



Shorelines

Newsletter of the Whidbey Audubon Society
September 2018

Whidbey Audubon Society is dedicated to the understanding, appreciation and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats on Whidbey Island and in surrounding waters.

The Whidbey Audubon Society Presents The Bird in the Hand Festival

In lieu of our general meeting on the third Thursday of the month, the program for September will be the *Bird in the Hand Festival* on Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bayview Farm and Garden greenhouse in Langley off State Route 525.

This biennial program has evolved into Whidbey Audubon Society's first bird festival. The festival will feature birds in our extensive United States Department of Fish and Wildlife and Washington State Scientific Collection permitted Bird Specimen Library. These specially preserved birds are seen by over 1,500 members of the community each year. They are vital teaching tools organized into a bird specimen library to be used for education, research and inspiration.

Bird in the Hand Festival

Saturday, September 22

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bayview Farm & Garden

2780 Marshview Avenue, Langley

A large number of birds have been added since our last Bird in the Hand presentation in 2016. Some of the new specimens include Pileated Woodpecker, Peregrine Falcon, Common Murre, Caspian Tern, Pigeon

Ann Casey describes a duck specimen to visitors to the 2016 Bird in the Hand event.



Photo by George and Sara Gray

Guillemot, Rhinoceros Auklet and a Horned Grebe.

Sharing the spotlight with the specimens will be falconers, one of whom will be bringing his trained owl.

This is a free community program two years in the making. Whidbey Audubon Society is proud of the many volunteers that make it possible to present this program that is dedicated to the birds of Whidbey Island and the birders who love them.

—Robin Llewellyn, *Bird in the Hand Chair*

Please note: There will be no general meeting in September. Our first meeting of the season will be Thursday, October 11 in Coupeville.

Upcoming Field Trips

Friday, September 14: SPECIAL DEER LAGOON TRIP: From 9 a.m. to noon with Darwin Wile who lives above Deer Lagoon. This is a unique expedition that starts from a master birder's home. He observes Deer Lagoon every day, so he sees many birds. He says that we will probably see at least 50 different species during the trip. We will meet at Bayview Park & Ride at 9 a.m. to organize carpools to go to Darwin's home and overlook the lagoon as he sees it. He will give us a preview of what he's seen lately. Then we will go down to the dikes to observe more closely — shorebirds, shorebirds, shorebirds, Blue Heron, Eagles, ducks, etc. and probably a few surprises. There's no limit to the number of participants. If you have questions, contact Darwin at dardrifter@gmail.com.

Field Trip Checklist

- ✓ Field trips are free and open to anyone interested in birding or conservation. Bring your friends!
- ✓ Beginners are very welcome.
- ✓ Carpooling is encouraged and even required for some sites with limited parking.
- ✓ Dress for the weather and in layers.
- ✓ Very bad weather cancels a trip. Check with the trip leader.
- ✓ If you have them, bring binoculars, scope and field guides.
- ✓ If you might need them, bring a drink and snack.

We are always looking for **new trip leaders** and assistants. If you are interested, please contact Patty Cheek at pattypipe@gmail.com.

2018 Renee Smith Scholarship Recipients

Three environmentally-impassioned, graduated Whidbey high school seniors are the recipients of 2018 Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Scholarships for environmental/conservation study. They were introduced, and spoke, at the May general meeting.



Jordan Wood-Pina



Olivia Flack



Aengus Dubendorf

Photos by Jenny Brown

Jordan Wood-Pina, Oak Harbor High School, is a young, nationally-recognized sailing competitor who chooses to study Marine Biology at Western Washington University. She wishes to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife one day.

Olivia Flack, Oak Harbor High School, has been an environmentally-impassioned volunteer while in high school, who is now headed to Western Washington University's Honors Program in Environmental Policy.

Aengus Dubendorf, South Whidbey High School, an accomplished leader in high school and active in environmental activities. He will attend Washington State University and will

major in Natural Resource Policy/Economics with the intent of eventually becoming an Environmental Lawyer.

These young adults agree that the awarded scholarships bring them a step closer to their chosen goals.

— *Ann Sullivan, Scholarship Committee Chair*

Birdathon Wrap-up for 2018

Thank you once again to everyone who participated in this year's Birdathon, whether as a team member, or a contributor. Pledges and donations came to an amazing \$6884.65, of which \$2491.50 was designated for the general fund and \$4277.15 for the scholarship fund.

Many thanks to **all teams** for their great birding and fundraising, with this year's all around highest fundraisers being the **Winging It** team (Janet Hall, Sarah Schmidt, Libby Hayward, Dyanne Sheldon and Nan Maysen). Your hard work is much appreciated.

Whidbey Audubon would like to thank all **businesses** that contributed to our Birdathon effort, including:

- Carol Moliter, Big Rock Designs
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— *Kathy Obersinner, Birdathon Chair*

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New

Anne L. Sankey	Kristen & Gene Griffin
Margaret Day	Dave & Molly Brown
Dominique Emerson	Gwen A Coughernour
Charlotte Selva	Laurelynn Brooks
Marcia Davidson (Pigeon Guillemot)	
Jann Ledbetter (Pigeon Guillemot)	

Renewing

Lea Kouba	Pam Nodus
Pat & Dave Tuttle	Kathy Floyd
Larry Daloz	Marge Plecki (Spotted Towhee)
Patrick Hussey	Debbie & David Stoetzel
Judy Dixon	Marilyn & John Thomas
Kathryn Hirt	Paul Bigelow
John A Lee (Red-tailed Hawk)	Sharon Dunn
Mark Wicks (Red-tailed Hawk)	Lu Orth
Ann Nishimoto	Vincent Ho
Barb Schiltz	Greg & Kathy Sivertsen
Eric Mayhew	Betsy Shirazi
Cathy Darracot & Joe Reeves (Osprey)	
Christine Hurley & Marlys Erickson (Spotted Towhee)	

The expiration month for paper copies is on your address label. I will send an email reminder to both paper and electronic subscribers.

— *Linda Bainbridge, Membership Chair*

Bird in the Spotlight: The Turkey Vulture

Turkey Vultures are probably not your favorite bird. They are funny-looking with a bare, red head and prefer a diet of rotting meat. The lack of feathers on their heads prevents the slimy stuff they eat from sticking to them and they have an interesting way of cleaning/cooling their legs called *urohidrosis*. Yes, they defecate and urinate on their legs. This actually kills bacteria, acts as a sanitizer and gives them some resistance to environmental toxins and poisons, such as botulism and chemicals used to kill ground squirrels and coyotes.

Because of the urohidrosis, perforate-nostril cavity (you can see through it) and no syrinx (voice box), the Turkey Vultures are classified with storks.

They start arriving in Washington in February, nest in the

Conservation Column: Looking Ahead

There are some big issues coming up that will need input from Audubon members to help protect birds. First, the Endangered Species Act is under attack from several fronts. This law has permitted a number of bird species, including eagles, peregrines and brown pelicans, to recover from the brink of extinction and has allowed action to help species listed as “threatened.” New emphasis on economic factors, rather than science-based information, could result in weakened protections. Learn more at www.audubon.org/news/new-proposals-could-significantly-weaken-endangered-species-act.

National Audubon Society has sued to protect the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which could be gutted of its ability to protect birds from industry and development. Washington Audubon is working to help pass Initiative 1631 in November, which will reduce carbon emissions and encourage alternative energy production. There is an ongoing struggle to protect Washington’s mature forests for Marbled Murrelet nesting, as eight forest practice alternatives described in a revised Environmental Impact Statement by the Department of Natural Resources, is due in early September. The Marbled Murrelet Coalition will issue a call for comment and support on preferred alternatives. Learn more at the Murrelet Survival Project page on Facebook.

And here on our small island, there are issues of water, development and conflicting uses. There are many ways to make a difference — support national and local environmental organizations with your money, your time and your voice. Attend hearings, learn the science and be a voice for birds and the ecosystems they (and we) need. Sign up to be a Backyard Wildlife sanctuary for wildlife, practice water conservation, take care of your shoreline or just watch the incredible array of birds that live here or pass through on migration.

— Kim Shepard, Conservation Chair

Cascade foothills and the Sunshine Coast on Vancouver Island and begin a southward migration in September. They migrate in large numbers in late September, regularly passing over the Olympic Peninsula on their way to California, Mexico and South America.



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Turkey Vulture

A few years ago, birdwatchers on a Birding in Neighborhoods North field trip stood at the overlook by Sunnyside Cemetery in Ebey’s National Historical Reserve and watched in amazement as one soaring vulture was joined by a few more, then more and more, until we were watching scores of Turkey Vultures swirling in a kettle above us for about twenty minutes before heading south.

These facts and information came from a beautiful signboard at the Saltwater Creek Campground in Clallam County with credit given to Diane MacRae, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society and Washington State Audubon.

— Kim Shepard

Editor’s Note: Do you have a favorite or interesting local bird that you’d like to share? Please send me an article and I’ll publish it in *Shorelines*. Jenny Brown at jennywahere@gmail.com

Raptor Day at Pacific Rim

Get up close to a variety of hawks, owls, falcons and more on Saturday, September 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pacific Rim Institute at 180 Parker Road, south of Coupeville.

Learn from expert falconers. Weather permitting, the falconers will fly several of the birds.

HawkFest 2018

Join the Chelan and Entiat Ranger Districts, North Central Washington Audubon Society and Hawkwatch International this fall for the ninth annual HawkFest in Pateros, Washington on Saturday, September 15.

This family event is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and combines free activities in Pateros Memorial Park with trips to Chelan Ridge to learn about and celebrate raptors as they journey to winter territories. At the park, participants will find vendors, live raptors, interpretive booths and projects for kids.

More information and online registration for the trip to Chelan Ridge, the Wells Wildlife field trip and the two workshops is available on the North Central Washington Audubon website, www.ncwaudubon.org.

Sightings — Summer Highlights

May 31: Sandhill Cranes feeding. Location: Sandy Hook, between Possession and Scatchet. — *Barbara Paul*

June 3: First **Western Purple Martin** eggs of the 2018 nesting season at Lagoon Point.

— *Mary Hollen*

June 5: Two **Sandhill Cranes** on the shores of Baby Island in Holmes Harbor.

— *Linda McFarlane*

June 5: Lazuli Bunting; male. Perched and singing outside our kitchen window. Appears to be a different bird than the one who did a window strike a few weeks ago. Location: Clinton. — *Dyanne Shelton*

June 6: Marbled Godwit with 33 **Whimbrels** at Deer Lagoon. The Whimbrels were quite a surprise, given that I hadn't seen any in my last couple visits to the lagoon in late May, and 33 is the most I have seen at that location.

— *George Heleker*

June 9: Two Black Swifts. Location: Off the bluff at the end of Greenbrier Lane, Langley. Hunting with the usual swallows. — *Dave Parent*

June 9: 20 to 30 (**White**) **Pelicans** this evening at Deer Lagoon. I have not seen pelicans for the past five days.

— *Libby Hayward*

June 12: It was an unmistakable **Eastern Kingbird**, notable by the kingbird shape, dark upperparts and most notable, the dark tail with the white tip, very noticeable when it spread its tail ... Meanwhile, the male oriole [species?] started vocalizing... Location: Ewing Road Marsh area — *George Heleker*

June 24: Approximately 75 (**White**) **Pelicans** seen flying

from Admiralty Inlet eastward across Useless Bay toward Deer Lagoon.

— *Linda Griesbach*

July 1: Female **Crossbill** on our peanut feeder. Upon closer inspection, she is suffering from conjunctivitis. I took the feeder down and thoroughly washed it. Location: Broadway Street, Coupeville.

— *Robert York*

July 1: We were at Deer Lagoon, which was empty of **White Pelicans**, when a neighbor phoned to ask if we were watching the big flock of **White Pelicans** flying over our house in Ledgewood Beach. Exactly 25 minutes later, the V-formation of 57 birds was circling over Deer Lagoon.

— *Bill Bradkin*

July 4: Red-necked Phalarope. Location: Crockett Lake. Also present were as many as 600 peep **sandpipers** in two flocks, most of which appeared to be **Westerns**, and a single **Greater Yellowlegs**. At one point, a **Peregrine Falcon** harassed the smaller flock. Nine **White Pelicans** were also on the lake. — *Jay Adams*

July 4: Three **Turkey Vultures** on the side of Crescent Harbor Road on a recent kill.

— *Michelle Rivers*

July 7: As occurred the past two years, there has been a sharp increase in (**White**) **Pelicans** at Deer Lagoon in July. The two previous years saw the increase on July 13, and this year, after the numbers were usually less than 50, and on some days none at all, the increase started on July 5 and continued to grow to 210 this morning, July 7, about the same number as the past

two years. Also, over the past two years, it appeared that the large increase in numbers in July was the result of many of the Padilla Bay birds flying to the lagoon to join the others for the rest of the summer. I wouldn't be surprised if that's what happened again. It is impossible to count these birds accurately when they are all gathered on an island. There are always more than there appear to be, but if one wants to count them accurately, one can hope that the birds will fly from one location in the marsh to another in several groups which makes them easy to count. — *George Heleker*

July 23: 250-plus **White Pelicans**, the most I have observed at Deer Lagoon the past three summers. Shorebirds are returning — peeps (**Least** and **Western**), **Greater Yellowlegs**, **Killdeer** and **Long-billed Dowitchers** in breeding plumage on the fresh water side of the dike. Ducks in eclipse plumage, except for several dozen **Ruddy Ducks** still in breeding plumage. Several dozen **Bonaparte's Gulls** on the fresh-water side of the dike. **Pied-billed Grebes**.

— *Darwin Wile*

July 25: Flock of about 60 **White Pelicans** and a solitary **Great Egret** (?) nearby, watching them closely. Location: Wide shoulder on Double Bluff Road about a half mile north of the parking lot. — *Bill Bradkin*

August 2: This bird was perched on dead tree branches over the stagnant water of Deer Lagoon on the east side, just before you reach the dike. Observed it flying up to catch



Photo by Michael Sheldon

Willow Flycatcher

flies and return to the same spot. Did not notice any tail wagging. I'm guessing this is a **Willow Flycatcher**, based on the lack of prominent white eye ring. — *Michael Sheldon*

August 12: Spotted two **Merlin** in different bare trees about fifty yards apart. Returned August 13, when the lighting was better. Lucky to spot one **Merlin** in the same location and was able to take photographs. Location: Deer Lagoon. — *Michael Sheldon*



Photo by Michael Sheldon

Merlin

August 17: A large group of 205 resting **Bonaparte's Gulls** with one **Parasitic Jaeger** on the outskirts of the tightly grouped flock. Location: Saratoga Passage at the end of

Sightings, see page 6

Birding in Neighborhoods: South Summer Ramblings

June 7: This trip was about **Purple Martins**, and we appreciate the tour at Mary's Lagoon Point colony. Before heading over, we checked out Greenbank Farm, and afterward we walked over to the shore, where we eventually identified a **Red Crossbill** pecking around on the beach by his lonesome. None of that makes Crossbill sense, but later read that they will add roadside grit (like beach sand?) for digestion, but we still don't know why he was alone. He was beautiful, and nearly as exciting as the Martins. Purple Martins may also be observed up at Crockett Lake, where there is an active colony.

We saw and/or heard 39 species, and are looking forward to going back up a little later in the season when the Martin young are being fed.

June 21: Always a treat to share a personal Patch with appreciative birders — a fresh eye (18 fresh eyes) to a familiar habitat.

After some left, a couple of us added **Bushtits**, **Pine Siskins** and a **Red-tailed Hawk** for a total of 41 species seen and/or heard at Miller Lake and in adjacent fields and woods. Among them, our first **Willow Flycatcher** of the season, a good **Osprey** show on their nest and the most adorable baby **Red-breasted Sapsucker** poking its head out of a snag hole for feedings.

An additional report from the Lake this afternoon: Of course, the **Rails** were active, the **Killdeer** with their chick were out, the **Bittern** was talking up a storm, and a mama **Wood Duck** had a couple of tiny fuzzy ones with her.

July 5: The four of us who were fortunate enough to share 44 species (including 146 **American White Pelicans**) out at Deer Lagoon, marveled at the glorious and productive day and were baffled as to why we didn't have more company. Or perhaps we were the only ones who didn't have a previous late night party to attend. At any rate, we dawdled our way around the West dike loop and enjoyed what we could figure out. Lacking

the usual experts, we settled on **Long-billed Dowitchers** over short-billed, **Lesser Scaups** over greater and both **Western** and **Least Sandpipers** (maybe). Juveniles and non-breeders are already back to adding more challenges.

August 16: Despite a monochrome visibility of a half mile, our small band of undaunted birders managed to identify 42 species out at Deer Lagoon East Dike. Millman Road construction discouraged us from the West Dike approach, so our friend Darwin took us, with his Useless Bay Colony decal, over to the other side, where we observed mostly crazy fisherman and a few other usual suspects at the beachside and along the dike. Then on the way back — with improved visibility — we spent a good deal of time with a very cooperative **Red-tailed Hawk** who might have been a Harlan's. But alas — it was determined to be only a spectacular first-year, light juvenile.

What a satisfying morning!

— Cathi Bower *Bird early – bird often*

Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) South meets every other Thursday. Time varies with the season. Contact Cathi Bower for place and time, whidbird@whidbey.com. [Click on red text for hot link.]

Birding by Bus

Island Transit offers a guided tour each month and in September we're partnering with the Whidbey Audubon Society and going to the *Bird in the Hand Festival*. We will bring folks from Oak Harbor and Coupeville to Bayview for the event and on the return trip, we will stop to go birdwatching at Crockett Lake with an Audubon guide.

For more information or RSVP, please email: Travel@IslandTransit.org or call Maribeth Crandell at 360-678-9536.



Some Sum Summertime Birding with BIN North

June 13: The usual group of birders headed out on one of the few drizzly days of summer to bird Joseph Whidbey State Park. The beach area was pretty deserted except for the usual **Gulls** and several **Common Loons** in breeding plumage. Heading towards and on the forest trail we saw or heard a **Bushtit**, **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Spotted Towhee**, **Willow Flycatcher**, **Bewick's Wren** and a **Swainson's Thrush**. As we got wetter our enthusiasm waned, and we headed back after checking off 17 species.

July 11: Headed back to Joseph Whidbey to finish what we started. This time we took the meadow trail loop. Six of the species we saw were repeats of the forest trail. In the more open habitat we saw an **Anna's Hummingbird**, **Brown-headed Cowbird**, **Pacific Wren**, **White-crowned Sparrow**, **American Goldfinch** and the ever-lovely **Cedar Waxwing**. Ten additional species were seen or heard.

August 8: It was hotter than we expected and only one of our group was smart enough to wear shorts and a sleeveless top for our hike around Pratt Loop. We checked out the new sheep barn and walked a combination of forest trail and ridge path to the bluff. We saw a **Northern Harrier** flying quite high, **Killdeer**, both **Barn** and **Tree Swallows**, a **Cedar Waxwing**, **Nuthatch**, both **Chestnut-backed** and **Black-capped Chickadees** and discussed at length the possible sighting of a **Pacific Slope Flycatcher**. Never reached consensus on that one. With binocs from the bluff we saw a flock of 200 to 300 **Gulls**, probably **Glaucous-winged** or **Hybrid** based on bill and leg color. In all, 20 species checked off on this warm, sunny day.

— Marcia Lazoff

Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) North meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact Marcia at mlazoff@comcast.net for location information. [Click on red text for hot link.]

Volunteer Corner: Go Birding and Make a Difference!

Are seabirds in the southern Salish Sea increasing or decreasing in numbers? Which species are changing their range? Help us find out. The Puget Sound Seabird Survey (PSSS) is a community and citizen science project managed by Seattle Audubon that empowers volunteer birdwatchers to gather valuable data on wintering seabird populations across the southern Salish Sea.

This season we will be expanding the project, yet again, this time north to the Canadian border and the San Juan Islands. We received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program through the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to add 15 to 30 new survey sites, develop an oil spill plan and train volunteers on how to react to a spill. If you're interested in surveying any of the new sites in Skagit

Sightings, from page 4

Greenbrier Lane.

— *Dave Parent*

August 26: Stilt Sandpiper, seen with some 50 peeps. The bird remained and was easily viewable for only about half a minute, when it and its companions took off and were not seen again. Location: Crockett Lake looking north from and just about opposite the view-

ing platform. Confirmation: This species is listed as being occasional on the Whidbey Audubon list and as rare on the Washington Ornithological Society: Island County list. According to *eBird* records, the species has been seen at Crockett Lake on 11 of the 29 years since 1989.

— *Jay Adams*

PLEASE POST UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS to the *Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) website*.

Sightings should be on Whidbey Island or relate in some way to Whidbey Audubon. Reports should refer to birds or other wildlife that are not commonly seen here. Alternatively, they may refer to migratory birds that arrive outside their normal seasons.

Reports of especially interesting sightings in nearby areas are welcome. Greater selectivity is needed to keep the email volume reasonable so editors will exercise judgment on whether the rarity, proximity and significance of sightings merit inclusion.

These guidelines reflect the interests of local birders. Please respect the essentially scientific nature of the Sightings feature. Thanks for your cooperation.

There are designated spaces to submit your information, such as what you saw, where you saw it and the date and approximate time. Although we are asking those who post to leave a phone number or email address with your sighting, they will not be included on the actual "Sightings" page. Thank you!

Keep up with "Sightings" on the WAS website, on your mobile device at www.m.whidbeyaudubon.org or on the *Whidbey Audubon Society Facebook page*.



Photo by Doug Schurman

White-winged Scoter.

County — there are a number of sites we are establishing on Fidalgo Island, Guemes Island and the coastline up to Clayton Beach.

You can contribute to this vital seabird science by joining the twelfth season of this exciting project. We are now recruiting enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers to help us monitor the status of our local wintering seabirds. Training on survey methodology will be provided at a location near you in September and early October. Volunteers should ideally be able to identify Puget Sound's seabird species and be available on the first Saturday of each month, October through April, to conduct a 30-minute survey. But, if determining between Lesser and Greater Scaup is a challenge, we'll team you up with more knowledgeable surveyors. To help us determine each volunteer's seabird identification skills, visit www.seabirdsurvey.com to take our quick, fun Seabird identification quiz.

Learn more, including training dates, at www.seabirdsurvey.org and email Senior Science Manager Toby Ross, toby@seattle-audubon.org, if you would like more information or to take part.

Dates to Remember SEPTEMBER

13: No Whidbey Audubon Program

14: Field Trip, Deer Lagoon

15: Raptor Day, Pacific Rim 1 to 3 p.m.

15: Hawkfest, Pateros, www.ncwaudubon.org

14–16: Puget Sound Bird Fest, www.pugetsoundbirdfest.org in Edmonds

20: Deadline for October Shorelines

22: Bird in the Hand Festival, Bayview Farm and Garden (in the greenhouse), Langley 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

27: Whidbey Audubon Society Board (WAS) meeting, Fire Station on Day Road, Greenbank, 7 p.m. Members welcome

OCTOBER

4: Pigeon Guillemot Potluck, Freeland 6 p.m.

11: Whidbey Audubon Program, Avian Evolution: How Birds Got to Be Birds with Connie Sidles, 7 p.m. Coupeville

17: Public Meeting on the Marbled Murrelet, Burlington, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. More information in *October Shorelines*

18: Deadline for November Shorelines

25: WAS Board Meeting, Fire Station on Day Road, Greenbank, 7 p.m. Members welcome

Guillemot Survey Potluck and Meeting

The Guillemot Research Group will celebrate the end of another successful summer of monitoring Whidbey's Pigeon Guillemots on Thursday, October 4 at 6 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, just north of Freeland.

All volunteers and others interested in knowing more about this long-term study are invited to join us. Please bring a main dish or salad and your place setting. (Drinks and dessert will be provided.)

Results of the summer survey will be presented along with fabulous photos of these amazing birds.

Hope to see you there!

— Frances Wood, wood@whidbey.com, or Govinda Rosling, govinda@whidbey.com



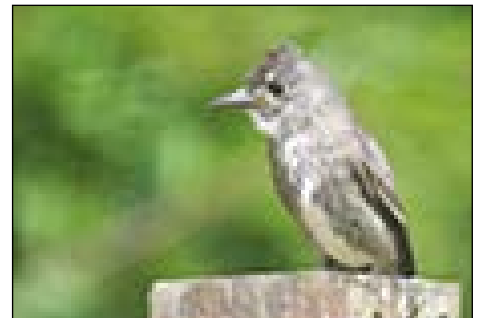
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Dan's Blog: My New Friend

by Dan Pedersen, #308, July 28, 2018, My New Friend

My new friend this summer is an Olive-sided Flycatcher. It visits the vegetable garden outside my office several times a day, always inbound from our neighbors' five acres. When it's done poking around the garden, it flies right back next door — always the same way.

Editor's note: Dan's Blog is published every Saturday morning. From time to time he partners with Craig and Joy Johnson to write about birds. For more, including additional photography, click this link: pedersen-writes.blogspot.com/2018/07/308-my-new-friend.html. If you'd like to be added to Dan's email list to receive the link to the latest post each week, write to Dan Pedersen at dogwood@whidbey.com.



Photos by Dan Pedersen

Olive-sided Flycatcher

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