



# Shorelines

Newsletter of the Whidbey Audubon Society

November 2021

*Whidbey Audubon Society is dedicated to the understanding, appreciation, and protection of birds and other wildlife species and their habitat on Whidbey Island and surrounding waters.*

## Whidbey Audubon Society Meets Virtually Thursday, November 11 Bird Flight: Photographs, Stories and Science

As any birder knows who has tried to photograph a bird in flight, it is not an easy task. In his presentation, Peter Cavanagh will present some of the flight photographs that appear in his recent book, *100 FLYING BIRDS: Photographing the Mechanics of Flight*. He will recount stories behind the shots, the locations, and anecdotes about the birds and their behavior. He will also focus on illuminating the mechanics of bird flight.

Peter Cavanagh is a resident of Lopez Island, Washington who travels around the world to photograph birds in flight. He was raised and educated in the United Kingdom and had a long career



Photo by Peter Cavanagh

**Final Approach** – A collage of multiple images of a male Resplendent Quetzal (*Pharomachrus mocinno*) during his final approach to the nest. What about the gyrations of those tail streamers?! Photo taken in San Gerardo de Dota, Costa Rica.



Peter Cavanagh

in academia (Penn State, the Cleveland Clinic, University of Washington) studying the mechanics of human movement on earth and during spaceflight. His interest in bird flight photography and flight mechanics developed naturally from his professional background and insights into aerodynamics gained during completion of an instrument rating as a private pilot. Peter's images have been included three times in the *Audubon* magazine's "Top 100 Bird Photographs of the Year" by the Audubon Society. His book, *100 Flying Birds: Photographing the Mechanics of Flight*, is being published by Firefly Books this fall 2021 (November 17). Peter is a member of the North American Nature Photographers Association and he guest-curated the exhibit *How Birds Fly* at

the Seattle Museum of Flight.

Click the red text to visit [Peter Cavanagh's website](#) and follow him on [Instagram](#).

Please join us via Zoom on Thursday, November 11 for Whidbey Audubon Society's monthly membership meeting. The room will open at 7 p.m. followed by a brief meeting at 7:15. The program will begin at 7:30. Members will be sent a link via email. The meetings and programs are free and open to the public. Nonmembers can register on our website through the [events page](#). Registration will close at noon the day of the program.

## Upcoming Field Trips

Here is a list of scheduled field trips. Please check the [Whidbey Audubon Society website events](#) calendar for updates.

**Saturday, November 13: CROCKETT LAKE** at 9 a.m. Trip leaders are Sarah Schmidt and Charlotte Ginn. Meet at the parking lot next to the Coupeville Ferry. A Discover Pass is required. We will be viewing cormorants at the parking lot and then proceed to the

**REMINDER: There is no general meeting in December.** Members are welcome to attend the board meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on December 9; [email Patty Cheek](#) or call 425-246-1766.

*Have a happy and safe holiday!*

Upcoming Field Trips, see [page 6](#)



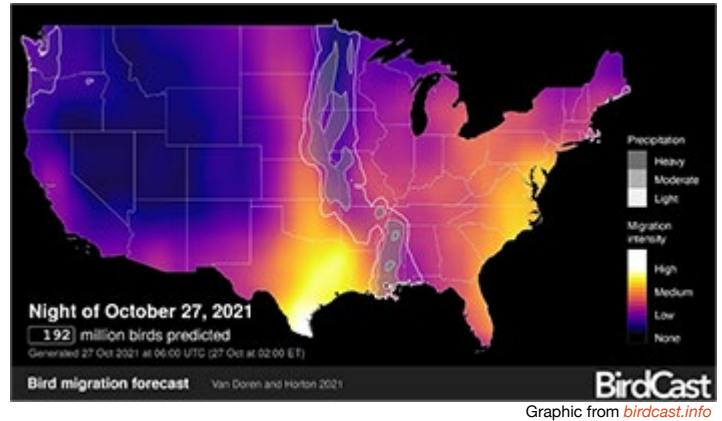
## President's Column: The Window Seat

Cyclone bomb? High winds and rain. Fall is definitely here. The trees are beautiful with rich reds and golds, and the birds are frantically eating. They know they must “batten down the hatches.” People are filling their extra fuel tanks and buying generators. As National Audubon prefaces their climate-related articles, *Birds Tell Us...*

When I was growing up in Houston, the only thing I knew was that geese migrated and traveled in formation. I wasn't aware of other birds migrating. The only resources we had were books at the local library, and of course, I wasn't obsessed with birds yet.

Since moving to Whidbey in 2008, my obsession has gone berserk. I can't get enough information. My thirst for birds is incredible. Yesterday, I heard a talk by Andrew Farnsworth, a Senior Research Associate in the Center for Avian Population Studies at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in which he discussed BirdCast. He explained how BirdCast was developed to provide real-time prediction of bird migrations and, thus, inspire birders and scientists to learn about migration and help with decisions about conservation actions to help prevent deaths of millions of birds annually.

What an incredible resource! Look it up and explore the information and watch migrations as they move through the US. Absolutely riveting! BirdCast uses weather radar and many other things to provide 3-day forecasts of the migration. It provides information to advise when to turn out the lights. Many cities are now doing this with their downtown skyscrapers, including the Texas cities of Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth. Others have made proclamations and commitments to reduce light during



The graphic shows the migration forecast for October 27, 2021.

highest migrations. Hurray!

BirdCast has also worked with the 9/11 Memorial Museum after being able to show how disoriented birds become when the two extremely intense lights shine up into the sky for four kilometers. There is a video showing the birds increasing their vocal calls and flying around in circles because of the lights. BirdCast has worked with the museum and the people who lost loved ones to mitigate the problem. No one wants more deaths at the site.

Check it out “[BirdCast](#), bird migration forecasts in real-time” through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. (Click the red text.)

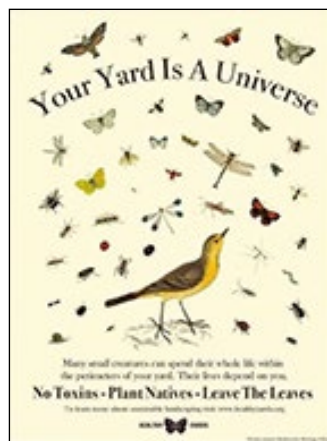
Happy birding.

— *Patty Cheek, President*

## Resources for Going Native Can Be Downloaded

At our membership meeting programs this fall, we presented Doug Tallamy's video giving a big picture overview of creating *Homegrown National Parks* in our own yards in September. We followed that up with a two-part presentation in October by Carolyn Wilcox on *Birdscaping* with a more localized focus.

I began incorporating native plants into our landscape about five years ago and found that I did not always have the best placement of plants. So, now in doing research prior to these programs, I thought it would be nice to have one place to find helpful information for those wishing to introduce native plants into their yards. These resources were obtained from various websites like National Audubon and Whidbey Conservation District and are now available on the [Whidbey Audubon website](#) under the menu heading “Stewardship,” and scroll down to “Native Plants for Birds.” The guides include a chart on plant heights, an article



from the Biodiversity Heritage Library

including sun or shade preferences, dry or moist tolerances, a chart on keystone plants that attract most beneficial insects for birds and pollinators, general landscaping guides and a list of nurseries that carry native plants.

Whether you choose to create a small potted native planting, a large landscape incorporation of native plants or anything in between, we hope that these easy reading resources related to native planting will be beneficial to you.

Finally, if you have not already seen notices regarding ordering bare root native plants from the Whidbey Island Conservation District from November 1 to December 30 for February 26 pickup, please click here to go to the [District's website](#) and link to the [Native Plant Online Store](#). Order early as some things sell out quickly!

— *Stephanie Neis, Program Chair*

# Audubon's Annual Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is the longest and largest running community science project in the world! The data is open to all and provides information for research, planning and conservation.

Whidbey Island has two circles each with a diameter of 15 miles.

Volunteers are placed in teams, meet in the morning typically 8 a.m. and bird until 4 p.m. (daylight hours). Each team counts every bird that they see or hear within their zone.

Once again because of COVID we will be cautious, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We will not be meeting for any post tabulations or potlucks.

**North Whidbey Circle will participate on Saturday, December 18.** Previous team leaders will be contacted by Jay Adams. New volunteers can contact by clicking on his name which is hyperlinked to his email address, [Jay Adams](#).

**South Whidbey Circle will take place on Thursday, December**

**30.** Email [Govinda Holtby](#) to participate. The deadline to sign up is December 20.

We especially need experienced birders who would like to lead an area section. We have four sections that need a leader... could that be you?

We also need intermediate birders who know most birds. There is some room for beginning birders; this will be on a first-come-first-served basis; the sooner you sign up the more likely you will be in a team.

Last, but not least, we are also looking for feeder watchers, to count birds from the comfort of your living room. See instructions in the box to be a feeder watcher.

Due to the high volume of feeder watchers this year be sure to follow the directions *to a T*. The rigor of the protocol is what makes this such a great community science survey.-



## Feeder Watcher Instructions for South Whidbey Circle

Thanks for volunteering to be a feeder watcher for the South Whidbey Christmas Bird Count, Thursday, December 30. Available to those who live within the CBC circle; 7.5 miles in any direction of the epicenter which is the middle of Goss Lake. Circle can be viewed the Whidbey Audubon website under "Events," scroll to "[Christmas Bird Count](#)," or click the hyperlinked red text.

The purpose of these instructions is to give you a few tips and hints on watching your feeders: methods of watching, counting strategies and data return.

### Methods of Watching

There are two schools of thought here:

- A solid time: many people will watch their feeders for a 30 to 60 minute period during the day and record what comes in at that time. The advantage of this is full attention to the feeder and the surrounding yard and airspace.
- A few brief checks during the day: you'll miss some birds, but you would the other way as well. With this method, you can focus on the feeder at spurts during the day, in 15-minute intervals.

### Counting Birds

Look for the maximum number of each species visible or within earshot. At any one time

**Example:** if you see one Black-capped Chickadee and it comes to the feeder 24 times you've only seen one Black-capped Chickadee.

If you see a flock of four Black-capped Chickadees, and later see a flock of seven Black-capped chickadees, the total number of Black-capped chickadees to be recorded is seven.

### Filling out your data

Obtain a [Birds of Whidbey Island Checklist](#). Printable pdfs are available on the Whidbey Audubon website to be downloaded. Look for them also at bookstores, libraries, etc.

In addition to the checklist; include the below information:

- How many participants
- Start and end time
- Total, definite, number of each species seen or heard (you can't just jot down, *some starlings showed up*, or *five sparrows*.)
- If you see a rare bird be prepared to fill out rare bird form

Send your checklist to Govinda Holtby, 5159 Foxglove Lane, Langley, Washington 98260. If you'd like to save the stamp, you can just put it in my mailbox off Thompson Road. Near Tilth market.

Tell Govinda where you live so she can tag it on the map.

## Giveaway Homes for Purple Martins

Last month, I offered a complete Purple Martin Excluder Gourd set including pole, sliding rack for eight gourds, four gourds with suspension rods, two feeder trays and mounting post. The manufactured gourds are perfectly suitable for a land-based location.

Stan Kostka of the Western Purple Martin Working Group advises us that any site on Whidbey Island is close enough to water to suit Western Purple Martins. Just so the pole isn't too close to your house. Contact me if you are interested.

— Mary Hollen

# Sightings Sightings Sightings Sightings Sightings

**October 2:** First of the season **Varied Thrush** today at Fort Ebey State Park, a male in bright sunshine. — *Steve Ellis*

**October 4:** Two **Lapland Longspurs**. Location: Keystone spit road, just across the gravel, west of the viewing platform.

— *Jay Adams*



Photo by Carla Corin

Lapland Longspur

**October 4:** After seeing Jay Adams' report of **Lapland Longspurs** at Keystone, we headed over there for a dog walk and saw three of them along the gravel road north of the viewing platform (towards the ferry).

— *Carla Corin*

**October 4:** Early morning rise of 10 **Turkey Vultures** on first thermals, most likely from roosting overnight together. Location: Very south end of Possession Point.

— *PaulBen McElwain*

**October 7:** Single **Sandhill Crane** at Crockett Lake. In fields SSE of intersection of Fort Casey and Wannamaker.

— *Carlos Andersen*



Photo by Carlos Andersen

Sandhill Crane

**October 10:** Went to the north end of Swan Lake to try to see some of the unusual sightings recently seen. **Black-bellied Plovers**. I don't think these are unusual, but they weren't mentioned in the other posts in the newsletter.

— *Cathy Queeno-Wall*

**October 11:** **Snow Buntings**. A flock flew up and out over Crockett Lake. Location: Along the Keystone Spit Road, west of the viewing platform. **Horned Lark, Lapland Longspur** and now **Snow Bunting** all seen along that road this season.

— *Jay Adams*

**October 13:** **Northern Shrike**, hunting fields north of Miller Lake. First of Season. Location: Maxwellton Valley.

— *Cathi Bower*

**October 13:** Found six **Western Meadowlarks** foraging along the spit at Crockett Lake. Also saw one **Snow Bunting**.

— *Frances Wood*

**October 17:** Two **Lapland Longspurs** at Crockett Lake along gravel road East of viewing platform.

— *Carlos Andersen*



Photo by Mary Jo Adams

Possible Pacific Golden Plover

**October 18:** I saw what I believe to be a **Pacific Golden Plover** this morning at Rocky Point. It flew in and landed with a flock of about 100 **Sand-erlings** and spent time foraging along the edge of the water.

— *Mary Jo Adams*



Photo by Paul and Stef Neis



Photo by Libby Hayward

American White Pelicans at Deer Lagoon

**October 18-19:** Lingering **White Pelicans** at Deer Lagoon. About 30.

— *Paul & Stef Neis and Libby Hayward*

PLEASE POST UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS to the *Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) website*. Select the aqua button, "Report a Sighting." You can also submit a photo using the aqua button labeled "Submit Gallery Photos."

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 or on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/WhidbeyAudubonSociety](http://www.facebook.com/WhidbeyAudubonSociety).

## BIN North Goes to the Beach and Beach View Farm

**October 13:** After setting up the group for a less than spectacular morning of birding (rain in the forecast, Swan Lake empty of ducks and a site preview yielding not a tweet), I am happy to say that the weather was sunny, and the birding was great!

We started out at West Beach parking area across from Swan Lake. There we saw **Common** and **Red-throated Loons**, **Pigeon Guillemots**, **Surf Scoters** and a **Horned Grebe**.

Across the street we entered the County Park and Whidbey Camano Land Trust Beach View Farm Easement. Taking the

loop trail, we were able to see the southern end of Swan Lake as well as open fields, tall trees and thick trailside vegetation. With keen eyes and ears we were able to see or hear five species of **Sparrows**, several **Northern Harriers**, **Flickers**, **Towhees**, **House Finches**, **Ravens** and **Crows**. A family of **California Quail** skittered through the brush as we walked. Kim spotted a **Northern Shrike** as we left the trail, and everyone was able to get a good view.

BIN North, see page 5

## BIN South Comes to Crockett for Crane

**October 7:** Conditions at Crockett Lake were just right, and it really brought out the birders last week! (The Growlers weren't even flying.)

We had the best timing, and thanks to Carlos, everyone got a pretty good look at a **Sandhill Crane** across the way. Not a common sighting and it was a first for so many! The Crane hung around for a few days; and off and on through the week, more folks got to see it from the birding platform on the south side of the lake and, also, from Wanamaker Road.

In addition to that highlight Thursday, some of us got to see **American Pipits** and a **Semipalmated Plover** among the prairie birds and peeps. There have been a number of **Greater White-fronted Geese** hanging around up there too and even **Snow Geese** among them.

After all that excitement, our carload took advantage of a pit-stop down by Keystone and added a few more species including **Pelagic** and **Double-crested Cormorants**, **Heermann's Gulls**, **Pigeon Guillemots** in nonbreeding attire and even a **Turkey Vulture** soaring around over the east end of the lake. We identified at least 34 species for the morning and had a great ole

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### BIN North, continued from page 4

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Looking over at the lake we saw **Northern Pintails**, both **Pelagic** and **Double Crested Cormorants**, a **Pied Bill Grebe** and **American Wigeons**. A few **Western Sandpipers** gathered on the beach. We saw or heard 34 species on a great morning of bird watching and camaraderie.

— Marcia Lazoff

**Birding in Neighborhoods North (BIN)** meets the second Wednesday of the month. Contact Marcia at [mlazoff@comcast.net](mailto:mlazoff@comcast.net) for details.

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## Volunteer Corner: Work Party

The Chavez property on Cattron Road in Clinton is a 28-acre gem at the headwaters of Glendale Creek. On the Whidbey Audubon habitat tour in September, Lee Chavez pointed out holly, ivy, blackberries, scotch broom and other noxious weeds that she is trying to eliminate. "It's a big and never-ending job!" she said. The property has a public benefit rating, and Lee welcomes Whidbey Audubon members to walk, bird and enjoy the beautiful forest, field and wetland habitat. Please come help on **Saturday, November 20 from 9 a.m. to noon**. We'll pull, dig and cut weeds; and plant and fence some new trees. Bring gloves, loppers, shears and shovels. In event of heavy rain or high winds, the event will be Sunday, November 21 from noon to 3 p.m.

**Directions:** from Highway 525 traffic light at Ken's Korner, Clinton, take Cultus Bay Road south for 2 miles, turn left onto Cattron Road. (French Road means you've gone too far.) No restroom on site. Please carpool if you can. You'll be guided to parking. Click to email questions to the [Conservation Committee](#).

time birding a bit farther north than our usual neighborhood. Thanks to Jay for joining in and showing us more than we might have caught otherwise.

**October 21:** Out at Deer Lagoon at the end of October, we saw and/or heard at least 43 species, including the remaining **Pelicans**, a **Merlin**, **Bald Eagles** and many usual suspects along the walk to the dike. There was a Virginia Creeper — no, wait, what? That would be a **Virginia Rail** and a **Brown Creeper**. Birders forgive (and enjoy) one another's mis-speaks and mash-ups, intended or not.

Among the ten different ducks, was a **Eurasian Wigeon** with its dozens of fellow **Americans**. The **Coots** are back. The **Hooded Mergansers** and **Northern Pintails** are looking *maaaahvelous*.

Noticeably absent — not a shorebird at all. The tide was too high for even a Killdeer, but the water was so still and the sun peeking through lit up the Pelicans as they lifted off in their pearl-string-like way and flew north around the bluff. Then we watched the very last **Osprey** leaving town. The last one. Change our minds.

— Cathi Bower *Bird early – bird often*

**Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) South** meets every other Thursday. Contact Cathi at [whidbird@whidbey.com](mailto:whidbird@whidbey.com).

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## Dates to Remember

Please check the [Whidbey Audubon Society website](#) for more detailed information and how to enter Zoom for some of these upcoming events. There also might be further information elsewhere in this issue.

### NOVEMBER

- 11: Audubon Meeting: *Bird Flight: Photographs, Stories, and Science*** with Peter Cavanagh at 7 p.m.
- 13: Field Trip: Crockett Lake**
- 17: Birds 'n' Beer**, Zoom, 5 p.m.
- 24: Page Peepers Book Group** 7 p.m. *Hazel Wolf* by Susan Starbuck
- 25: No Board Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!**

### DECEMBER

- 9: No Audubon Member Meeting**
- 9: Board Meeting on Zoom** 7 p.m. Members welcome
- 16: Deadline for January Shorelines**
- 18: Christmas Bird Count North**
- 22: No Page Peepers**
- 30: Christmas Bird Count South**

### JANUARY

- 8: Field Trip: Loons of Deception Pass, 9 a.m.**
- 13: Audubon Meeting: *The Laysan Albatross*** with Hob Osterlund
- 20: Deadline for February Shorelines**
- 26: Page Peepers** 7 p.m. Book title to be announced.
- 27: Board Meeting** 7 p.m. Members welcome.

## Bird of the Month: Northern Saw-whet Owls (*Aegolius acadicus*): the Deep Woods Charmer

These charismatic creatures have an almost mythical persona, but they are indeed real, and they do inhabit our forests. Rarely seen by local birders, the Saw-whet's whistled "Too – too – too" may be the only indication of their presence. Their calls are said to resemble the sound of a saw being sharpened.

Northern Saw-whets are only 7 to 8 inches long, with a wingspan of 16 to 17 inches. They are brown, with light streaking on the forehead and crown. The face shows large yellow eyes and a small dark bill. The breast is white with broad reddish-brown streaks. A short tail rounds out the field marks.

Known for excellent hearing and good vision in low light, this small bird of prey hunts almost exclusively at night, usually from a perch three to 10 feet above the forest floor. Prey is captured with the talons; larger victims are eaten in bites and not swallowed whole. Studies show that deer mice, voles and shrews make up the majority of their diet. They also capture beetles and grasshoppers, and once I watched a Saw-whet actively pursuing a large moth. Small birds may be on the menu; these are plucked on the ground before being taken to a perch for consumption.

These tiny owls are occasionally preyed on by Great Horned Owls and Cooper's Hawks. Collisions with windows and vehicles also take a toll. Habitat loss, however, is the biggest threat to their continued survival.

Northern Saw-whets are listed as occurring irregularly on

Whidbey Island. Seattle Audubon rates them as uncommon in the Puget Trough region. Continent-wide, they are considered a Species of Least Concern.

Whidbey's small breeding population is probably augmented seasonally by post-breeding migrants from Canada. Adults tend to migrate southward into mountainous terrain, with immatures settling into lowland coastal areas. Migration occurs at night, on buoyant, direct flight powered by fluttering wingbeats.

Northern Saw-whets inhabit moist woods, where they roost during day in thick branches of evergreens. Preference is shown for overlapping branches that produce the shelter of a Saw-whet-sized "cave." Nesting is accomplished in a tree cavity with holes created



Photo by Kameron Perensovich, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern\_saw-whet\_owl

Male Northern Saw-whet Owl

**Saw-whet Owl, see page 7**

### Upcoming Field Trips, from page 1

Audubon viewing platform to view the lake. All are welcome. Many water birds are to be seen at the lake and possibly a Short-eared Owl. Bring scopes if you have them.

**Saturday, January 8: LOONS AT DECEPTION PASS.** Meet at 9 a.m. at the north end of West Beach parking lot, Deception Pass State Park. We'll bird beach and lake. We hope to see hundreds of Red-throated Loons gathering to feed in the outflowing current of Deception Pass. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Depending on weather and interest, we will end about noon, with a possible stop at Dugualla Bay on the way back toward Oak Harbor. You might want to bring water, a snack or a hot drink. Dress warmly and prepare for wind. We won't do much walking. Cars need a Discover Pass to park. If you have questions: email trip leader *Sarah Schmidt* or call 360-929-3592.

**Saturday, February 12: WINTER BIRDS OF SKAGIT FLATS, FIR ISLAND AND SAMISH FLATS.** Typically, there are large concentrations of waterfowl and raptors. The area is considered one of the top winter raptor viewing sites in the U.S. Some walking will be involved; be prepared for some mud. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Coupeville Park and Ride to carpool and then at 9 a.m. Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor on Route 20. A Discover Pass will be needed for each car. Due to narrow road shoulders and limited parking, carpools are particularly important for this trip. Bring a lunch for this all-day field trip. Return to Coupeville

about 5 p.m. Trip leader is Joe Sheldon, contact him at 360-678-9060 or by *email*. His cell phone is 206-940-7539. Bad snow or ice cancels the trip.

The Bounty Loop field trip on October 8 was a fun little trip. Unfortunately, the birds didn't cooperate, but the forest was lovely.

— *Charlotte Ginn, Field Trip Chair*

### 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 Charlotte Ginn at [cginnsixbit@yahoo.com](mailto:cginnsixbit@yahoo.com).

**Saw-whet Owl, from page 6**



Photo by Martha Ellis

A shy, local Northern Saw-whet Owl tucked within this fir tree.

Whidbey, Fort Ebey, and Deception Pass State Parks are good locations to listen for these dynamic and charismatic little owls.

— Steve Ellis

**Editor's Note:** Have you been enjoying the Bird of the Month articles? Would you like to share a favorite bird with our members? We have some openings after January. Just contact me and we can figure out a month for you.

— Jenny Brown, editor

by Northern Flickers being the most common sites. Appropriate-sized bird boxes also have been used. Egg clutches range from four to seven with the young fledging in 27 to 34 days. A particularly industrious male with a productive territory may be able to support two nests of owlets simultaneously.

Most of their calling is done during the spring breeding season, but we've heard them on multiple Christmas Bird Counts. The toots are most often given just before dawn and sometimes after daybreak on cloudy days. The deep woods of South

## Welcome New and Renewing Members

**New Members:**

- Mary McAtee Jack & Karol Pulliam, Osprey
- Karen Nomura
- Austin Halvorsen & Brittany Inbody

**Renewing Members:**

- Bonnie Thie & Randal Cowart, Red-tailed Hawk
- Marcia Meyers, Red-tailed Hawk
- Karen Larsen & Stephen Gordon, Pigeon Guillemot
- Allison Hiltner & Jonathan Maas, Spotted Towhee
- Bill & Lauren Young, Spotted Towhee
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# Whidbey Audubon Society

Whidbey Audubon programs are 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month except December, July and August

Meetings may be conducted virtually using ZOOM and may be hybrid by Spring 2022.

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Thursday, November 11

7 to 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

## Bird Flight: Photographs, Stories and Science

with Peter Cavanagh

### REMINDER:

There is no general meeting in December. Members are welcome to attend the board meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on December 9;

email **Patty Cheek**, president

**Have a happy and safe holiday!**