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# The Pygmy Owl

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## May 14<sup>th</sup> Program: Electronic Tools for Birding with SAS Webmaster Alan McCoy

## International Migratory Bird Day 2014



Not as essential as binoculars and a scope for birding, computers and other devices nevertheless are becoming very handy to have at home and in the field to enhance our birding efforts. Our May program will be a two-part presentation. Alan McCoy, volunteer webmaster for the Spokane Audubon website, will take us on a tour of our website and answer questions along the way. For the second segment of the program Alan will demonstrate some of the mobile applications available now that can be useful tools in our wanderings around the natural world. Bring your devices and questions. Alan hopes that this will be a more interactive and participatory program than a lecture-style presentation.

“Why Birds Matter” is the theme of International Migratory Bird Day 2014 (IMBD 2014). We birders need no explanation. We understand the pure joy of watching and hearing these amazing creatures. This year’s annual celebration on the second Saturday in May will highlight the benefits that birds bring to humans and the environment. Examples include insect control and seed distribution.

Each year, a selected artist provides artwork for the IMBD celebration and theme. This year’s unique contribution comes from Haitian Elias St. Louis, a master of the island’s special art form called hammered steel drum art. Copies of the piece will be imprinted on the IMBD 2014 tee shirt.

Each year, Spokane Audubon Society and its partners have several events to commemorate IMBD. Our Learn-to-Bird workshops are held the week before IMBD, with a field trip for learners and anyone else who wishes to join at Turnbull NWR on May 10, IMBD 2014. Our Society also participates in Turnbull’s annual spring planting held each year on IMBD. The Spokane District Office of the Bureau of Land Management co-sponsors the May 25 field trip to Mosquito Springs as an IMBD event. Field trip participants will discuss the 2014 theme and receive the poster.

There are lots of opportunities. Come join the celebration of birds for International Migratory Bird Day 2014!



Introduced to birding by his mother as a kid in North Carolina, Alan bought his first pair of binoculars in his twenties. As he was completing his geography degree at the University of Utah, he made many trips to the Bear River Bird Refuge. This was when Alan first discovered the joys of birding. He has birded steadily since that time, while parenting two daughters and plying his craft and business as a piano technician here in Spokane. He has participated in the

Spokane Christmas Bird Count for 30 years and has compiled the Spokane CBC for the last 10 or 15 years.

*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.*

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# President's Message

by Fran Haywood

**W**ow! It hardly seems possible that it is May already and the end of our Audubon Year. This will be our last meeting until September and I think it has been a great year thanks to the wonderful board and our many volunteers who have stepped up to make this a successful organization. Spokane Audubon couldn't function without them.

Thanks to Carmen Yount, who puts out what I, and many others, think is the best newsletter in Eastern Washington and beyond. Thank you, Joyce Alonso editing for bird content and making me and others look like great writers. Thanks also to Dave Plemons for keeping our membership list and making the mailing labels, and John and Sally English for doing the mailing. Thank you everyone who contributed articles and pictures, especially Tim O'Brien for the *Sights & Sounds* column. Thank you Tim for your expertise, and also taking on the GIS!

Thanks to Gary Lee for all the great programs at our meetings and an extra big thank-you to all our presenters. If there is a program someone would like to see please let Gary or any board member know and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We would be dead in the water without our forever and wonderful treasurer Lindell Haggin, and our super secretary, Ed Reynolds. Lindell goes way beyond treasurer, working hard on environmental education programs as co-chairman of the Education committee with Joyce Alonso, working tirelessly on our latest endeavor to acquire land adjacent to Audubon Lake, designing and printing our fantastic calendar and attending many, many meetings on our behalf, all while keeping the bills paid. (Lindell is also one of Spokane Audubon's great photographers. See page 7 for an invitation to her artist's reception on May 2!)

I could never list everything that Joyce does; environmental programs, liaison with Turnbull for our many activities

there, plus almost anything else that comes up. She has proved to be a great researcher, spending many hours learning about issues, and has attended uncountable meetings. She is also teaching beginning birding classes for Friends of Turnbull.

Our environmental chair, Greg Gordon not only keeps us abreast of issues, gives sound advice and writes letters on our behalf; he practices what he preaches by teaching at GU. Everyone who attended last month's meeting was impressed by his students and their projects.

Greg, Tim, Marlene & Bob Cashen all volunteered to serve on the board and Marlene has handled the calendar sales and filled in for Ed when needed.

We owe a big thanks to Alan McCoy for keeping our website. I hope you all have discovered it. He also leads field trips and runs the Christmas Bird Count, no easy feats for someone who works all the time.

Thanks to Jan Strobeck for hospitality. She drives from Deer Park to make sure we have goodies at the meeting. (By the way, we would all be grateful if others would bring goodies to share.) We are thankful for Norma Trefry who greets members at the door and passes out name tags. Thank you Lynn Noël, for the door prize drawings, and Ed for lugging the items back and forth to meetings.

We all need to thank our past president, Kim Thorburn for handling publicity, teaching "Learn to Bird" classes with Gary Blevins, all while doing countless hours on Sage and Sharp-tailed grouse surveys.

I would be remiss, if I didn't say how grateful we are all for Jon Isacoff for putting together our field trips. It is another important job filled by someone who is working full time. If anyone has suggestions on how we can improve field trips or suggestions on places they would like to go, please contact Jon, and while you are at it, thank all the volunteer field trip leaders.

I planned on a short column this month, but as you can see, there are so many amazing people who have made my job easy, it was impossible to be brief.

On another note, traditionally we would be having elections of officers this month, but other issues took precedence, so plan on the Fall. We invite all of you to consider how you personally can keep our organization strong. Contact any current board member for more information.

*(Don't miss the 2015 Calendar Contest announcement on page 4! ~ ed)*

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# Remembering Bob Griffith

by Jan Reynolds

A voice on the phone. A stranger asked, “I’d like to know what kind of bird is in my photograph.” That was the beginning. He tried to describe it, then asked if he could send me the slide. When I saw Bob Griffith’s photo I was amazed at the clarity, the composition, the way he had captured the life and essence of the bird with every feather sharply in focus.

I had been gathering photos of regional birds for slide presentations in my environmental education work, and local photographers had been generous with their donations. Still, I had a wish list, and Bob took it on as a challenge: mountain and black-capped chickadees, all three nuthatches, house and Cassin’s finches (male and female), corvids in flight showing tail



shape. His photos, fill-the-frame perfect and including habitat, poured in, joining those of Chuck Kerkering, Ron Dexter, Vee Nealy and others, and the collection grew to more than 300. I could show kids nearly every bird they were likely to see in their yards or on field trips, and I could show them those that were hardest to find and see. Bob was becoming a birder—and a friend.



Bob and Dee were adventurous, and Bob documented birds and wildlife of Alaska, Antarctica, Africa, South America—all the continents. First with an array of slide projectors and audio equipment, then with computers as digital replaced film,

he created spectacular presentations. When we planned programs for each year, Bob’s name was the first to come up, and he was always generous.

Through the Spokane Camera Club, Bob teamed up with and mentored Tom Munson, and their bird photos are a lasting treasure. As digital photography lured more people into the art, Bob was always eager to help.

Bob was a warm, gentle man with a ready smile and kind word. His contributions to environmental education and wildlife photography are great, but what I treasure most is the way an inquiring stranger became an admired friend.

*Bob passed away on March 27, 2014. Western Bluebird and Cape Gannett photographs by Bob Griffith.*

## Where is Sights & Sounds?

Thank you to Tim O’Brien for relinquishing his newsletter real estate to make room for some time sensitive material. *Sights & Sounds* will return next month.

To tide you over, here is a brief update from Tim: as of April 25, Spokane County has recorded 151 species so far this year.

Spring migrants continue to flood in, with the latest arrivals being Western Kingbird, Barn Swallows, and warblers. For a more complete picture of what’s going on this month, check out *eBird.org* for details!

## Volunteer Opportunity

We have an unusual volunteer opportunity. Ken Avery, an old friend and a birder, is volunteering with a Tibetan Buddhist group at the Airway Heights Correction Center. Prison officials would like to expand programs for older offenders, and Ken says, “A new awareness of birds, sounds, shapes, colors, flight patterns, etc., would really work well with the mindfulness and awareness topics I would like to develop. They could also practice data gathering and research. They are converting turf areas into vegetable gardens and they want to do things in a sustainable way.”

He says it would involve some training and might involve going a few hours a week for several weeks. Ken can be reached at 509-280-8486 or at [ken@jackson-avery.us](mailto:ken@jackson-avery.us).

June Newsletter Deadline:

**Friday, May 23**

Please send material to:  
[carmen@floreo.com](mailto:carmen@floreo.com)

# 2015 Spokane Audubon Calendar Photograph Contest Guidelines

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

**Deadline: Friday, May 30**

## 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.
- 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.

## Call for Entries

- **Photographers may submit entries starting May 1. The deadline is Friday, May 30.**
- *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 photo composition and quality. Submissions must comply with the size requirement.
- The panel will select 14 photographs for each calendar month and additional photographs that might be used in smaller form on the date pages.
- Following selection, entrants will be notified of the decisions.

## 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*).

## ***Field Trip Report: Bluebird Trip***

By Marian Frobe

Our group for the March 22 Bluebird Trip included Dee, Lynne, Margaret and myself, and we had a great time. Although it was cold starting out, there was no wind and we had mostly sunny skies! We started out at the pond east of the Pullman Highway, and our first bird of the trip was the Bald Eagle pair at their nest in the tree across Latah Creek. A Belted Kingfisher was in residence at the pond, and we had good views of a Varied Thrush there, along with a Muskrat that we ignored as it looked like a lump of dirt or something until it moved.

On Paradise Prairie we had some misses, but had most of the ducks, many American Robins, more Western Bluebirds than usual, and quite a few Violet-green Swallows. Early on, most of the swallows were hunched up on the power lines waiting for the sun to warm things up, so they allowed very close looks as they didn't want to move.

We apparently were too late for Tundra Swans, but saw a group of ten swans on a pond off Jennings Road. We had to turn around and backtrack for them, but finally determined that they were Trumpeter Swans! We think they were the same ones reported by the Turnbull Refuge, as they also reported a group of 10, one of which was an immature, and this flock also had one immature swan.

Although one traditional stop has been taken over by Common Ravens, we did find a pair of Hairy Woodpeckers there. We also had two Northern Shrikes on this trip, one near the Slavin Ranch and one that seemed to be traveling with a large group of American Robins on Pine Grove Road.

As we were a small group, we actually made it to Turnbull by lunch time, and we took a short walk there around Headquarters Pond and finally found our Tree Swallows arguing over a nest box.

I counted 45 species in all. We also saw a Moose on Depot Springs Road and a group of 4 or 5 White-tailed Deer. We couldn't have asked for a nicer morning!

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## Turnbull NWR Events in May

**May 10, 2014, Saturday**  
**Turnbull NWR Planting Party**  
**9 a.m. - noon**

**HELP US CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY!** Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge and Spokane Audubon Society will host a community work party on Saturday, May 10.

Numerous partners and individuals participate in our semiannual community planting events held during the spring and fall. This ongoing community effort restores native riparian habitat to benefit birds and other wildlife species. We have hundreds of native saplings to plant. We will also erect fencing at the project site to protect the trees from deer, elk, and moose browsing. Everyone is welcome to participate!

There will be a potluck at noon, with hamburgers 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 gravel road to headquarters.

**Clothing:** Long-sleeved shirt, work pants, sturdy boots or shoes, gloves.

**Equipment:** (If you can) shovels and pliers, labeled with your name.

**May 31, 2014, Saturday**  
**Turnbull NWR Spring Festival:**  
**Floods, Flowers & Feathers**  
**8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Enjoy spring by experiencing and learning about the exceptional wildlife, habitats, and geology of the unique Channeled Scablands landscape. In partnership with numerous organizations/agencies we are offering the 3rd annual FREE Spring nature festival with activities for families and individuals of all ages. Discover birds, wildflowers, insects, other wildlife, and catch a glimpse of remnants of the ice age floods that created the diverse Scablands habitat. Nature hikes, tours, live raptors from the West Valley Outdoor Learning Center, kids activities (such as a water critter search and the "Find That Bird" hunt, etc.) and informational booths provided by a number of organizations will make for a wonderful spring day outdoors in this remarkable environment. Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Alonso needs a few volunteers to staff the SAS booth and bird hunt activity. The only qualification is your smile! (Contact Joyce at 939-0120 if you're interested.)

## Spokane Audubon Field Trips

**NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

**May 6, 8, 9**  
**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**Bird Identification Workshops**  
**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 pm. 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 10. 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 10, 2014, 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 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 3 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, 2014, 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



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Alan McCoy at 448-3123 or 448-8861, [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com) by May 4 if you plan to attend.

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

**May 25, 2014, 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](mailto: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

**June 1, 2014, 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 am. Contact Lindell Haggin, 466-4118 or [lindell4118@comcast.net](mailto: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 Flycatch-

ers; 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, 2014, Sunday  
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 June 1.

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

**June 14, 2014, Saturday  
Liberty Lake Trip  
Leaders: Joyce Alonso and  
Brian Miller**

*Note: This field trip was originally scheduled for June 7.* This is a mostly easy, walking half-day trip. Liberty Lake hosts some of the best habitat diversity in Spokane County, with extensive wetlands and prairie, old second-growth Ponderosa Pine, and some of the best wetbelt mixed conifer forest in the area. We'll meet at the Liberty Lake Albertson's parking lot, time to be determined. Guided by Brian, we'll drive nearby roads to seek some target birds. We'll then go walk through the park and end up at Brian's home, with its great feeders, to eat our brown bag lunches. Contact Joyce Alonso (939-0120) by June 9 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Red-necked Grebe; Wilson's Snipe; rails and woodpeckers; various flycatchers; 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, 2014, 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 11:00 am. Contact Lindell Haggin (446-4118 or [lindell4118@comcast.net](mailto:lindell4118@comcast.net)) by June 8 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 20-June 22, 2014, Friday-Sunday  
Little Pend Oreille NWR  
Camping Trip  
Leaders: Joyce Alonso and  
Fran Haywood**

Enjoy a great time camping and birding at Little Pend Oreille NWR in Stevens County, WA. Participants are encouraged to attend for whatever part of this trip suits personal schedules. We'll do everything from look for Black-backed Woodpeckers to admire butterflies, and try to ID the wildflowers. There will be potluck main meals (maybe even a marshmallow roast) and campfire songs! To reserve a place or for more information, contact Fran Haywood (290-1814 or [birders13@gmail.com](mailto:birders13@gmail.com)) or Joyce Alonso (939-0120) by June 13. Camping fees may apply.

Target Species: Woodpeckers, Black-backed, White-headed and common species; warblers, vireos, flycatchers, jays, thrushes, finches, chickadees, nuthatches and ducks and grebes

**June 28, 2014, 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* or 509-926-2186) by June 21 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

**Artist Reception for Lindell Haggin**

**Friday, May 2, 5 - 8 p.m.**

**Community Building (35 W. Main)**

Spokane Audubon photographer Lindell Haggin will be showing some of her photos through the month of May in the lobby of the Community Building. Prints will be available for sale. All are invited!



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

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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May 14<sup>th</sup> Program:  
**Electronic Tools for Birding,**  
 with Alan McCoy  
 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.

