

Columbia Flyway

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Calendar

***BIRDING CLASS ... Tuesday, March 3, 6:45 PM before the meeting.

***Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 pm: Vancouver Audubon Society's General Meeting at the Genealogy Society at 717 Grand Boulevard (Grand & Evergreen) in Vancouver, WA

***Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm: VAS Board Meeting at the home of George & Cindy Mayfield, 24315 NE 59th Ave., Battleground 360-687-0360

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PROGRAM:

The Wildlife Photography Featuring Namibia & Thailand

by Nate Chappell

Wildlife Photographer Nate Chappell will show photos from recent month long trips that he has made to Namibia and Thailand. There will be a mix of bird and mammal photography with an emphasis toward bird photos. Namibia, a very dry country in SW Africa has a surprising variety of beautiful birds and an abundance of large mammals. On his Thailand trip he visited many different ecosystems ranging from tropical swamp forest to the highest mountain in Thailand and photographed a great variety of bird life.



Violet-eared Waxbill (Namibia)

Nate Chappell took up birding at the age of 11 and has been birding, travelling and photographing ever since. He lives in the Tacoma area and his photographs have been published in books and birding newsletters. He and his wife, Angie, lead wildlife photography tours to Ecuador, Thailand and other locations. Nate is currently the avian gallery moderator for Naturephotographers Online Magazine.

Website: www.trogontours.net

FIELD TRIP

Early Spring in the Columbia Gorge

Leader: Wilson Cady, 360-835-5947

When: March 28, Saturday

Time: 8:00 AM



Meet at: the south side of the Ford Dealership at the Port of Camas-Washougal Marina

We will be looking for birds and early wildflowers. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch and beverages.



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VAS Upcoming Programs:

Audubon Portland Wildlife

Care Center by Bob Salinger (April)

The February Board Meeting was held at the Columbia Land Trust office. A quorum was present.

Treasurer's Report. Income for January was \$85.80 and expenses were \$398.33. Cash and investments were \$21,415.35. The Community Foundation fund was \$205,298.76 as of 31 October.

Conservation. Bob Rowe attended a workshop on planning for recreation in the Gorge. A large number of user groups were present and formed an alliance. Bob also communicated with Columbia Energy Partners of Vancouver who are planning a wind farm on the Steens. Their response alleviated some of his concerns.

New Business. The board worked on and approved the 2009 Budget.

Respectfully,

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Ellifrit

WATERSHED STEWARD PROGRAM



Sign Up for FREE Watershed Stewards Volunteer Training!

Learn what you can do to maintain healthy watersheds for your community, fish and wildlife and future generations.

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
February 10th - April 14th

To apply or for more information please contact:
jenifer.naas@clark.wa.gov 360-397-6060 x 7703
<http://clark.wsu.edu/volunteer/ws/training>

Offered by WSU Clark County Extension in partnership with the Clark County Clean Water Program, Watershed Steward training uses community experts and environmental professionals to teach the basics of ecology, hydrology, geology, stream restoration, and the importance of native plants and fish.

After training, volunteers work on a variety of projects with the Watershed Steward Program and local environmental partners in public outreach and education, stream restoration, water-quality monitoring, classroom presentations, or community workshops.

WSU Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination. If you require special accommodation, call WSU Clark County Extension at (360) 397-6060 ext. 0 prior to the event.
<http://clark.wsu.edu>

Olympic BirdFest 2009

Come Bird With Us.

Sequim, Washington, April 3-5, 2009

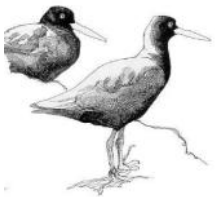
Olympic BirdFest 2009 celebration at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, April 3-5, 2009.

The stage is set...quiet bays and estuaries, sandy beaches, a five-mile-long sand spit, and a protected island bird sanctuary on the Strait of Juan de Fuca; wetlands, tide pools, rainforests, and lush river valleys. The players are ready ... Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Harlequin Ducks, Black Oystercatchers, Peregrine Falcons, and Pygmy owls will be sporting their finest spring plumage for this celebration. Enjoy guided birding trips, boat tours; and a traditional salmon bake at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Center.



Harlequin Duck

Also this year! A three-day, two night birding cruise of the spectacular San Juan Islands on April 5-7, 2009. Visit San Juan and Sucia Islands, and more. Stay at the historic Roche Harbor Resort. Get program information and registration forms online at: <http://www.olympicbirdfest.org>.



Or contact us by phone, at 360-681-4076,

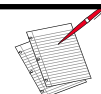
E-mail us at info@olympicbirdfest.org,

Or write to us at:

Dungeness River Audubon Center
P.O. Box 2450
Sequim, WA 98382

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Members: Vernon Anderson • Dan Attoe • Lynette Baker • Norman Bembenek • Rosemary Bitterman • Janet Blair • Robert Blakey • Beth Blandford • John Bohling • Pat Damewood • Raeleen Degrandpre • Dorothy Durkee • Sandra Hazard • Paul King • Sally Lambson • Bleuheler Leth • N. Loughry • Debbie Minot • Ann Nickodem • Julie Nielsen • Sandraa Powless • Donald Quigley • Mark Ratcliff • Betty Raymond • Cynthia Schnabel • Lura Sundell • Nancy Thorndal



Legislative Matters

Things move so fast in the legislature that it is not possible keep you up to date on what is happening. By the time you get this, bills will have moved or died or have been amended. Nevertheless, I can tell you what is important to Audubon as of this writing. Senator Craig Pride-more, from the 49th legislative district, has sponsored a bill (SB 5518) that would put a per barrel fee on petroleum products to be used to prevent pollution from storm water run-off from streets. Local governments would be able to obtain grants from the fund so established. The grants would be used for capital projects addressing petroleum contamination of storm water. This is one of the four top priorities of the environmental organizations. The next time any of you have a chance to thank Craig, do so, especially those of you who live in the 49th district (that's basically Vancouver, west of I-205).

The other three other high priority bills for us are the following. The bills SB 5735 and HB 1819 would authorize the creation of a regional cap-and-trade system for carbon emissions. The program must be linked to a regional or national cap-and-trade system. The bill, HB 1747, would establish energy performance standards for public buildings. Finally, HB 1490 and SB 5687 would reduce greenhouse gas emissions through changes in the Growth Management Act. The changes in land use and transportation requirements would encourage more compact communities and public transportation use. This would reduce travel by car, thereby reducing greenhouse gases. We need to do this to prevent the worst effects of climate change that will hurt our birds.

For those of you who may be interested in helping birds by acting on bills, here are some hints on reaching our legislators. The legislative hotline number (toll-free) is 1-800-562-6000. Here is a link to the legislator's home page, <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/>. From there you can find out how to contact your legislator and you can also track bills. I can let those of you who send me your e-mail know about the progress of specific bills. My e-mail is gstarke@pacifier.com.

The Urban Ecology & Conservation Symposium

Every year a symposium on nature in cities is held at Portland State and co-sponsored by Metro (of the Portland metropolitan area), and the Portland Audubon Society, as well as others. This year I attended and picked up interesting information. Highlights include the following.

The key note speaker, Derek Booth, talked about monitoring, especially for restoration projects. It is the key factor in managing to protect or enhance ecosystems. Management actions are varied as experimental treatments. Uncertainty and risk are viewed as experiments

which are acknowledged. He talked about adaptive management. Good adaptive management requires developing the monitoring plan at the beginning, even before designing the project. Use the scientific method and learn from it. Monitoring must be an integral part of the project. The project must be able to be changed if monitoring indicates that it isn't working. Afterwards, I talked to Vicky Ridge-Cooney, who used to work for the City of Vancouver, and she said that Booth's work was the basis for the King County stormwater manual that Clark County does not want to adopt.

Clark County biologist, Dave Howe, spoke on the county's mitigation monitoring program. The definition of successful mitigation is that a project would have a reasonable chance of succeeding over a 50-year period. Considering permit mitigation compliance and plant performance, overall mitigation success was 40%. Interestingly, there appeared to be a lack of correlation between meeting standards and the success of the mitigation effort. Some projects that did not meet standards nevertheless were considered successful, while others that did meet standards were not successful. The problems were unrealistic and poorly written standards, poor plant maintenance, and poor oversight. It appears that the monitoring plans are not a part of the project plans. I talked to Dave Howe at a break. Their definition of success is the best they can do. The emphasis is on plant survival, not necessarily the success of wetland functions.

A researcher from Portland State, Amy Shipley, spoke on the survival, growth, and habitat use of fledgling spotted towhees in a park in Lake Oswego. Radio tracking was used to determine post-fledging survival. Although body weight at fledging did not predict high survival, ten out of 14 of the towhee babies survived.

Another research study found that northern pygmy owls nested in forest stands with big trees, closed canopy, and dense vegetation, not in and near forest openings as many had thought. Bob Sallinger from the Portland Audubon Society gave a presentation on a joint campaign between Portland Audubon and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon to educate the public on the necessity of keeping pet cats indoors. The luncheon keynote speaker spoke about a method used in Southern California to determine the best green space, habitat, and park projects to fund, based on actual need – needs of people and needs of wildlife.

On a lighter note, a researcher working on nutria management showed slides illustrating the problems of people and nutria. One showed a baby in a stroller reaching out to a nutria – a big nutria – on the sidewalk. The other showed a poster for a lost pet. The pet was named Squeek, had big, orange teeth, was friendly, and was a nutria.

Gretchen Starke



Jan. 5, A first-winter **GLAUCOUS GULL** was spotted in the gull flock on the Clark College Campus by Ray Korpi. The campus has had many good sightings over the years including Red-naped Sapsucker and Sage Thrasher.

Jan. 6, Bob Flores checked Post Office Lake and observed an adult **GOLDEN EAGLE** soaring over the lake. At the Ridgefield Refuge he had **5 CINNAMON TEAL** along the River "S" tour loop and a **RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** sitting in a tree just past the Hunter's Gate.

Jan. 9, Ken Knittle reported a pair of **LESSER GOLD-FINCH** and a **WHITE-THROATED SPARROW** eating their feeder in the Hazel Dell area. Donna Brown had a very bright male **TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** at her suet feeder. Also, for the second season have **AMERICAN GOLDFINCH** and **LESSER GOLDFINCH** at a thistle feeder.

Jan. 13, Al Larrabee reported **26 WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**, a **EURASIAN WIDGEON**, **25 CANVASBACK**, and **25 HOODED MERGANSERS** seen by him and Barry Woodruff on the Ridgefield Refuge during a goose survey they do as Refuge volunteers.

Jan. 17, Tammy and Eric Bjorkman drove up to Trout Lake in search of Pine Grosbeaks. They were skunked on the grosbeaks however they did see a juvenile **NORTHERN GOSHAWK** just west of Glenwood. Bill Clemons and his mother, Olive, birded the River "S" Unit at Ridgefield NWR with Carol Ledford when they spotted a mixed flock of **6 TREE** and **BARN SWALLOWS**. The unanswered question is whether these would be early migrants or wintering birds. Ken Knittle confirmed a **RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** found by Margaret Green on the Woodland bottoms near Caples and Vista Drive.

Jan. 19, Five **TRUMPETER SWANS** were with the many Tundra Swans on Carty Lake on the Carty Unit of Ridgefield NWR according to Scott Carpenter. He also saw **4 BARN SWALLOWS** and a dark morph **HARLAN'S HAWK** along with several **ROUGH-LEGGED HAWKS**. Ray Korpi found a **RED-NAPED SAPSUCKER** for the third winter in the last five or so on the Clark College Campus.

Jan 20, Bill Tweit reported seeing the first winter **SWAINSON'S HAWK** at the LaFramboise Rd. section of the Shillapoo Wildlife Area. Also present were **2 TREE SWALLOWS** and **2 BARN SWALLOWS**, over the new wetland area.

Jan. 21, Bob Flores found a **HORNED LARK** at the River S tour route this morning. The bird was in the fields and was very cooperative and one photographer was able to get close up shots of the bird. Jeff Jendro Spotted at least four **TREE SWALLOWS** and one **BARN SWALLOW** AT the Ridgefield NWR. One **EURASIAN WIGEON** was seen on the east edge of Rest Lake and on his way home to Longview he checked the Woodland Bottoms and located the **RED-SHOULDERED HAWK** that had been reported from there.

Jan. 24, Dave and Sherry Hayden of Centralia, WA, birded the River S Unit of Ridgefield NWR and the checked

along the Dike Access Rd. in the Woodland Bottoms. At Ridgefield they saw; **31 GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE**, **3 CINNAMON TEAL**, **ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK**, **RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER**, and **WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH** along with a family of **RIVER OTTERS**. Otter are fairly numerous on the refuge. At Woodland they saw about 700 Sandhill Cranes fly into the fields in the late afternoon.

Jan. 31, While working planting shrubs with some Scouts at the Steigerwald Lake NWR, I noticed that the **GREAT BLUE HERONS** were back on their nests at the Reed Island heronry. The local breeding Canada Geese were also staking out nesting territories.

Feb. 2, Both Corrinne and Bryan Crawford and Brian Barrett sent me a photos of a male **BAIKAL TEAL** that was taken at the Ridgefield NWR. This is the first record for this gorgeous Eurasian species of duck in Clark County. This bird was seen by multiple observers including Steve and Sybil Kohl but not by the dozens of people who looked for it the next day.

Feb. 4, Carol and Don Kohler both added a lifebird when they saw the **SLATY-BACKED GULL** that was found along the Willamette River in downtown Portland.

Feb. 7, When Arden and Sherry Hagen went over to photograph the **SLATY-BACKED GULL** in Portland near the Burnside Bridge. They found the bird by throwing out bread. Then they were lucky enough to have the chance to get pictures of two **GLAUCOUS GULLS** at Westmoreland Park. Susan and I drove up the Gorge and on Whitcomb Island, near the Kickitat-Benton County line we spotted over **2,000 SNOW GEESE** and **20 BALD EAGLES**.

The cumulative checklists of birds seen by anyone in Clark County during 2009 reached 98 species by the end of January. The list for Skamania County was only at 16 since no one reported birding there as they probably did not want to put up with the cold winds and snow.

To check all the regional bird sighting reports and messages for up to date information go to: <http://birdingonthe.net/> and under Mailing Lists click on Regional/Specialty and then go to the State you want to read about. Both Washington and Oregon lists should be checked for reports from this area. You won't be able to post any messages without joining the groups. George and Cindy Mayfield reported that they have **VARIED THRUSH** coming to their platform feeders where they are not usually seen. Other yard birds have included **RED-BREASTED SAPSUCKER**, **HAIRY WOODPECKER** and **PURPLE FINCH**.

A **BROWN CREEPER** was being seen in Bob Rowe's neighborhood. Along the Salmon Creek Greenway the **BALD EAGLE** nest is already occupied according to Fran Linski who uses the trail on a regular basis. Ruth Philips reported **PILEATED WOODPECKERS** along the same trail.

BUSHTITS and **TOWNSEND'S WARBLERS** are among the birds visiting Arden and Sherry Hagen's yard.

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The little oasis they created in their Cascade Park backyard attracts a wide variety of birds.

Susan and I went birding in Texas along the Rio Grande River during January. The weather was in the mid 70s and the birding was good, we ended up with 182 species seen for the trip. We added NORTHERN GANNET, PURPLE SANDPIPER, BLUE BUNTING and CRIMSON-COLLARED GROSBEAK to our life lists. There was one other bird that we saw that is still under debate, a possible PINE FLY-CATCHER has been at Choke Canyon State Park since mid-December. If the identification of this bird is confirmed it will be the first record for the United States. The bunting was my 675 species seen in the lower forty-eight states.

The first migrants will be arriving about the same time as this newsletter gets to you. Rufous Hummingbirds and Tree Swallows are among the most noticeable of these birds but also watch for Western Bluebirds and Say's Phoebe. Some of the wintering waterfowl will leave in early March and now is a good time to visit the Vancouver Lake Lowlands, Ridgefield NWR or the Woodland Bottoms to view the migrant flocks. You might also find Sandhill Cranes doing their mating dance.

Your help is needed in monitoring two wetland restoration projects in the Vancouver area, the sites are on the Salmon Creek Greenway and Mill Creek. What this would involve is making five visits to the site about a week apart and identifying and counting the birds there. This is being done in cooperation with Clark County and the PUD in order to find out if wetland restoration works and what species use the rehabilitated areas. This is a great way to get access to close in birding areas while expanding your birding skills and contributing to conservation efforts. If you are interested in participating with the project please contact me.

Wilson Cady gorgebirds@juno.com

The Backyard & Beyond...

As Wilson reported above, Arden & I went to Portland February 7th on our second try for the **Slaty-backed Gull** that was being seen along the riverfront. We had struck out the Sunday before & took advantage of the sunny weather to try again. We had seen this species before at Sauvie Island years ago & my slide photo was really fuzzy & distant. We briefly saw it in Alaska but no photo. So I was eager to try for a better photo with the new technology of digital cameras. In fact there are many species I want to photograph again in digital but that is just my "photographic nature" setting in. Many of the photos I have taken since acquiring a good digital SLR camera are much sharper than the old slides I've cherished for years. Arden is always eager to work on his year list. So with that in mind we headed to the waterfront park about 1 PM & met up with a fellow birder that had been there all day with no luck. Arden chummed with bread & crackers over the seawall & gulls came from all over to eat the handouts. But no Slaty-backed so the fellow birder got a loaf of bread from his car and soon the **Slaty-backed Gull** came soaring in. Yea!! Then a cruise boat went by & the gulls took off for the hand outs it provided over the back. The passengers probably had no idea about the **rare gull** they had following their boat. And if that

wasn't enough, another group of birders on the other side of the river began chumming & the gulls soon turned their way. Our fellow birder left and headed to Eugene. We decided to leave shortly afterwards, but as we started across the lawn, a man from a local restaurant made his daily trek to the park to throw out old bread to the gulls. WELL, this drew the **Slaty-backed Gull** down to within 10 feet of us at times!! Photo-ops!!!



A **Thayer's Gull** was also with the group. Having gotten our fill, we ventured over to Crystal Springs Park for duck photos and then a last stop at Westmoreland Park for ducks and gulls. It was our lucky day because we found not one but two **Glaucous Gulls** in the park & I got close up photos of them. It appears, since I asked for help on the correct ID's of these two immature birds, that the darker one is a first year bird & the lighter one a second year bird. So now I had 3 gulls digitally photographic with much improved photos. Yea!!! Check our website on-line **vancouveraudubon.org** for color photos of these birds in the "pdf" form of our newsletter.



Sherry Hagen,

Happy Birding ☺



Sauvie Island Christmas Bird Count - Vancouver Side

List compiled by Tammy Bjorkman (CBC held Friday January 2, 2009)

WATERFOWL

- 0 Greater White-fronted Goose (19)
- 31 Snow Goose (3)
- 1 Ross's Goose (0)
- 9,674 Cackling Goose (10,703)
- 1,137 Canada Goose (1,578)
- 6 Trumpeter Swan (64)
- 1,589 Tundra Swan (1,991)
- 5 Wood Duck (10)
- 497 Gadwall (376)
- 3 Eurasian Wigeon (3)
- 1,130 American Wigeon (1,379)
- 1,828 Mallard (1,400)
- 3 Cinnamon Teal (1)
- 434 Northern Shoveler (598)
- 3,017 Northern Pintail (4,645)
- 100 Green-winged Teal (1,249)
- 40 Canvasback (63)
- 0 Redhead (2)
- 487 Ring-necked Duck (1,333)
- 2 Greater Scaup (17)
- 164 Lesser Scaup (329)
- 149 Bufflehead (132)
- 2 Common Goldeneye (10)
- 67 Hooded Merganser (49)
- 100 Common Merganser (59)
- 254 Ruddy Duck (183)

GALLINACEOUS BIRDS

- 4 Ring-necked Pheasant (2)

LOONS, GREBES

- 0 Red-throated Loon (6)
- 0 Pacific Loon (1)
- 22 Pied-billed Grebe (42)
- 0 Horned Grebe (3)
- 1 Western Grebe (6)

PELICANS, HERONS, IBIS

- 54 Double-crested Cormorant (224)
- 1 American Bittern (1)
- 107 Great Blue Heron (131)
- 27 Great Egret (66)
- 1 Black-crowned Night-heron (0)

RAPTORS

- 1 White-tailed Kite (1)
- 71 Bald Eagle (54)
- 62 Northern Harrier (59)
- 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk (2)
- 3 Cooper's Hawk (3)
- 0 Red-shouldered Hawk (1)
- 1 Swainson's Hawk (0)

- 107 Red-tailed Hawk (139)
- 5 Rough-legged Hawk (11)
- 28 American Kestrel (56)
- 3 Peregrine Falcon (1)

RAILS, CRANES

- 1,500 American Coot (1,604)
- 891 Sandhill Crane (939)

SHOREBIRDS

- 8 Killdeer (17)
- 7 Greater Yellowlegs (23)
- 1 Long-billed Dowitcher (0)
- 6 Wilson's Snipe (8)

GULLS

- 3 Mew Gull (59)
- 72 Ring-billed Gull (27)
- 37 Herring Gull (13)
- 1 Thayer's Gull (0)
- 28 Glaucous-winged Gull (31)

DOVES, PIGEONS

- 7 Rock Pigeon (281)
- 15 Mourning Dove (31)

OWLS

- 3 Barn Owl (2)
- 5 Great Horned Owl (10)
- 27 Short-eared Owl (5)

HUMMINGBIRDS

- 6 Anna's Hummingbird (6)

KINGFISHER

- 14 Belted Kingfisher (10)

WOODPECKERS

- 4 Red-breasted Sapsucker (5)
- 14 Downy Woodpecker (14)
- 4 Hairy Woodpecker (2)
- 110 Northern Flicker (114)
- 3 Pileated Woodpecker (5)

SHRIKES

- 1 Northern Shrike (1)

CORVIDS

- 44 Steller's Jay (32)
- 76 Western Scrub-Jay (91)
- 78 American Crow (489)
- 5 Common Raven (1)

CHICKADEES, BUSHTITS

- 86 Black-capped Chickadee (186)
- 15 Chestnut-backed Chickadee (5)
- 59 Bushtit (130)

NUTHATCHES, CREEPER

- 4 Red-breasted Nuthatch (5)
- 10 White-breasted Nuthatch (11)
- 10 Brown Creeper (12)

WRENS

- 6 Bewick's Wren (18)
- 0 House Wren (1)
- 1 Winter Wren (13)
- 0 Marsh Wren (13)

KINGLETS, GNATCATCHERS

- 18 Golden-crowned Kinglet (35)
- 21 Ruby-crowned Kinglet (41)

THRUSHES

- 0 Mountain Bluebird (1)
- 1 Hermit Thrush (4)
- 167 American Robin (222)
- 4 Varied Thrush (18)

STARLING

- 1016 European Starling (2394)

PIPITS

- 32 American Pipit (32)

WARBLERS

- 0 Yellow-rumped Warbler (3)
- 0 Townsend's Warbler (2)

SPARROWS

- 44 Spotted Towhee (105)
- 40 Savannah Sparrow (11)
- 32 Fox Sparrow (19)
- 226 Song Sparrow (334)
- 0 Lincoln's Sparrow (8)
- 2 White-throated Sparrow (1)
- 18 White-crowned Sparrow (37)
- 194 Golden-crowned Sparrow (423)
- 221 Dark-eyed Junco (133)

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES

- 618 Red-winged Blackbird (1691)
- 3 Western Meadowlark (90)
- 122 Brewer's Blackbird (254)
- 0 Brown-headed Cowbird (7)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH

- 7 Purple Finch (13)
- 112 House Finch (140)
- 0 Pine Siskin (94)
- 2 American Goldfinch (128)
- 2 Evening Grosbeak (0)
- 25 House Sparrow (39)

Totals: 100 species+

- 0 unidentified gulls (8)



Finacial Report from VAS



2009 Budget vs. 2008 Actual

<u>INCOME</u>	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
BANK ACCOUNT INTEREST	416.84	375.00
BIRDATHON		
Donations	861.40	850.00
Corporate Grant	900.00	500.00
COFFEE FUND	26.27	25.00
DONATIONS	1195.00	1000.00
EDUCATION (Day Camp)	0.00	0.00
AUDUBON ADVENTURES	2091.85	2000.00
FUNDRAISING,		
Trip	2330.00	585.00
Birdfest	0.00	0.00
New NAS Members	0.00	0.00
MEMORIAL FUND	300.00	100.00
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY	1920.75	1785.00
WASHINGTON AUDUBON	0.00	0.00
NEWSLETTER		
Subscriptions	1200.00	1200.00
STORE SALES	145.39	100.00
REFUNDS	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,432.00	8535.00

EXPENDITURES

<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
Bank Charge	8.00	10.00
Conferences	0.00	0.00
Postage	42.00	35.00
Supplies	113.00	0.00
Printing	0.00	0.00
PO Box 1966 Rental	54.00	60.00
WA State on-profit Corp. Filing Fee	10.00	10.00
NAS membership VAS collected	50.00	40.00
CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT	0.00	175.00
COFFEE SUPPLIES	32.91	25.00
CONSERVATION		
Supplies/Printing/Misc.	0.00	0.00
ACOW	431.20	400.00
Committee Meetings	297.95	300.00
Lobby Day	19.80	0.00
DONATIONS		
WA State Office	1000.00	1000.00
Misc. (Carving Show)	100.00	100.00
Grant to Steigerwald Refuge	0.00	0.00
DUES/MEMBERSHIPS		
Futurewise	0.00	0.00
Columbia Land Trust	0.00	0.00
Friends of Clark County	0.00	0.00
WA. Environmental Council	100.00	100.00
WA. Tax Fairness Coalition	50.00	50.00
Friends of Columbia Gorge	50.00	50.00
Nature Conservancy	40.00	50.00
Grizzly Bear Outreach	0.00	0.00
EDUCATION		
Supplies/Printing/Misc	0.00	0.00
Bird Box Maintenance	0.00	0.00
Nature Camp Salaries	468.00	500.00
Nature Camp Insurance	0.00	0.00
FUNDI RAISING (Calenders)	0.00	0.00
NEWSLETTER		
Supplies	24.99	15.00
Printing	2214.59	1500.00
Postage 2006	991.00	500.00
Bulk Mail Permit	180.00	185.00
OUTREACH		
Audubon Adventures - VAS	2419.45	2400.00
Audubon Adventrues—Supplies	30.40	35.00
PROGRAMS		
Speaker Dinners	00.00	100.00
Speaker Travel (3@300 miles@.32/mile)	23.40	350.00
PUBLICITY	107.40	125.00
RENT	120.00	270.00
STORE	182.40	150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	9,140.69.00	8,535.00

2009 Bequest Funds vs. 2008 Actual

<u>REVENUE</u>	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EARNINGS	12,593.82	4,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$12,593.82	\$4,000.00
BEQUEST EXPENSES		
Misc Grants	5,000.00	0.00
Grant (Portland Audubon Hacker Projct)	1,500.00	1500.00
Grant (Ellen Davis Trail	0.00	0.00
Community foundation Fees	1,673.45	2300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,173.45	11,800.00
NET INCOME	(\$20,767.27)	\$300.00

Sauvie Island Christmas Bird Count - Vancouver Side



List compiled by Tammy Bjorkman (CBC held Friday January 2, 2009)

The total number of species seen in our entire count area is 100 (Last year we had 109). Considering we awoke to a surprise accumulation of more than an inch of snow and had only 26 participants (33 were scheduled for December 21) on this rescheduled day then I would say our 2008 count was a success. Participants logged: Miles by foot – 23.25 Miles by vehicle - 133.2 Total hours - 98.

Thanks to Participants:

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