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## May 8th Program:

### *Connecting Kids to Nature, with Environmental Educator Jami Ostby Marsh*

Seventy-five students from West Valley School District break the frozen stillness of Coeur D'Alene Lake as they erupt from their bus, binoculars in hand, to see firsthand the end of a salmon's life cycle. These students just spent a day at the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center, exploring salmon, eagles and their relationship to one another and to humans, and have come to take part in the natural drama that is played out each December in Northern Idaho.

This field trip is just one example of the types of place-based education program run by the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center. Place-based education offers the ultimate experiential education by organizing learning around the student's environment. Students are given license to take ownership and become facilitators of their own learning. The creation of connections to the material is inherent in this educational process, and students are able to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, and active members of their community.

The OLC strives to give students the opportunity to learn and experience nature through active participation. This helps create an educational experience by allowing students to build connections between information and their experience of the world. Some examples of place-based educational programs that we run at the OLC include service-learning projects, ecological monitoring projects, field-based explorations and lessons based on student observations of the natural world. Though these projects are usually geared toward reaching specific science standards, they can also be used as springboards from which educational opportunities in other disciplines can arise.

The educational goals of the Outdoor Learning Center extend to the greater Spokane community. Center staff and raptor docents "take the show on the road" several times a year, appearing with one or more of the OLC's raptor residents at school and community events. Once a month, the center opens its doors to the public for an open house, featuring opportunities for families to interact with the OLC's live animals, take tours of the facilities, and participate in family-friendly environmental activities. Between West Valley School District and community events, the OLC sees more than 10,000 kids a year.

Jami Ostby Marsh, the OLC's education director, will give a program about the center's efforts to make place-based education available to the students of the West Valley School District. Joined by a couple of the OLC's raptor ambassadors, she will share some of the center's history, its current work and goals for the future.



photo by Terry Van Hoozer

Jami has worked as the Education Director of the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center for the past 11 years, and currently teaches Science Methods courses to pre-service teachers at Whitworth University. She received her B.A. in Environmental Education from Western Washington University, and her M.I.T. (Masters of Initial Teaching) from Gonzaga University. In 2006 she received the Outstanding Environmental Educator by EEA and in 2007 was nominated for Washington State Teacher of the Year.

Spokane Audubon's May program will be held at the Riverview Retirement Community, Village Community Building. Please join us at 7 p.m. for refreshments and friendly conversation.

The program will begin at about 7:30 p.m., after announcements.

**2014 Spokane Audubon Calendar Contest  
submission guidelines on pg. 3.**

**Deadline for entry:  
Friday, May 31**

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## President's Message

by Kim Thorburn

**B**irds are so cool. We all know that. We also want young people to know it. Each year as your board members formulate our chapter goals, we list youth development among them. It is, after all, young people who will inherit the earth. We want them to appreciate its wonder.

Your board has come up with some ideas to move forward with this goal. We established a student membership and dues. Our education committee members regularly deliver environmental education to schools, outings and conferences. Yet, we feel frustrated that the average age of our membership does not seem to be decreasing.

Our latest endeavor will be scholarships. We hope to partner with the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center, which is providing nature camps for kids. We plan to issue scholarships for the registration fee for some attendees. We're looking for other scholarship ideas and would be interested in your suggestions.

The Spokane Audubon Society currently has some funding available to establish the scholarship program. If you agree that youth development is an important chapter goal and can help out financially, donations to the scholarship fund would be gratefully accepted.

### Spokane Board donates \$5000 to The Lands Council

Spokane County is fortunate to have Mt. Spokane State Park located within its borders. It is a mixed-use park that provides winter as well as summer access for a variety of activities. Mt. Spokane State Park is one of the few state parks in the nation that contains facilities for downhill skiing. It is also contains the only remaining stand of sub-alpine, old-growth forest within the county. Mt. Spokane 2000 has proposed expanding the ski area into this old growth forest. The Lands Council has been working diligently to try to protect this valuable asset, home to a wonderful variety of wildlife. The legal fees have been building up for them and at the last Spokane Audubon Board meeting we voted to donate \$5000 to The Lands Council to help cover the costs of protecting this last intact acreage of sub-alpine, old growth forest.

June Newsletter Deadline:

**Friday, May 24**

Send material to  
*carmen@floreo.com*

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# 2014 Spokane Audubon Calendar Photograph Contest Guidelines

Submit photos to:  
***spokaneauduboncalendar@yahoo.com***

**Deadline: Friday, May 31**

## Eligibility Requirements

- Spokane Audubon Society member in good standing
- Electronically submits up to three 9.25"-wide and 6.75"-height digital photographs. The photographs shall not have the © symbol with the photographer's name or other inserted script. E-mailed submissions for the contest should be either 72 ppi or 96 ppi.
- If photographer has photographs(s) selected, he/she maintains copyright and agrees to provide perpetual use of the photograph(s) to Spokane Audubon Society for the calendar and other promotional and educational purposes.



*From the 2013 calendar: Eastern Kingbird, by Bob Cashen*

## Call for Entries

- Photographers may submit entries, starting May 1. The deadline is Friday, May 31.
- *No entries will be accepted after the deadline.*
- Unselected photographs from previous years will not be automatically submitted. The photographer may resubmit photos not previously selected for use.

## Judging and Selection

- Selection will be made by a panel of three to five impartial judges, at least one of whom is a Spokane Audubon Society board member or committee chair. It

is preferred that some panel members have moderately advanced bird identification skills and experience with bird photography.

- Photographers who submit entries cannot be judges.
- The bird must be focus of the photograph. Preference is given to unusual species and hard-to-see species or behaviors.
- Judging criteria are photot composition and quality. Submissions must comply with the size requirement.
- The panel will select 14 photographs for each calendatr month and additional photographs that might be used in smaller form on the date pages.
- Following selection, entrants will be notified of the decisions.
- High-resolution photos for the printed calendar should be submitted at *at least* 300 ppi.

## Publication

- Each photograph will be published with the common name of the bird species and © with the name of the photographer.

If you have difficulty submitting photos to the e-mail address *spokaneauduboncalendar@yahoo.com*, contact Carmen Yount (*carmen@floreo.com*).



*From the 2012 calendar: Blue Bird Pair, by Bob Griffith*



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## Winter Visitors Trip, February 9th, 2013

by Joyce Alonso

The word certainly got out this winter...Snowy Owls...Pine Grosbeaks...Common Redpolls...Snow Buntings. Everyone wanted to see some so the trip list filled very quickly. On February 9th, four packed cars made the rounds of the back roads out past Davenport to search for these winter visitors.

Many of the birds on our trip list (total of about 33) were common ones we enjoy regularly, goldfinches, magpies, juncos, robins and such. The raptors were well-represented--American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk (of course), and his visiting relative, the Rough-legged, a Northern Harrier or two, and a juvenile Bald Eagle. The game birds seem to have done well this year; in addition to the California Quail, we found lots of Ring-necked Pheasants and more Gray Partridge than I've seen in a long time. There were a few ducks... Mallards, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Lesser Scaup...and some Canada Geese wherever they could find a bit of open water.

On that particular day, we dipped on the buntings, redpolls, etc. although many Spokane birders and our resident spotter, Chris Jannett, have seen them repeatedly this winter. The Common Redpolls and Pine Grosbeaks have been frequent visitors to residential yards in Spokane as well. I hope that most of our readers have found a few. Who knows what they'll do next year?

The owls, however, were what most people came for...and we did find some. Three different Snowy Owls were doing what they do, sitting on the ground in the fields. This year's birds seem a bit shy and we had no close, on-a-telephone-pole looks; but with the scopes, everyone got to see them clearly. (Some of our more obsessed photographers have had premium views...and the pictures to prove it; but their methodology involved getting up at O-dark-thirty to be in place before dawn... more dedicated than most of us!) At one point, two of the birds decided to have a bit of a disagreement...territory, perhaps?...and gave some participants a really good show. After patiently waiting until dusk, we also were able to watch some Short-eared Owls flying around their favorite haunt, near Cottonwood Creek. Lastly, at least one Great Horned Owl made sure he wasn't forgotten, perching on traffic signs as we motored home in the dark.

Oh...about the four-legged creatures. We usually see a coyote, and we did. However, what I don't remember ever seeing on a "Snowy Owl" trip is a badger. This year we got great views of one out in the open down near Coffee Pot Lake, apparently digging into the bank at the side of the road. He was unwilling to cede his space to a bunch of two-legged strangers so we all got a chance to watch him until he grumpily marched off over a little hill.

A good time was had by all.

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## Field Trips & Events, May & June

May 4, 2013, 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](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com) by May 1.

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

The following field trip, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 12, **HAS BEEN CHANGED** to:

May 5, 2013, Sunday

**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 am and end about 1:00 pm. Please call leader Alan McCoy at 448-3123 or 448-8861, [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com) by April 28th if you plan to attend.

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 6, 8, 10; Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Bird Identification Workshops**

**Leaders: Gary Blevins**

**and Kim Thorburn**

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 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at a site to be determined. 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 11. For more information or to reserve your place for the workshop, contact Gary Blevins at (533-3661 or [GaryB@spokanefalls.edu](mailto:GaryB@spokanefalls.edu)) by May 1.

May 11, 2013, 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

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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 am and bird the refuge until 2:00 pm. Contact leader Gary Blevins at (533-3661 or [garyb@spokanefalls.edu](mailto:garyb@spokanefalls.edu)) by May 4 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 11, 2013, Saturday**  
**Turnbull Community Work Party**

Planting Time: 9 am to 12 p.m.

Lunch: Potluck 12 p.m. (Hamburgers will also be provided by Friends of Turnbull)

Where: Turnbull NWR Headquarters, 5 miles south of Cheney on Cheney-Plaza Road: turn left on Smith Road and drive 2 miles on the gravel road to headquarters.

Wear a long-sleeved shirt, work pants, sturdy boots or shoes, gloves, and bring shovels and pliers if you've got them!

**May 18, 2013, Saturday**  
**Southern Pend Oreille County Trip**  
**Leader: John Stuart**  
**Limit: 3 Cars**

Join resident expert John Stuart on a beautiful excursion to southern Pend Oreille County. Some of the state's most enjoyable birding spots can be found here, including Calispell Lake, the crown jewel of Southern Pend Oreille County and an Important Bird Area. Other locations include the Kalispell Indian Reservation lands along the Pend Oreille River and perhaps a few "local surprises." Contact John Stuart by May 11 (509-447-2644 or [ninebark@povn.com](mailto:ninebark@povn.com)) if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Waterfowl; Ruffed Grouse; Black Tern; hummingbirds; woodpeckers; Hammond's, Dusky, Willow, and Pacific-Slope Flycatchers; Warbling, Cassin's, and Red-eyed Vireos; Swainson's Thrush; Gray Catbird; American Redstart, Northern Waterthrush, Orange-crowned, Nashville, Yellow, Yellow-rumped, Townsend's, and MacGillivray's Warblers

**May 19, Sunday**  
**Little Pend Oreille NWR Trip**  
**Leader: Cindy McCormack**

Little Pend Oreille NWR in spring can be fantastic! This trip will be geared to all levels of birders. We will carpool north to the refuge (near Chewelah, WA) and explore the different habitats available in the refuge. We should be in for some great resident species, as well as some remaining migrating birds. Be prepared for an all day trip (food/water) and inclement weather (dress in layers!). Contact Cindy McCormack by May 16th at [nwbirdergmail.com](mailto:nwbirdergmail.com) or 939-4448 to sign up, for meeting times and location, and for more information.

Target Species: Waterfowl, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, flycatchers, bluebirds, thrushes, warblers, vireos, finches. (A great variety!)

**May 25, 2013, Saturday**  
**Iller Creek Natural Area/  
Dishman Hills Alliance Trip**  
**Leader: Cindy McCormack**

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 Cindy McCormack at [nwbirdergmail.com](mailto:nwbirdergmail.com) or 939-4448 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

**May 26, 2013, Sunday**  
**Mosquito Springs Trip**  
**Leader: Kim Thorburn**

This trip is for birders of all levels. There will be some walking 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](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com) by May 22 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

**June 2, 2013, 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 6:30 am at the Spokane River Boat Launch parking lot less than one mile north of Nine-Mile Dam on Rt. 291. Contact Lindell Haggin, 466-4118 or [lindell4118@comcast.net](mailto:lindell4118@comcast.net) by May 26 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 8, 2013, 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-

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growth Ponderosa pine, and some of the best wetbelt mixed conifer forest in the area. Contact Joyce Alonso (448-2447) by June 5 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 15, 2013, Saturday**  
**Swanson Lakes Trip**  
**Leader: Kim Thorburn**

This full-day trip for all levels of birders will yield a bounty of sagebrush specialties in the heart of Lincoln County shrub-steppe. The Lake Creek drainage, which includes the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area, has been nominated for an Important Bird Area, with documentation of over 60 species of concern. Contact Kim Thorburn at 465-3025 or [kthorburn@msn.com](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com) by June 8.

Note: A WA Discover pass is required for some parking areas. Purchase online or at REI.

Target species: Loggerhead Shrikes, Sage Thrashers, lots of sparrows, Horned Larks, Mountain Bluebirds; pothole residents like Willow Flycatchers, Bullock's Orioles, Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal. We'll try to locate some Swainson's Hawk nests and enjoy other raptors, as well.

**June 16, 2013, Sunday**  
**Palisades/Indian Canyon Trip**  
**Leader: Lindell Haggin**

All levels of birders are invited to explore the Indian Canyon area immediately west of town. Come outfitted with binoculars and field guides, water, and shoes or boots for walking one or two miles. We will meet at 6:30 am at the Rosauer's at 1808 W. 3rd Ave. The field trip will end at approximately 10:00 am. Contact Lindell Haggin (446-4118 or [lindell4118@comcast.net](mailto:lindell4118@comcast.net)) by June 10 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 21 to 24**  
**Washington Ornithological**  
**Society (WOS) Conference**  
**Omak, WA**

See [www.wos.org](http://www.wos.org) for more information

**June 22, 2013, Saturday**  
**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 am **SHARP** at Foothills Community Church, 11100 N. Peck Road. Contact Jim Hudlow ([flyz4free@yahoo.com](mailto:flyz4free@yahoo.com) or 509-926-2186) by June 15 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 Steller'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 28-June 30, 2013, Friday-Sunday**  
**Field's Spring State Park Camping Trip**  
**Leaders: Joyce Alonso and Fran Haywood**

Come camp out with Spokane Audubon birders for a multi-day birding extravaganza. This Blue Mountain paradise hosts a variety of montane songbirds and woodpeckers. Contact Fran Haywood (484-8666, [birders13@gmail.com](mailto:birders13@gmail.com)) by June 21 if you plan to attend.

Note: There is a \$22/night fee for camping at Field's Spring State Park.

Target Species: Accipiters; owls, Williamson's Sapsucker, Hammond's and Dusky Flycatcher, Warbling and Cassin's Vireos, Gray and Steller's Jays, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Swainson's Thrush, Yellow-rumped and Townsend's Warblers, Cassin's Finch, Red Crossbill

**New!**  
**Butterfly Walks, led by John Baumann**  
**with trips sponsored by Inland Northwest Land Trust**  
**and Spokane Audubon**

For those new to "butterflying," these creatures may be observed with close focusing, compact binoculars (e.g., Pentax Papilio), or by netting them and showing them to others in observation jars before releasing them again unharmed. John will also share tips on butterfly photography for the shutterbugs in our midst, and be assured that even pocket cameras with a "macro" mode can produce nice results. **For question or to register for trips, call John Baumann at 327-4827, or email [jpb6\\_18\\_56@yahoo.com](mailto:jpb6_18_56@yahoo.com).**

**Little Spokane Butterfly Walk**  
**Date: Saturday, May 25th, 2013**  
**Time: 10:30am**

Among the richest and most conveniently located of butterfly habitats in Spokane County is the area where the Little Spokane River approaches the Spokane River proper. The south facing canyon encompassed by the Van Horn-Edburg-Bass Conservancy yielded three new county butterfly species occurrence records in May 2012, and could have even more surprises for careful observers this coming spring! Our mid-day walk will proceed a mile or so up this canyon to find all three locally occurring swallowtail species, plus spring hairstreaks and blues, including both the Eastern and Western Tailed Blues. Mourning Cloaks, Commas, Crescents and perhaps even the uncommon little Arctic Skipper will appear. Bring a sack lunch, cameras, nets and close focusing binoculars to enjoy this 4-6 hour outing. Limited to 16 attendees. Carpooling is advised. Please contact John Baumann at 327-4827 for details.

**McKenzie Conservation Area Butterfly Walk,  
with Inland Northwest Land Trust**

**Date: June 15, 2013**

**Time: 10:30am**

Join us at this beautiful little protected habitat on the northwest shores of Newman Lake for a good introduction to bog loving and boreal butterfly species of the Inland Northwest. See Swallowtails, the Greenish Blue, Northern Crescents, Tortoiseshells and maybe the uncommon Long Dash skipper. If lucky, we may catch a glimpse of the Silver Bordered Fritillary, a Washington State species of concern; the lovely day-flying Elegant Sheep Moth also finds a haven here. The hike, relatively short and flat, will take us to the lake shore where we can share brown bag lunches at Turtle Rock. Total distance is perhaps a bit over 2 miles round trip. Parking at the Trailhead is limited so we will need to work together to arrange some carpools for a group of 16 to be there.

**Audubon Butterfly Observation Field Trip to Mt. Kit Carson**

**Date: Saturday, July 13, 2013**

**Limit: 20 participants**

Join our first Audubon butterfly walk! Regional higher elevation species reach their peak numbers in our area on the lush, flowered meadows of Mt. Kit Carson, a two mile hike (one way) in from the

Upper Loop Rd parking lot. Look for abundant Clodius Parnassians, Pale and Tiger Swallowtails, Edith's and Blue Coppers, several species of Blues and all three of our local Anglewings. Greater and Lesser Fritillaries are common. Best of all, the trails leading in to the alpine meadows themselves are flowered with spreading dogbane that draws numbers of the now uncommon and pretty little West Coast Lady, where she appears in numbers from mid to late summer.

We'll meet at 10:30am at the Kit Carson Upper Loop trailhead and slowly meander up the trail to spend time for a sack lunch (you provide) at the CCC Cabin picnic area where hikers will be able to decide how much of the remaining 1.5 mile trek they want to make: only the last .5 mile climbs very steeply, but those who make the effort will be well rewarded by beautiful vistas and opportunities to sight more than 20 butterfly species in one day. We should return by 4:30pm at the latest.

*There is no general meeting in June.*

*Have a great summer!*

*We'll see you in September!*

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*

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## 2nd Annual Turnbull Spring Nature Festival



Saturday, May 18, 2013  
 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge  
 phone: 235-4723 \*\*

There's something for everyone at this year's spring festival:

- Blue Bird Nest Box Building Demonstrations
- Underwater World of Aquatic Invertebrates \*
- Songbird Banding Demonstrations \*
- Wildlife Walks, including bird walks led by expert Audubon birders! \*
- Nature Exploring Walk \*
- Photography Walks \*
- Wildflower Walk \*
- a Bird ID scavenger hunt!
- Ice Age Floods Presentations
- Geology Tours
- Live animals of Turnbull, and animal tracks
- Owl Activities
- Live Raptors
- and many more!

**Starred activities require advance contact with the Refuge to register. \*\***

Check the event web site for schedule of events and details:

[http://www.fws.govt/refuge/Turnbull/visit/visitor\\_activities/Floods\\_Flowers\\_and\\_Feathers\\_Festival.html](http://www.fws.govt/refuge/Turnbull/visit/visitor_activities/Floods_Flowers_and_Feathers_Festival.html)