

The Pygmy Owl

The Newsletter of the
Spokane Audubon Society



January 13th Program: Riverside State Park: Spokane's Backyard Jewel featuring Spokane Audubon's Kim Thorburn



Riverside State Park, right in Spokane's backyard, offers outstanding year-round bird watching. Join us on January 13th for Spokane Audubon member Kim Thorburn's presentation about the park's diverse ecosystems and the birding opportunities they afford.

Kim is a frequent park visitor who has developed a list of more than 150 bird species sightings, including several on the state's watch list. In addition to many wonderful recreational activities, Riverside State Park provides important habitat conservation for wildlife. Kim expects that many of you may be surprised at some of the bird sightings.

Kim is a former president of Spokane Audubon Society who leads several field trips and participates in other activities to promote bird watching and wildlife conservation. She assists Gary Blevins with Spokane Audubon's "Learn to Bird" workshops held in conjunction with International Migratory Bird Day. She is a member of the Washington State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Photo courtesy of Kim Thorburn.

*The January program will be held at the
Riverview Retirement Community, Village Community Building
(Directions on page 8.)*

*Please join us at 7 p.m. for refreshments and friendly conversation.
The program will begin at about 7:30 p.m., after announcements.*

Spokane Audubon Society Field Trips

The following list shows field trips planned by the Spokane Audubon Society. Trips may be added with short notice so check the website often. Trips also may be canceled at any time due to bad weather, too few participants, or the lack of a leader. Contact the leader for more information and to reserve a spot. If you are unable to register before the schedule deadline but want to attend, be sure that you check with the leader to make sure that the trip is still on. Leaders are club volunteers and are not compensated. Field trips are free. However, if you carpool with someone, you will be expected to compensate the driver for your share of gas and vehicle use. You are also responsible for any park entry fees, camping fees, or motel bills. Starting times published below are when we leave, so arrive earlier than the posted hour.

Participants need to provide their own binoculars, food and drink, adequate clothing, and transportation unless you find somebody with whom to carpool.

No dogs please.

Our 2016 Field Trip list can be downloaded from <http://spokaneaudubon.org>, but be sure to check back or call the trip leader for last-minute changes.

Field Trip Levels

We provide a variety of trips that accommodate many birding skill levels. Birders of all levels are welcome on all trips. However, please bear in mind that some beginners may get frustrated or

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Announcements

Turnbull NWR Photo Contest

Turnbull is seeking photos from amateur photographers showcasing the wildlife and habitats found on the refuge.

Contest Dates: 11/1/2015 - 10/31/2016

For complete rules, go to www.fws.gov/refuge/turnbull

The winning photo will be featured on the face of the 2017 annual refuge pass.

Call for Volunteers: Waterfowl Survey

Ducks Unlimited, Turnbull NWR and WDFW are starting a Channelled Scablands Spring Waterfowl Survey effort to finally put some numbers on how important the Scablands are to migrating waterfowl. The current plan involves both aerial and ground surveys from mid-February through mid-April. Aerial surveys will be done every two weeks, and ground surveys every week to catch any pulses of birds that might be missed between aerial surveys. Spokane Audubon will be assisting with the ground surveys in Reardan. This information will be important for future planning and it's a great way to give purpose to your birding outings! Please contact Lindell Haggin (lindell4118@comcast.net) to help with this project.



*Oroville (the OLC's Sparred(?) Owl), by Ashley Karsh**

Saturday January 30th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**West Valley Outdoor Learning Center Open House
8706 E Upriver Dr, Spokane Valley, WA**

Celebrate the OLC's Superb Owls (and other critters) the week before the big game, and get ready for The Great Backyard Bird Count! (*Ashley is the OLC's Americorps volunteer.)

(cont. from pg 1) bored on trips designed for advanced birders, where much of the birding is done by ear and the pace is very fast. Some advanced birders might find the trips geared toward beginning birders too basic and slow-paced. Some trips last five or six hours; some are 12 hours or longer. Read the trip descriptions carefully to see if a trip is right for you.

2016 Field Trip Schedule

January 23, 2016, Saturday LC Valley Banana Belt Trip Leader: Keith Carlson

This all-day trip is geared toward all levels of birders. The Lewiston/Clarkston (LC) Valley often has slightly more moderate temperatures in winter, which can make for some great winter birding. We will meet Walmart in Pullman at 8:00 a.m. Come prepared for winter weather, bring snacks, water, and lunch. Contact Tom Light at tlight3@gmail.com or by phone at 509-638-2274 by January 20 to register for the trip.

Note: This trip will be dependent on weather and road conditions.

Target Species: A variety of waterfowl (hopeful target: Long-tailed Duck), winter gulls, including hopeful Lesser Black-backed and Thayer's, Black-crowned Night-Herons, chaseable Snowy Owl and/or Gyrfalcon (if reported), wintering warblers, sparrows, and finches

February 6, 2016, Saturday Snowy Owl Trip

Leaders: Fran and Brad Haywood

This trip is geared toward all levels of birders. We will spend most of the day exploring the area around Reardan and Davenport, and perhaps drive down Mill Canyon or to Coffee Pot Lake area depending on the latest bird reports. Winter birding can be slow and there are no guarantees. Weather can be a major factor. We will meet at

Spokane's Coeur d'Alene Park at 7:30 a.m. Contact Fran at 484-8666, or birders13@gmail.com by January 31 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Rough-legged and Red-tailed Hawks, Prairie Falcon, Snowy Owl, Short-eared Owl, Northern Shrike, Snow Buntings, Lapland Longspur, Gray Partridge

March 19, 2016, Saturday Bluebird Trip Leader: Marian Frobe

This is a family friendly half-day trip and a great way to greet spring. We'll drive a route on Paradise Prairie to see returning favorite birds. We probably will finish at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. The trip usually ends around 2 p.m. We will meet at Spokane's Coeur d'Alene Park at 7:00 a.m. Call leader Marian Frobe at 328-0621 by March 15, if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Migrant ducks and geese, raptors, woodpeckers, Say's Phoebe, Western Bluebird

March 26, 2016, Saturday Turnbull NWR Beginning Birder Basics Trip Leader: Fran Haywood

This is a half-day driving and walking trip for all levels of birders, and is family oriented. It is early in the season for many species, but always exciting to see what has arrived. Meet at the refuge headquarters near Cheney at 7 a.m. Contact leader Fran Haywood, 484-8666, birders13@gmail.com by March 20 if you plan to attend.

Note: We will have a group pass to cover the refuge entrance fee.

Target Species: Breeding waterfowl, Tundra and Trumpeter Swans; Great Blue Heron, Red-tailed Hawk, woodpeckers; Pygmy, Red-breasted, and White-breasted Nuthatch, Western Bluebird, Song Sparrow, Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red Crossbill

April 16, 2016, Saturday Sprague Lake Field Trip Leader: Fran Haywood

This is a half-day trip to the Sprague Lake area, open to all birders. We will look for migrating and early resident species, especially ducks. We may drive through Miller Ranch, stop at Sprague Cemetery, and Cow Lake. We hope to find Swainson's Hawks, American White Pelicans, and if we get lucky, Long-billed Curlew. We will meet at Spokane's Coeur d'Alene Park at 6:30 a.m. Contact Fran Haywood (484-8666, birders13@gmail.com) by April 10 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Migrant ducks and geese, American White Pelican, Swainson's Hawk, American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Caspian Tern, Say's Phoebe, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-crowned and Savannah Sparrows, and Long-billed Curlew

April 21-26, 2016, Thursday-Tuesday Point Reyes, California Field Trip Leader: Kim Thorburn Limit: 6 Birders

This six-day trip is for intermediate and advanced birders. Kim Thorburn will provide lodging for up to six participants and lead field trips on Bolinas Lagoon and beach, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Point Reyes National Seashore, Mt. Tamalpais State Park, and the Marin Headlands. This region is a year-round birding hot spot, site of the filming of Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds," and home of elite birder and artist Keith Hansen. There is a variety of pelagic and other waterfowl, migrating shorebirds and warblers, and lots of land natives that we don't often see here. Participants will be responsible for their own air travel to Oakland and we'll split the cost of land transportation and food. We'll need to coordinate arrival and departure in Oakland. Contact Kim Thorburn by April 1 if you're

interested in learning more: 465-3025, kthorburn@msn.com.

Target Species (examples): Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Wren-tit, Allen's Hummingbird, Whimbrel, Snowy Plover, Western Gull, Common Murre, Red-throated Loon, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Rufous-crowned Sparrow

April 30, 2016, Saturday
West Plains Early Migrant Trip
Leader: Alan McCoy
Limit: 15 Birders

This all-day trip is for all levels of birders. We will stop at Reardan's Audubon Lake where we will look for waterfowl and shorebirds. We will check out the Davenport Cemetery, which can be great for migrants. Then we will go north to the Little Falls Dam and follow the Spokane River upstream and finish up at the Indian Canyon Springs area. We will meet at 6:00 a.m. at the Rosauer's parking lot in Browne's Addition (near 2nd Avenue and Sunset Highway) and plan to return about 6:00 p.m. Contact leader Alan McCoy at 448-3123, 448-8861 or ahm2352@gmail.com by April 25 to reserve your place.

Target Species: Migrant ducks, raptors, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Bewick's Wren, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Red-necked Grebe, Calliope Hummingbird, Orange-crowned, Nashville and Yellow warblers, Say's Phoebe, Western and Mountain Bluebirds

May 9, 11, 13
Monday, Wednesday, Friday evenings
Bird Identification Workshop
Leaders: Gary Blevins and Kim Thorburn

OK. Novices and beginners, this is your chance. Two instructors will teach a series of three classes on beginning birding and bird identification by sight

and sound. Workshops will be held at a site to be determined from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Slides and computer programs will be used to introduce you to many of the bird species commonly observed in the Spokane area. A \$20 donation to Spokane Audubon is requested. A field trip for workshop participants to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge will be held on International Migratory Bird Day, May 14. For more information or to reserve your place for the workshop, contact Gary Blevins at (533-3661 or GaryB@spokanefalls.edu) by April 25..

May 14, 2016, Saturday
Bird Identification Workshop
Field Trip to Turnbull NWR
Leaders: Gary Blevins and Kim Thorburn

Come celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by birding. Although the trip is specifically designed for the Bird Identification Workshop participants, other birders are welcome. We will meet at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, near Cheney, in the parking lot across from Pine Lake at 7:00 a.m. and bird the refuge until 2:00 p.m. Contact leader Gary Blevins at (533-3661 or garyb@spokanefalls.edu) by May 1 to register for the trip.

Target Species: Wilson's Snipe, Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds, Virginia Rail, Marsh Wren, American Bittern, various waterfowl, Great Horned Owl, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cassin's Finches

May 14, 2016, Saturday
Slavin Ranch Wetland Trip
Leader: Alan McCoy

This is an annual trip to Slavin Ranch for Spokane Audubon. It is a half-day walking trip along a primitive trail through open Ponderosa pine scab rock country with many views of seasonal wetlands. All levels of birders are welcome. The Slavin Ranch is a Conservation Futures acquisition located about 10 miles south of

downtown Spokane and a mile west of Hwy 195. We will start at the Slavin Ranch parking lot at 7:00 a.m. and end about 1:00 p.m. Please call leader Alan McCoy at 448-3123 or 448-8861, ahm2352@gmail.com by May 10 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Breeding ducks and geese, Sora, Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, breeding Black Tern, woodpeckers, 6 swallow species, Western Wood Pewee, Eastern and Western Kingbird, Marsh Wren, Song Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat

May 21, 2016, Saturday
Peone Praries Wetlands Trip
Leaders: Ann Brinly, Jim and Bea Harrison

This half-day trip will focus on visiting several hot spots in the Peone Praries wetlands area. Meet at 7:00 a.m. SHARP at Feryn Conservation parking area. Contact Ann Brinly, agbmaelstrom@gmail.com by May 14 to sign up.

Target species: Bullock's Oriole, Lazuli Bunting, Cedar Waxwing, Eastern Kingbird, Calliope Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Gray Catbird, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, and waterfowl

May 22, 2016, Sunday
Mosquito Springs Trip
Leader: Kim Thorburn

This trip is for birders of all levels. It is a half-day walking trip over rough terrain. Experience this little-known BLM shrub-steppe riparian area brimming with arriving breeding birds. We will also check for sagebrush and grassland species. Contact Kim Thorburn, 465-3025 or kthorburn@msn.com by May 18 if you're interested.

Target species: Willow Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Warbling Vireo, Bullock's Oriole, Grasshopper Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, Sage Thrasher

May 28, 2016, Saturday
Douglas Creek/Waterville
Plateau Trip
Leader: Kim Thorburn

All levels of birders are welcome to join this all-day trip to Waterville Plateau birding hotspots. We will bird Douglas Creek (rough road access), the Waterville STP, and Badger Mtn. Contact Kim Thorburn at 465-3025 or kthorburn@msn.com by May 22.

Target species: Variety of migrating warblers, Lazuli Buntings, Rock and Canyon Wrens, and much more (Douglas Creek); all varieties of swallows along with shorebirds and waterfowl (Waterville STP); Warbling Vireos, several varieties of warblers and more (Badger Mtn.)

May 29, 2016, Sunday
Little Spokane Natural Area Trip
Leader: Lindell Haggin

All levels of birders are welcome to join us for a half-day walking trip along the Little Spokane River Natural Area. This is the peak of breeding season. Over 80 species have been recorded in this rich riparian, forest, and rock habitat. Meet at the Spokane River Boat Launch parking lot less than one mile north of Nine-Mile Dam on Rt. 291 at 6:30 a.m. Contact Lindell Haggin, 466-4118 or lindell4118@comcast.net by May 25 if you plan to attend.

Note: A WA Discover Pass is required for parking on this trip. Purchase online or at REI.

Target Species: Common and Hooded Merganser; Osprey; woodpeckers; Pacific-slope and Willow Flycatchers; Warbling, Cassin's and Red-eyed Vireos; White-breasted Nuthatch; Bewick's and House Wrens; Gray Catbird; Black-headed Grosbeak; Bullock's Oriole

June 4, 2016, Saturday
Liberty Lake Trip
Leader: Joyce Alonso and
Brian Miller

This is a mostly easy walking half-day trip. Liberty Lake hosts some of the best habitat diversity in Spokane County, with breeding grebes on the lake, extensive wetlands and prairie, old second-growth Ponderosa pine, and some of the best wetbelt mixed conifer forest in the area. Contact Joyce Alonso (448-2447) by May 31 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Red-necked Grebe, Wilson's Snipe, Virginia and Sora Rails, woodpeckers, Hammond's, Dusky, and Willow Flycatcher, Cassin's, Warbling, and Red-eyed Vireos, Marsh Wren, Yellow, MacGillivray's, Orange-crowned, Townsend's, and Nashville Warblers, American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat

June 5, 2016, Sunday
Mount Spokane Subalpine Birds Trip
Leader: Jim Hudlow

This is a half-day hiking trip for all levels of birders. The grade is very gentle but we will walk four to six miles. Be prepared with plenty of snacks and water. You may retreat at any point. Mt. Spokane is the primary (and only publicly accessible) site for subalpine breeding birds in Spokane County, making this a popular and exciting annual event. Meet 7:00 a.m. SHARP at Foothills Community Church, 11100 N. Peck Road. Contact Jim Hudlow (flyz4free@yahoo.com or 509-926-2186) by June 1 if you plan to attend.

Note: Discover Passes required for all vehicles in Mt. Spokane State Park. Purchase online or at REI.

Target Species: Dusky and Ruffed Grouse, accipiters, Northern Pygmy Owl, woodpeckers, Hammond's Flycatcher, Warbling and Cassin's Vireos, Gray and Stellar's Jays, Chestnut-

backed Chickadee, Swainson's, Hermit, and Varied Thrushes, Yellow-rumped and Townsend's Warblers, Fox Sparrow, Cassin's Finch, Red Crossbill

June 11, 2016, Saturday
Iller Creek Trip
Leader: Gary Lee

This trip is for birders of all levels as well as local citizens who want to learn more about protecting our precious Dishman Hills ecosystem. On this trip, we will slowly walk some of the trails and see what is there. The Iller Creek Natural Area is famed for its abundance of breeding flycatchers, vireos, and warblers. Occasionally a moose makes a cameo appearance! Meet at the Iller Creek entrance in the cul-de-sac at the end of Holman Road. Contact Gary Lee at bird_fan@aol.com or 389-5474 to sign up and for meeting time.

Target Species: Ruffed Grouse, accipiters, woodpeckers, Hammond's, Dusky, Willow, and Pacific-Slope Flycatchers, Warbling and Cassin's Vireos, Swainson's Thrush, Gray Catbird, Bewick's Wren, Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, and MacGillivray's Warblers, Spotted Towhee, Cassin's Finch, Red Crossbill

June 12, 2016, Sunday
Palisades/Indian Canyon Trip
Leader: Lindell Haggin

All levels of birders are invited to explore the Indian Canyon area immediately west of town. We will be walking one or two miles. We will meet at 6:30 a.m. at the Rosauer's at 1808 W. 3rd Ave. The field trip will end at approximately 11:00 a.m. Contact Lindell Haggin (446-4118 or lindell4118@comcast.net) by June 7 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Raptors, woodpeckers, White-throated Swifts, Western Wood-pewee, Dusky and Hammond's Flycatchers, Cassin's and Warbling

Vireos, breeding sparrows and finches,
Black-headed Grosbeak

June 16 - June 19, 2016

Thursday - Sunday

Conconully State Park Camping Trip

Leaders: Jim & Bea Harrison

Camp at Conconully State Park. We will be birding the east Cascade Range above Conconully and the Okanogan Valley. Last year we had 100 species of birds in two days, but this area recently burned, so we will be investigating how the area and the birding has changed. Watch the SAS website for more info this spring. Call Jim Harrison at 830-313-0610.

Target species: Black-backed & Lewis' Woodpecker, Williamson's & Red-naped Sapsucker, Chukar, Red-necked Grebe, Vaux's Swift, Rufous & Calliope Hummingbird, Clark's Nutcracker, Swainson's Thrush

July 9, 2016, Saturday

Little Spokane Canoeing

Leaders: Jim & Bea Harrison

Join us for a half-day trip as we float the Little Spokane River, birding along the way. This beautiful riparian zone is known for a wide variety of birds. Provide your own canoe or kayak. Basic skills on negotiating moving water are needed. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic at the take-out. Max 12 people, so sign up early. Meet at 8 a.m. at the upper boat launch between the fish hatchery and St. George School. Call Jim Harrison at 830-313-0610.

Target species: Yellow and Wilson's Warber, Common and Hooded Merganser, Willow Flycatcher, Bullock's Oriole, Gray Catbird, Black-headed Grosbeak, Common Yellowthroat, Osprey, swallows, Bald Eagle

The deadline for February's *Pygmy Owl* is

Thursday, January 21st

Please send any content to

carmen@floreo.com

August 25 - August 28

Thursday-Sunday

Fall Birding and Camping Trip

(Little Pend Oreille NWR)

Leaders: Alan McCoy and

Sandy Sollie

Check the website later for more detail.

September 10, 2016 Saturday

Sprague Lake Migrant Trip

Leader: Norma Trefry

This is a half day trip to the Sprague Lake area to look for migrating birds, and birds which often stray here in September. Meet at Coeur d'Alene Park at 6:15 a.m. We will leave the park at 6:30 a.m. There will be a \$5.00 charge per person if we bird at either of the private resorts on the lake. Please call Norma Trefry, 926-2533, or email, firsttrefry@gmail.com by Sept 6 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Loons, grebes, White Pelicans, Great Egrets, Peregrine Falcon, Red-necked Phalaropes, terns, American Pipit, migrant warblers and sparrows

October 22, 2016, Saturday

Grant County Late Fall Migrant Trip

Leader: Gary Blevins

This is a beginning, intermediate and advanced birder-oriented trip to look for specialty birds, such as Arctic Gulls, Lapland Longspurs, and other hard-to-find-and-see northern visitors. There may be some down time with little action in between bird sightings but potential for rarities is high. It is a full-day trip from sunrise to sunset. Contact Gary Blevins (533-3661 or garyb@spokanefalls.edu) by October 16 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Loons and grebes; scoters and rare wintering waterfowl; wintering raptors; Glaucous, Thayer's, and Glaucous-winged Gulls; Snowy Owl; Northern Shrike; Snow Bunting; Lapland Longspur; Gray-crowned Rosy Finch

November 19, 2016, Saturday

Douglas Plateau

Northern Visitors Trip

Leader: Kim Thorburn

The Waterville Plateau is a challenging but high-quality destination for rarities during the late fall and winter months. We will work the rolling steppe of the Plateau in search of unusual raptors, owls, and passerines; we'll also bird along the Columbia River in hopes of finding rare Arctic Gulls and saltwater waterfowl, such as scoters, Long-tailed Duck, and Pacific Loon. We will spend the night of November 18 in Brewster for an earlier start with the birds during this short daylight season. Contact Kim Thorburn (465-3025 or kthorburn@msn.com) by November 14 if you plan to attend.

Note: This trip will be dependent on weather and road conditions.

Target Species: Loons and grebes; scoters and rare wintering waterfowl; wintering raptors; Glaucous, Thayer's, and Glaucous-winged Gulls; Snowy Owl; Northern Shrike; Snow Bunting; Lapland Longspur; Gray-crowned Rosy Finch. We will hunt for elusive rarities, including Gyrfalcon and Northern Hawk Owl

December 10, 2016, Saturday

Coeur d'Alene area Eagles

Leader: TBD

This trip takes us around Beauty Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene where the Bald Eagles feeding on spawned out salmon are always a sight to behold. Weather permitting, those interested may drive down to the Thompson Lake/Harrison region where a variety of birds winter in a slightly warmer zone. Probable particulars: 8:00 a.m. start at Liberty Lake Albertson's parking lot.

Note: This trip will be dependent on weather and road conditions.

Target Species: Bald Eagles, several duck and grebe species. Possibles, seen

on previous trips, are American Dipper, Pacific Wren, Pileated Woodpecker, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Tundra Swans, Northern Pygmy Owl

**January 2, 2017, Monday
Christmas Bird Count
Leader: Alan McCoy**

All SAS members, as well as new birders, are always welcome to join the Christmas count, which encompasses the Spokane Count Circle Center: 47° 43' N by 117° 25' W (approximately Division St. and Francis Avenue). Please contact Alan McCoy (509-448-3123 or ahm2352@gmail.com) for information about the Spokane CBC.

**Late January or early February 2017
Rio Grande Valley, Texas
Leaders: Ann Brinly and
Paula Kennedy
Limit: 10 participants**

We are planning a trip to the Rio Grande Valley in Texas sometime in late January/February of 2017. The trip (geared toward intermediate and advanced birders) will last between 7 and 10 days, plus travel time to and from Spokane. It will be limited to 10 participants – if demand is high, we will likely repeat the trip in 2018. Cost and further details will be available in early spring of 2016. The Valley is a fantastic place to bird – especially in winter.

Birds which are nearly guaranteed include: Brown Pelican, Roseate Spoon-

bill, Mottled Duck, Black Vulture, Harris's Hawk, Crested Caracara, Plain Chachalaca, Paraque, Laughing Gull, Inca Dove, Buff-bellied Hummingbird, Ringed and Green Kingfisher, Golden-fronted and Ladderback Woodpecker, Vermillon Flycatcher, Couch's Kingbird, Great Kiskadee, Green Jay, Chihuahuan Raven, Black-crested Titmouse, Long-billed Thrasher, Audubon and Altimira Oriole, Great-tailed Grackle and Roadrunner.

Many years we find vagrants from Mexico spending some time in the Valley. Crimson-collared Grosbeak, Grey-crowned Yellowthroat, Rose-throated Becard, Bare-throated Tiger-heron, Elegant Trogon and Blue Mockingbird have all been sighted on various trips.

**Spokane Audubon Society
Membership Form**

Local Membership Dues:

Individual: \$20/year _____

Couple & Family: \$25/year _____

Student: \$10/year _____

Lifetime: \$300 _____

National Membership Dues: \$35/year _____

Individual + National Dues: \$55/year _____

Couple + National Dues: \$60/year _____

Your local membership provides you with *The Pygmy Owl* and supports your local chapter's many conservation and education activities. You will also be eligible for website privileges.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



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January 13th Program:
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 Spokane's Backyard Jewel,
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 7:30 p.m.

To:

The Spokane Audubon Society provides resources and services to educate people about birds, wildlife, and the importance of habitats, and to advocate and support public policies and actions that conserve and restore wildlife habitats.

Visit our website: <http://spokaneaudubon.org>

Directions to the General Meeting:

*Riverview Retirement Community, Village Community Building
 2117 E. North Crescent Avenue*

To get to Riverview Retirement Community:

From West Spokane & South Hill

- I-90 East to Exit 281 toward US-2 E/US-395 N/ Newport/Colville
- Follow US-2 E/US-395 N to E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Right at E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Upriver Drive

From Spokane Valley

- I-90 West to Exit 282A
- Follow N. Hamilton St. to E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Right at E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Upriver Drive

From North Spokane

- Take US-395 S to E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Upriver Drive

Once you're on E. Upriver Drive (see map below):

- Follow E. Upriver Drive to N. Crestline Street
- Turn Left at N. Crestline Street
- Turn Right on E. North Crescent Drive
- Proceed to entry on left showing numbers 2105-2145

Limited parking is available by the Village Community Building. Overflow parking is along E. North Crescent Ave.

