20th anniversary of the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest saw the launch of a new pre-festival initiative to be more inclusive and welcoming to people from all walks of life who are new to birding. Birdability (www.birdability.org) is a national nonprofit organization and the elements that summarize their guiding principles are listed on their website: “Birdability’s three spokes—improving the physical accessibility of birding locations, empowering a welcoming and inclusive birding community, and introducing people with access challenges to birding—are the actions we take; the things we do.”

Bird Fest’s new pre-festival trips were aimed at people of all ages and backgrounds who are not yet “birders,” with the goal to reduce barriers to participation. The festival’s planning committee designed trips that were low cost, short in duration, offered loaner binoculars, and took place either early in the morning or in the evening. Trips were at locations that are close to town with free parking, require very little walking, and are easy to visit again. Several of the trips had Spanish/English bilingual guides, Elisa Lopez and Monica Valle, both staffers at ¡Team Naturaleza!

All Bird Fest trips are led by volunteer guides, recruited by the planning committee. NCWAS Board members Richard Scranton, Mark Johnston, and Joe Veverka, NCWAS members Jane Zanol and Susan Ballinger, and Wenatchee River Institute staffer Rebecca Ryan served on this year’s committee. The committee is grateful to the eleven NCWAS volunteers who said “yes” and co-led eight new pre-festival trips near Wenatchee, including four who were first-time Bird Fest guides. Leading a short, beginning birder trip is a good fit for a first-time volunteer guide.

Merry Roy, Wendy Sharp, and Nolan Campbell led a 6 am trip at Horan Natural Area. Nolan, a first-time leader and high school student, reflected, “As a beginning guide on these bird walks, the low barrier made me feel very confident and secure. The participants were amazing and I loved being able to listen and to share knowledge and information with them. It was wonderful seeing people who were comfortable with asking questions and learning.

Birds are so beautiful and amazing, and I love when birders, beginner and experienced, get to share information and stories that would have otherwise been forgotten.” Merry reported participants saying, “Thank you for a wonderful way to start the day!” “That was my first bird walk.” “It was a pleasure to meet everyone and my favorite was seeing the male and female tree sparrow (I think that is what they were).” “I’d never walked in the Horan area and I’m excited to do it again!” “I’ve never noticed birds much before, but now I see them everywhere!”

Wenatchee Valley College professors and long-time LSBF volunteers, Derek Sheffield and Dan Stephens, invited the public to join them on a biology class field trip, birding in the Horan Natural Area. Eight college students, all under the age of 21, were joined by six 40 to 70-year-olds to create an inter-generational learning experience. Despite high winds on Wednesday afternoon, Derek reported, “Lots of migrants! Western Tanagers every which way. Bullock’s Orioles. Myrtle and Audubon’s Warblers. The resident Bald Eagle at the top of a cottonwood, still as a sentinel. Wood Ducks, Buffleheads, Common Mergansers, and more. One participant said, ‘I’ve learned some things today that I hope to retain!’ Another used one of our loaner binoculars and was impressed at how good they were. A third described the outing as ‘exciting.’”

Richard Scranton said the best moment of his pre-festival trip to Porter’s Pond “was observing a closely perched Cooper’s Hawk devouring a small songbird and then posing for our many photographers.” He further commented, “Oddly, our trip was full with only three beginner birders. All participants had their own binoculars. The winds were strong enough to suppress bird activity. Most were from the Wenatchee area with the others from Manson, North Bend, and a Tucson resident summering up at Fish Lake. Half had sophisticated cameras. I think some of the pre-festival participants were here for the festival and took advantage of these early week offerings.” Continued on page 3.

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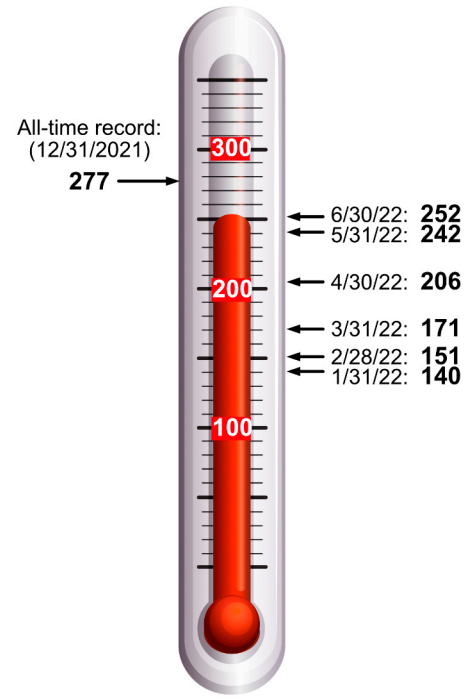
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Jan-June 2022 eBird stats
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In some ways, putting an issue of the Wild Phlox together is like doing a jigsaw puzzle, except there is no picture on a box to look at for reference. This issue has been challenging because, once again, there is not enough room for all of the excellent articles and photos I received. (And there is barely any room for the Editor's Notes!) If an article isn't time sensitive, I can hold it over until the next issue. But some news just shouldn't have to wait, like Susan Sampson's article about Bird Fest, so it has been posted on our website ([Fun Features from Bird Fest 2022](#)). In other news, the October 2022 issue of the newsletter may be slightly delayed as I will be out of town for much of September—attending the Western Bird Banding Association meeting in California and then vacationing with family (and dogs) along the Oregon coast.

Bird Fest Birdability - continued from page 1

Joe Veverka and Natatie Kahler led a very windy and birdy evening hike on Tower Road near Cashmere. Joe reported, "We had a nice turnout. A mix of skill levels. I was happy to have a couple of beginner birders. Despite the wind, or perhaps because of it, we had great looks at Western Tanagers, four species of warblers, Lazuli Buntings, Bullock's Orioles, and Dusky Flycatchers low in the shrubs at close range. To top it off we had great looks at a Lewis's Woodpecker and beautiful views! I overheard a couple of folks say they are going to come back again. As a trip lead this always makes me happy! Good birding close to home."

Susan Ballinger led several pre-festival hikes and was surprised to welcome people from very far away who had found the festival online and added it to planned travel. A birdwatcher mother from India with her Seattle-based daughter, a couple from Philadelphia with their Seattle-based son, and locals from Wenatchee, East Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Plain, and Manson all showed up for one of the 6 am weekday offerings.

This year's festival added two new, bilingual low-barrier offerings for beginner birders: a half-day trip to Entiat and a short Sunday morning trip in Number Two Canyon. Elisa Lopez reflected on her Entiat experience, "Entiat is a 20-minute drive outside of Wenatchee, where the Entiat River

meets the Columbia River, making it suitable habitat for waterfowl, raptors, flycatchers, swallows, and more. If needed, this trip allowed for people to bird in the parking areas of our three stops. Anyone with mobility limitations was able to bird with us and not miss out on the social and birding time. The total distance we walked less than 1.5 miles. One person with knee mobility limitations joined us because they knew this trip and the leaders would accommodate their needs. Trip leaders learn just as much as a person who is birding for the first time. As a new birder myself, I was thankful to the participants that brought their cameras and allowed us to see more detail than we could get in eight seconds with binoculars."

The new trips were a resounding success. Not only did they meet the goal of introducing a new and diverse group of people to birding and Bird Fest, they also offered festival participants short trips in great habitats with previous and new leaders. We plan to continue offering these low barrier trips before and during Bird Fest 2023, which will be the week of May 15-21. Mark your calendars! We hope to increase the number of pairs of volunteer guides, especially for beginner trips. Please email Jane Zanol (janezanol@me.com) or Susan Ballinger (skylinebal@gmail.com) to volunteer to be a Bird Fest trip leader next year.

Thank You 2022 Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Volunteers!

NCWAS and the Wenatchee River Institute are very fortunate to have so many folks willing to volunteer their time (687 hours in 2022!) and expertise to make the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest one of the best bird festivals in the nation. Thank you for your hard work and dedication! (Our apologies to anyone who was left off the list by mistake.)

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Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Founders' Awards

by the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Committee with contributions by Susan Sampson, Wenatchee

Help the Wenatchee River Institute and NCWAS celebrate the connections made between people, birds, and the natural world. The Founders' Award is a newly created award to honor volunteerism in support of the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. This award was inspired by the team of people who came together in 2003 to launch the very first Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. This year there were three recipients.

Mark Oswood, Individual Volunteer Category

Mark is a retired (emeritus) biology professor from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and holds a PhD in Zoology from the University of Montana. He is a freshwater ecologist, specializing in streams and rivers. His major research interest is the ecology of aquatic insects, particularly biogeography and adaptations to high-latitude environments. Since retiring, Mark has done occasional lectures, field trips, and workshops in stream ecology and aquatic entomology. He also has held several NCWAS offices, including president.

Mark is the co-creator of the *What's That Bird?* program, which is used at Bird Fest and by Youth on the Columbia and has served thousands of school children with an introduction to birding. *What's That Bird?* invites kids (mostly) to locate life-sized replicas of local birds posed in their natural habitats, to identify them from field guides, and to check them off a beginning life list. Mark “produces” the program by gathering all the pieces necessary for the event, installing them, recruiting help, teaching, and breaking down the show again—as often as three days per week during May when pandemic conditions permit. He remembers that co-awardee, Karen Haire, was instrumental in helping him brainstorm and evolve the program, starting at Salmon Fest and the first Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. This year, the *What's That Bird?* tent at Bird Fest sat next to the outdoor music vendors Eric Link and Corban Welter performing with guitar, electric mandolin, and voice. Between their songs, a Nashville Warbler belted out its tune from a treetop behind them.

Mark has been part of every Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest, starting with the inaugural year in 2003, and has made many contributions in addition to the *What's That Bird?* program:

- In the early years, Mark volunteered at “Bird Fest Headquarters” at the Gazebo in downtown Leavenworth, getting people checked into field trips.
- Mark has set up and manned the NCWAS information table at every Bird Fest, always at the headquarters—starting at the downtown Gazebo, and then at Barn Beach Reserve, and later at the Wenatchee River Institute.
- Mark and Gerry Smith led “Bugs and Birds” field trips for several years. The first trip was at a nearby stream undergoing habitat restoration. For two years, the trip was held at a private property with a pond. Mark focused on collecting and showing the variety of macro-

invertebrates at the site, and Gerry focused on bird identification.

- Mark served on the Bird Fest committee for one year, and served as the festival’s liaison with NCWAS for several years, starting in 2003.
- In recent years, Mark has staffed the National Audubon Photography Awards Traveling Exhibition at Bird Fest’s headquarters.

Karen Haire, Individual Volunteer Category

Karen is a long-term resident of Leavenworth, who chose to move to the area because she loves the outdoors. Beside the attraction of river rafting and rock climbing, she was drawn to the Leavenworth area because of the many opportunities to observe a wide variety of bird species.

Karen was a member of the original Bird Fest committee that brainstormed about creating a new type of festival in Leavenworth focused on birds and their connection to the land. This included highlighting specific target species that are not so available in other places, such as the White-headed Woodpecker, Veery, Gray Catbird, American Dipper, and Western Tanager. Part of this vision was to create field trips with fewer participants who could traverse the habitat and approach closer to the birds they were observing. The 2003 Bird Fest Steering Committee hired Karen and Maggie McManus to be co-directors of the inaugural festival.

Karen had a strong desire for Bird Fest to collaborate with local businesses, non-profit organizations, government agencies (such as the U.S. Forest Service and the Leavenworth Fish Hatchery), and students. Her sales acumen helped connect businesses with particular “mascot” bird species in the area, bringing them on board for our local festival.

Karen created and led the “Birding by Mountain Bike” field trip and has led several other Bird Fest field trips including Birding by River Raft, Beginning Birding at Blackbird Island, Sauer’s Mountain Birding and Wild Flowers, and ADA trips to the Fish Hatchery for wheelchair-bound participants. She also was instrumental in helping design the festival catalogs, flyers, and website and in recruiting capable guides to bring the festival to life and spread the word about how much natural ecosystems could contribute to Leavenworth’s attractiveness and long-term sustainability.

Cove Resort at Fish Lake, Professional Category

Nadine and Scott West are the owners of the Cove Resort at Fish Lake and have been consistent supporters of Bird Fest since 2003. For the past 20 years, they have graciously provided pontoon boats for the Birding by Pontoon Boat and Wetland Birds field trips. These trips are popular and fill quickly. Scott and Nadine’s donation of pontoon boats expands the habitats participants can experience during Bird Fest and the diversity of bird species people can see. These trips also give people the chance to experience a beautiful setting and a really fun trip! In addition to donating the use of their pontoon boats,

Spiva Butte Nature Preserve Volunteer Project by Joe Veverka, Cashmere

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust (CDLT) in partnership with NCWAS, is seeking volunteers to help with a bird monitoring project at Spiva Butte Nature Preserve. This property is not open to the public, so volunteers will have a unique opportunity to see high-quality shrub-steppe that includes a wide variety of habitats including aspen groves, narrow streams, a small pond, talus slopes, and deep soiled and rocky soiled shrub-steppe.

Background: CDLT has protected over 26,600 acres in central Washington focusing on lands of high conservation value. CDLT partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Central Washington and Spokane Audubon Societies, and Washington Native Plant Society to begin restoration efforts on CDLT's 1,396-acre Spiva Butte Nature Preserve immediately following the devastating wildfires that swept through central Washington in September 2020. The fires burned much of the remaining Greater Sage-Grouse and Sharp-tailed Grouse shrub-steppe habitat in Washington including CDLT's Spiva Butte Nature Preserve. Greater Sage-Grouse and Sharp-tailed Grouse occupied only 8% and 3%, respectively, of their historic range in Washington prior to the 2020 fires. *"When considered in total, the Spiva Butte Nature Preserve is in a perfect location for both species of grouse, suggesting that habitat restoration has tremendous potential."*— Dr. Michael Schroeder, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Research Scientist.

Cornell Grant: CDLT was recently awarded a \$25,000 Cornell Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative Grant. It

will fund planting 19 two-acre plots with big sagebrush grown and planted by BFI Native Seeds. Big sagebrush is critical to the survival of Greater Sage-Grouse, and these plots will serve as a future big sagebrush seed source for the property. The grant also will fund planting 28 acres of the Deep Creek drainage with 12 important riparian species of native trees and shrubs grown and planted by Methow Natives. These plantings will benefit Sharp-tailed Grouse, which rely on riparian habitats within shrub-steppe. *"The Cornell Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative Grant pushes CDLT and partners across the finish line in meeting our initial post-fire restoration goals on the Spiva Butte Nature Preserve."*—Susan Ballinger CDLT Conservation Fellow.

The Cornell grant will enable CDLT to begin a bird monitoring program on the Spiva Butte Nature Preserve in partnership with volunteers from NCWAS. CDLT staffer Joe Veverka will lead half-day monitoring trips, offering carpool transportation from Wenatchee in a CDLT vehicle, on the following dates: August 23, September 27, October 25, and November 28. Volunteers will arrive within one hour of sunrise and spend three hours on site to collect data for later entry into eBird. Two independent pairs of volunteers will walk cross country and conduct 10-minute point counts on either the 1.8-mile western route (three point counts) or the 2.3-mile eastern route (five point counts). The terrain is hilly and includes some steep up and down sections. To learn more and register to volunteer, contact Susan Ballinger at susan@cdlandtrust.org.



Spiva Butte Before and After the Pearl Hill Fire of September 2020
photo courtesy of Chelan-Douglas Land Trust

Field Trip Reports

compiled by Julie Hovis, Winthrop

Nespelem to Goose Lake and Beyond, reported by Dj Jones and Art Campbell

On Monday, June 6, five intrepid birders joined Methow-based leaders Dj Jones and Art Campbell for a birdwatching tour of southeastern Okanogan County. Our day started when four Long-billed Curlews flew over Park City Loop Road north of Nespelem. Farther along Park City Loop Road at the Nespelem River, singing Veerys, Gray Catbirds, Willow Flycatchers, and Yellow Warblers created a cacophony of sound that challenged our group's ability to pick out the many other singing species.

From the Nespelem River we drove the Columbia River Road west to Goose Lake, along the way stopping at cliffs to hear Rock and Canyon Wrens and watch soaring White-throated Swifts. Goose Lake and the surrounding wetlands were filled with numerous waterfowl, and rang with the sounds of Yellow-headed Blackbirds. In a delightful surprise, we saw a lone pronghorn antelope on the hillside above the lake.

From Goose Lake, we drove east to the Aeneas Valley, glimpsing a moose in a wetland just south of Distautel Pass. We continued to find new species as we drove north down the valley, topping it off by having great views of Bobolinks in a wet field just south of Route 20. The splendid day came to a close as our group returned to Omak, exhausted, but excited, having recorded 113 species.

Okanogan Highlands, reported by Todd Thorne

The Okanogan Highlands are nestled in the northeast corner of Okanogan County. One enters from the Okanogan Valley at Tonasket or Oroville, or might sneak in the back way from Wauconda or Curlew. Once you clamber up from river valleys, this rolling landscape of dryland farm fields, pasture, and forest sprawls and is drained by small streams flowing west, north, and east, providing varied habitat at mid- and higher elevations.

Our June 12th field trip started from Tonasket and generally followed the Havillah Road northeasterly with several short side ventures. Nearly to Chesaw, we turned west following Mary Ann Creek to Molson. After perusing its ponds and Sidley Lake, we cut back through lonely Dry Gulch to Havillah Road and back to town.

Our group of eleven, including the leader, came from Wenatchee, Winthrop, Twisp, Tonasket, and even Havillah. One of the day's highlights was simply meeting each other and birding together, sharing the excitement of exploring new country and seeing new birds.

Another highlight wasn't even a bird sighting. As we peered up Duffys Mountain at a Golden Eagle on her nest, a band of bighorn sheep with lambs ambled along the skyline atop the cliffs! But birding in general along Fancher Road was great, with a glimpse of a rare White-faced Ibis, Bobolink, Long-billed Curlew, Chukar, White-throated Swift, and Lazuli Bunting among others.

Farther into the Highlands, nesting Lewis' Woodpeckers and Williamson's Sapsuckers were fun to watch! Good Mountain and Western Bluebird viewing along the way demonstrated the conservation value of nest boxes built, placed, and maintained by community volunteers.

Afternoon habitat tended toward riparian, stream, and open water. Yellow-headed Blackbirds were ever-present, splendidly showy and noisy! Some birds posed ID challenges—is that a female Barrow's or Common Goldeneye with her chicks; what about those Scaups, some look suspiciously like Greater versus Lesser!

A single pond at the south end of Molson seemed to offer up nearly every species of waterfowl and marsh species seen throughout the day. Although afternoon rain had arrived, everyone piled out of the vehicles to admire Ruddy Ducks, Redheads, Mallards, Gadwalls, Northern Shovelers, Cinnamon Teal, Buffleheads, American Coots, and one lone Wilson's Phalarope, while the day's only Marsh Wrens clamored from the cattails.

Birding as a Bridge: Finding Common Ground

by Merry Roy, Wenatchee

I've been reading about Tykee James who leads bridge-building bird walks in our nation's capital. The latest article I saw was in the February 7, 2020, issue of *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Tykee James is the president of the Washington D.C. chapter of the National Audubon Society, and he is young and black. Since 2019 he has led hour-long, early morning "Birding on the Hill" walks for legislators and staff members. He says, "Birds are a way to just bring us to a shared purpose, a shared history, a shared humanity so that some of these more difficult conversations...can happen with that shared ground—humanity, history, and the joy of birds."

In Washington, State Senator Brad Hawkins sent me pictures of birds he has seen around the Capitol building in Olympia after some of us talked with him about how climate change is affecting our birds. There's common ground.

Bridge-building opportunities exist within our own community. ¡Team Naturaleza! led by Elisa Lopez hopes to begin bilingual urban bird walks every month in Wenatchee. Having a respected liaison between the Latino community and organizations such as Audubon improves communication and fosters support for protecting the environment.

Writing letters, speaking at town hall meetings, and talking with our legislators about how helping birds helps the climate—these are actions we can do with respect and civility. If we can find common ground with those who have different opinions about climate change, saving wildlife, or racial equity, we can build on that foundation to have difficult conversations.



photo by Elisa Lopez, ¡Team Naturaleza!

Become a Wenatchee Naturalist!

by Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee

If you are looking for a way to deepen your connection to both the natural and human aspects of our collective home, consider becoming a Wenatchee Naturalist! Registration opens soon for the next 50-hour *Wenatchee Naturalist* course offered by Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education. This in-person course is designed to allow participants to meet new friends, discover lovely local places to visit again, and gain new eyes for the natural wonders of North Central Washington. To date, over 225 people, ages 12-81, have completed the course and become Wenatchee Naturalists.



Great Horned Owl
photo by Teri J Pieper, Methow Valley

Instructor Susan Ballinger teaches the class on Wednesday evenings (6-8:30 pm), September 21- December 14, and there are four Saturday field trips on October 8, October 22, November 5, and December 3. Field trips explore habitats along the White, Entiat, Columbia, and Wenatchee river corridors, guided by expert guest field scientists.

The interdisciplinary course includes readings, lectures, handouts, guest scientists, labs, and nature journaling. Field trips explore three ecosystems (shrub-steppe, riparian, and dry forest) focusing on 100 common species of the Wenatchee watershed. Every class includes hands-on activities and practice using a science field journal. Tuition includes supplies, a field journal, and a loaned library box and hand lens. Clock hours are available for teachers.

The course is offered once a year in the fall. If you have questions, contact the course instructor, Susan Ballinger (skylinebal@gmail.com; 509-669-7820), or visit the Wenatchee Naturalist website at www.wenatcheenaturalist.com. Registration opens on August 10 at www.wvc.edu/academics/continuing-education/index.html.

Protecting America's Western Arctic

by Mary Gallagher, Lake Wenatchee

Worried about the decline in bird populations? Climate Concerns? Act Now! YOUR Voice Matters!

On July 8, 2022, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) addressing the implications of ConocoPhillips' Willow Project for America's Western Arctic. This project poses a potential disaster for this fragile Arctic region, home to indigenous communities and bountiful wildlife including caribou, fish and migratory birds. This project will have additional impacts on our

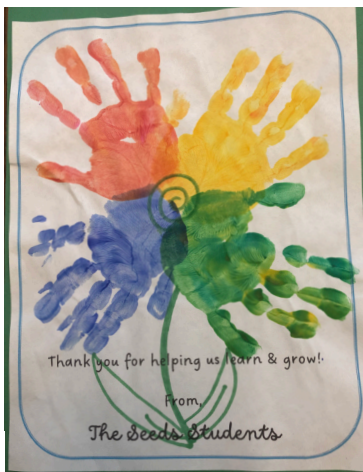
current climate issues. Please submit a public comment to prevent this project from moving forward before AUGUST 19, 2022.

The SEIS documents are now available at the BLM website: (<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/109410/570>). For more information visit the Alaska Wilderness League's website at <https://alaskawild.org/blog/conocophillips-willow-oil-development-proposal-threatens-landscapes-communities-and-our-climate/>.

A Fun *What's That Bird?* Event

Back in June, Mark Oswood, Sue Sampson, and Merry Roy did a slightly modified version of the *What's That Bird?* exercise with twenty 5-7 year-olds from Seeds Learning Center in Wenatchee. Their morning plans moved from setting up in Rotary Park—thunder and lightning were predicted—to the backyard and classrooms at the school. The key to working with children and weather is flexibility. This is what they had to say about the experience...

Mark: "Our painted, wooden birds found hiding places in trees in the backyard. The students found the birds—lots of running



about—and remembered field marks to make identifications."

Sue remembers: "seven little maws tweeting bird sounds simultaneously, most toothless in front, doing geese sounds best" as she introduced the songs of common birds with plush bird toys and the birdsong book.

Merry: "Kids acted out birds soaring, running, swimming, gaping for food as featherless chicks, and imitating Killdeer laying eggs and leading danger away from the nest with the broken wing act."

They had an enjoyable time, both kids and adults. Would they do it again? Probably.

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August 10	Beginner Bird Walk Wenatchee River Institute	www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org
August 23 September 27 October 25 November 28	Spiva Butte Bird Surveys	See article on page 5
September 10-11	Puget Sound Bird Fest Edmonds	www.pugetsoundbirdfest.com
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