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Federal Judge Rules Administration's Bird-Killing Policy is Illegal

After Victory, Our Work Is Not Yet Done

By Susan Saul

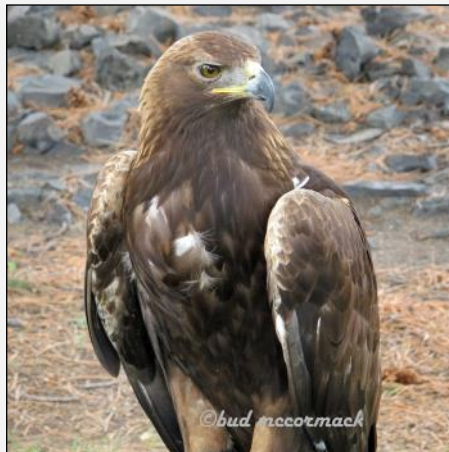
In a major victory for the National Audubon Society and other conservation groups, a federal judge has overturned the Trump administration's unprecedented attack on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), and restored its longstanding protections for birds. The court ruled that the MBTA does protect birds from industrial hazards, also known as "incidental take," upholding the most effective bird protection law of our time.

U.S. District Court Judge Valerie Caproni ruled on August 11, 2020, that the legal opinion which serves as the basis for the Trump administration rollback of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act does not align with the intent and language of the 100-year-old law. In her ruling, Judge Caproni found that the policy "runs counter to the purpose of the MBTA to protect migratory bird populations" and is "contrary to the plain meaning of the MBTA".

But our work is not yet done.

As definitive as the court's opinion is, the practical

effect in the short term may be minimal. The question of how broadly the MBTA will be applied is far from resolved. It remains highly unlikely that the Trump Administration, even if unsuccessful in reversing the decision on appeal, would commence enforcement of incidental take of migratory birds that occurred indirectly or even as a foreseeable result of legitimate business activity.



Golden Eagle, one of the many birds species at risk from industrial "incidental take"

Also, the administration is nearing the end of a regulatory process to make the legal opinion ruled on by Judge Caproni permanent in the form of regulation. If the administration can finalize a rule codifying its interpretation prior to the election or a change in administrations, it may have a greater and more lasting effect than the court's decision in this case.

"While we are very encouraged by the unambiguous district court decision, which validates our

argument that the administration's policy is in clear violation of the MBTA, the government could still

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Programs

Vancouver Audubon Programs for this Fall

Vancouver Audubon Chapter has some interesting programs planned for chapter meetings this fall. The twist, of course, is that the meetings will be virtual until it is safe for large gatherings to meet in Washington state. To address this need for virtual meetings, we have purchased a Zoom account to enable members to participate in these educational presentations through their home computer, laptop, or even your smart phone. Members will receive an invitation in their email to join the virtual meetings at the designated meeting time through a link in the email. Members will be asked to sign in by giving their email address. An internet connection is required. Members will be able to interact with written questions at the end of the program.

What's on tap for this fall?

The following programs are planned for this fall. All meetings will start at 7:00 pm. We hope you will join us!

September 1 – VAUX'S HAPPENING

Larry Schwitters, the lead for the Vaux's Swift research project, Vaux's Happening, initiated in 2008. Larry will talk about the unique lifestyle of the Vaux's Swift, the research that has been conducted, and the outcomes of that research. 7pm via Zoom.

October 6 – To be determined.

November 10 – SEABIRDS OF THE OREGON COAST

Joe Liebezeit, Staff Scientist & Avian Conservation Program Manager for Portland Audubon, will talk about the seabirds of the Oregon coast, their habitat, issues that are threatening their populations, and recent successes at protecting populations, including the Oregon Marine Reserves program and the Rocky Habitat Management Plan.

December 1 - SURVIVAL BY DEGREES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIRD POPULATIONS

Teri Anderson, Washington State Audubon chapter network manager, and **Trina Bayard**, Washington State Audubon Director of Bird Conservation, will be giving a presentation on the landmark report, Survival by Degrees, that describes the projected impact of climate change on North American bird species.

Contact Don Rose for more information: drose1103@gmail.com

Field Trips

All field trips and bird walks are postponed until COVID-19 restrictions allow for group gatherings or until it is safe to do so.



We miss birding and exploring with you!



Zoom Meetings

Chances are, you probably have had the opportunity to participate in a meeting, lecture, or class via Zoom since the pandemic restrictions began. If not, or you just want a little help, here is a [link for instructions for participants](#).

Although it's not the way we prefer to host meetings (which would be in person!), it's fairly easy, so we hope you will join us for the upcoming programs. VAS will be sending out invitations to our membership before an upcoming meeting. You will receive a confirmation email, which will include a "Join Meeting" link.

City of Vancouver puts six-month hold on new bulk fossil fuel facilities

By Susan Saul

The construction of any new large-scale fossil fuel infrastructure businesses in the city of Vancouver has been halted, at least temporarily.

That decision was preceded by nearly two hours of public testimony, during which only one citizen spoke out in opposition to the temporary ban. Vancouver Audubon Society submitted written comments and verbal testimony in favor of the ban.

The moratorium was initially approved on June 8, by emergency ordinance, which required the council to hold a public hearing and a full vote within 60 days in order to uphold the ban.

That ordinance was introduced by Councilor Laurie Lebowsky, who said she wanted to give city staff time to craft a cohesive resilience plan without any new companies trying to obtain permits for a bulk fossil fuel business ahead of any changes.

"I want to do what we can to support a resiliency plan to promote safety and livability of our city," said Lebowsky, "and focusing economic development on safe and renewable energy sources and green businesses."

Under the moratorium, fossil fuels are defined as

petroleum or petroleum-based products, as well as natural gases such as propane, methane, and butane. It would exempt byproducts such as fertilizer, paint, asphalt, plastics, and denatured ethanol.

Vancouver Audubon Society submitted written comments and verbal testimony in favor of the ban.

A "large-scale" fossil fuel facility is defined as those engaged in the wholesale distribution, extraction, refinement or processing of fossil fuels, the bulk movement of fossil fuels, coal storage, coal power plants, natural gas processing facilities, storage and handling of natural gas, or bulk storage of more than two million gallons of any combination of fossil fuels.

Direct-to-consumer fossil fuel businesses, such as gas stations and propane refueling are exempt from the moratorium.

The city of Portland and the Port of Vancouver have already passed their own bans on new bulk fossil fuel terminals, and the city of Vancouver has taken a stance against increasing shipments of bulk crude on trains that run along the waterfront and through the west side of the city.

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appeal the decision. If they do so, we will continue to strongly defend the MBTA in court. At the same time, they could still move forward with a proposed regulation that would essentially reinstate this unlawful and harmful policy," said Sarah Greenberger, Interim Chief Conservation Officer for the National Audubon Society.

Congress must pass the Migratory Bird Protection Act (MBPA) which would reverse the rollback of the MBTA and reinstate bird protections. There is still time for the House to vote on the MBPA this year.

You can help.

- Complete this Audubon Action Alert to let Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler know you support the MBPA. https://act.audubon.org/onlineactions/f7KGDYb40WGTI_7m1voyg2
- Share the Audubon Action Alert with family and friends.
- Share on social media. Please use **#ProtectTheBirds** in any tweets or Instagram posts around the Migratory Bird Treaty Act or Migratory Bird Protection Act.

From the VAS Board

By Cindy McCormack

Late summer always makes me a tiny bit sad—I can tell the days are getting shorter, wildfire smoke is in the air, the bird song has quieted, and our migratory birds are already gearing up for their long trek south. But then migration begins in earnest! What will pass through today? Where can I go to optimize the fall migration experience? We are fortunate to live close enough to visit both the mountains and the coast, both major migration corridors, easily!



It's also that time of year...time to renew your membership! Your support is greatly appreciated! If you would like to participate more in Vancouver Audubon, we would also love to have you join the board, in a capacity as an officer or as a chairperson. Please contact one of the current board members if you are interested or have any questions. It is a great way to serve your organization, the

wildlife and environment we stand for, and the community. The board meets once monthly (virtually for now) and would appreciate your input and your company.

We would also like to remind everyone that [Audubon Adventures](#) is available on-line for students. Pass this link along to parents or teachers looking for content for remote schooling.

In other local virtual events, Science on Tap has an intriguing bird presentation coming up this month! [Understanding Bird Behavior: An Illustrated Guide to What Birds Do and Why](#) with [Dr. Wenfei Tong](#). While I miss attending science presentations in person at Kiggins Theater, they are still full of fascinating information!

This has been a challenging time and I hope we will be able to continue to work together to get through and ahead of this virus. Thank you and good (socially-distant) birding!

Cindy McCormack, VAS editor



The Dolan Fire burned through the Condor Sanctuary in Big Sur this August, apparently cutting off the Condor Cam stream, which is provided by Explore.org. Two cameras were operating at the time. We watched in horror as the fire burned just outside the nest cavity where Iniko, the baby condor, is being raised in a giant redwood tree as well as seeing the destruction of the release site and pen. [Watch the last few minutes of these cams here.](#)

We are reminded though, that we have been through wildfire before and [so have the condors](#). This year, we have eight chicks in wild nests in central California alone and five of these are jeopardized by the wildfire. Whatever facilities are destroyed we can replace and nothing will stop us from continuing to restore condors to the wild. You may recall, we already cancelled one fundraising event this year (COVID), so please consider [making a contribution today](#) AND register for our online auction, taking place August 27th, which was already scheduled before this crisis. Thank you!

Message from the Ventana Wildlife Society

Hope and a Red-winged Blackbird

By Tom Bancroft

The black eyes glared right at me, a penetrating stare that seemed to pierce my flesh. He then opened his mouth while flexing up his shoulders and leaning toward me. His red epaulets glowed in the sun as his song rang out, a sharp two whistles followed by a trill that lasted about a half-second and then another whistle. At the same time, he expanded his tail and flared his wings slightly, all the while those eyes scowled.

I stood only twenty feet from him, amazed that this male Red-winged Blackbird seemed to be threatening me as if I was an intruder into his world. He sat on the top of a cattail, his feet gripping the brown cylindrical spike that had been the plant's flowers. It was early June and one of my first trips to a suburban park since the Governor asked folks in March to stay at home. The COVID19 pandemic had gripped the country. It had been ten minutes since I walked over to this marsh at Union Bay in Seattle, and he initially paid me no heed. By now, his females would have produced their first brood, and he might be courting ones for a second attempt.

He looked over his right shoulder and back across his marsh. Males defend a territory, and if their area has good nesting sites and suitable food sources, they may attract more than one female. Scientists have found males with as many as fifteen females in their harem, but two to five seems much more common. Females' reproductive success doesn't seem to be hurt by joining a harem, and anyways, they may go elsewhere to fertilize their eggs. What appears critical in their choice is that it's a good place to build their nest, one that is protected from

predation and disturbance.

The male's primary job is to defend a patch of cattails from other male blackbirds, from predators, from critters like me that might disturb the nesting



females. The word "defend" ran through my mind. It seemed appropriate right then. Washington state had begun to open back up from the coronavirus lockdown. I needed a plan to start moving outside my house without catching the virus. But countering the despair that had filled me seemed equally important. The lockdown had meant isolation, no face to face with friends, no plans to see family, canceled dreams for the coming months. The seclusion had zapped my motivation, my enthusiasm for much of anything. Much of my time had been spent staring out the window or watching the same movie over and over again.

This red-wing stood tall on the cattail, looking one way and then another. He was exposed to the open and yet didn't seem afraid. Not a quarter-mile away was an active Cooper's Hawk nest. These hawks specialize in capturing birds, and this blackbird would make the perfect meal. The red-wing must protect himself but also keep an eye out for his females. Male blackbirds in an area work together in watching for predators. Ornithologists have discovered that they change their calls when they see danger, and then all the males will take up that new call. It is the change that signals the threat and not the call itself.



Fledgling Red-winged Blackbird

Males will mob an American Crow or Red-tailed Hawk until they chase it out of the area and attack Great Blue Herons. All these birds represent threats to adults, nestlings, or eggs. It is a joint effort that helps each be successful. He left his perch and flew a low circle over his marsh. The blackbird landed on a far cattail, and there, he let out his *conk-la-ree* song while looking over his wetland. Content and assured was what he appeared to me.

A sense of hope welled up in me. This male looked confident about the future. Perhaps if he can beat the odds, so can I. With some diligence and help from others, we can defend ourselves from the virus and the despair that it has brought to our lives.



Red-winged Blackbird female

May 18, for the third time ever and all in this year we had **AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS** fly over the ridge where we live east of Washougal, there were 8 of these birds in this flock.

May 22, At the Juvenile Fish Facility ponds below Bonneville Dam Les Carlson spotted and photographed 3 **BLUE-WINGED TEAL**, a tough bird to find in Skamania County.



Blue-winged Teal, photo by Les Carlson

May 23, At the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site Cindy McCormack spotted an **ACORN WOODPECKER** and an **ASH-THROATED FLYCATCHER**, both rare birds in Clark County.

June 4, Cindy McCormack and Les Carlson and I did a social-distancing birding trip to South Prairie in Skamania County where Les was able to add **SORA** to his county list when we heard at least two calling there. Other sightings were a flyover **GOLDEN EAGLE** and a lingering female **GREEN-WINGED TEAL** which may have had an injured wing that prevented it from flying north to their breeding grounds.

June 10, a male **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE** made a brief stop near our bird feeders before moving on, we have only seen these birds a few times here in the last forty years.

June 19, While walking the dike at the Steigerwald Lake NWR in Washougal Eric Bjorkman heard a **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** and saw a **VESPER SPARROW**. This was a great year for chats in our area with multiple birds reported from several locations including Lower River Road, Steigerwald and Strawberry Island near North Bonneville. Vesper Sparrows are rare in Clark County and it may have either been one that came down the Gorge from the eastside or it may be an Oregon Vesper Sparrow, the most



Bullock's Oriole, photo by Wilson Cady

endangered of the six subspecies with a remnant population that nests on the South Sound Prairies near Fort Lewis. Most of their prairie habitat has been lost to development and encroachment by trees due to fire suppression.

July 4, The first **GRAY CATBIRD** for Skamania County was found by John Davis on the west loop of the Strawberry Island Trail below Bonneville Dam. John often walks this level trail that goes through some nice habitat that attracts a wide variety of birds on a regular basis and has found some great species there.

July 6, While futilely searching for the reported Gray Catbird on the Strawberry Island Trail, Susan and I counted 5 **YELLOW-BREASTED CHATS**, the most I have ever seen in Skamania County in one place.

July 9, Cindy McCormack, Les Carlson and I did another social-distancing trip, this time to the South Climb Road, FR80 in Skamania County. Along this road we found a **CALLOPE HUMMINGBIRD** near the junction with the FR8040 road, a family group of 4 **BLACK-BACKED WOODPECKERS** in the burn. Several **FOX SPARROWS** were calling from Buck Brush growing in some of the burnt areas that may have been members of the rare in Washington Thick-billed Fox Sparrow subspecies. Further up the road in Yakima County we spotted a couple of pair of **MOUNTAIN BLUE-BIRDS**.

July 18, John Davis photographed 3 **CANVASBACKS** flying over the Strawberry Island Loop Trail.

July 28, Birding along the Burnt Bridge Trail, Bob Flores found a **SOLITARY SANDPIPER** and a **SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER**. Solitary Sandpipers are not common in Washington and are not seen in Clark County every year.

Aug. 8, If south-bound shorebirds weren't enough of an indication of us being in the migration period, a **GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW** was in Bob Flores yard in Ridgefield.

Aug. 10, At Strawberry Island, John Davis found a **BREWER'S SPARROW**, a rare visitor from east of the Cascades shrub-steppe habitat.

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Aug. 11, 10 COMMON TERNS were found over Vancouver Lake by Randy Hill and seen by others too.

Aug 13, A hen HARLEQUIN DUCK with seven duckling were photographed by Les Carlson at the little White Salmon Fish Hatchery in Skamania County. This is the easiest and most reliable spot in our area to see them.



Harlequin Ducks, photo by Les Carlson

What was probably the most exciting local bird event this year was the successful nesting of a pair of Sandhill Cranes on the Ridgefield NWR.

As of August 20th, the cumulative Clark County year list is at 217 while 188 species have been reported from Skamania County.

The migration is underway and during the next two months out of place birds can show up anywhere so keep an eye on your feeders and water features for them. Rufous Hummingbirds will mostly be gone by the end of August followed by most of the insect-eating neo-tropical migrants like the flycatchers, vireos and warblers. Greater White-fronted Geese among the earliest returning waterfowl, with some already being reported from Vancouver Lake lowlands and the Ridgefield NWR.

Please continue to send me your sightings for this column and please visit the [Vancouver Audubon Afield Facebook](#) site where we welcome your sightings, photos, questions and comments.

By Wilson Cady



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Bird ID Challenge

Let's make use of those partial or poor photos or just birds that can be a challenge to ID! If there are identifiable features in the photo, submit your photo for our next challenge.

Uncertain about identification or if photo has enough info? Don't hesitate to send it in for discussion and review.

Of course, if you wish to share your good photos with your fellow VAS members, you are welcome to submit them for publishing. Send questions, comments, and submissions to [Cindy](mailto:Cindy@nwbirding@gmail.com) at nwbirding@gmail.com.

This month's challenge is a common local bird, but we seem to be missing some fairly important parts in this picture! Can you put a name to this bird? Identification and discussion will be in the next newsletter.



Can you identify this bird?

June's Bird ID Challenge Answer

It's that time of year. The time of the brown ducks. I hear "Ugh" quite a bit this time of year when viewing waterfowl! Don't despair! They are identifiable! But, of course, there is nothing wrong with listing it as duck species if you are uncertain.

This photo was actually taken in the spring, a good time to study the females (hens) when you can compare to the nearby colorful males (drakes). Certainly, not-quite-fully-grown youngsters can throw a wrench into the identification process!

Let's start with the basics. We have a bird (it has feathers). It's floating on top of water, propelling itself forward. It has a large flattened bill. This tells us that it is, indeed, a duck.

Size is difficult to judge on open water, especially when you can't compare with other known ducks, so we won't worry about overall size. It's not flying, so we can't use the speculum (the colored feathers in the secondaries and their coverts) as a clue.

However, we will look at the relative size and shape of the bill. It's a rather long and heavy bill in comparison to the head



June's quiz bird

size. Believe it or not, this is going to get us straight to our ID! See how the edge of the bill droops on the sides near the tip? We have a few duck species with this type of bill characteristic, the Northern Shoveler, the Cinnamon Teal, and the Blue-winged Teal.

The bill is not as ridiculously large and broad as a Northern Shoveler, nor does it have the bright orange color that a Northern Shoveler hen would have. A shoveler has such a heavy bill, it looks like it should tip forward! The shoveler's bill size and flat, sloping forehead make the head appear very small. She would also have a more red-brown eye than the dark brown eye of this bird.

So, that leaves us with the two teal as an option. They are actually in the same genus as the Northern Shoveler: *Spatula*. Fitting, isn't it?

Blue-winged Teal do have a very slight dip at the sides of the end of the bill, not quite as obvious and as "heavy" as this bird. Blue-wing females also typically have a grayer head with a stronger pattern and more of a diffuse white pattern at the base of the bill extending to the



Note the wide "droop" at the sides of the bill

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chin. This bird is more of an overall warm brown. Very plain, no striking patterns, which fits perfectly with a female **CINNAMON TEAL**.

By Cindy McCormack

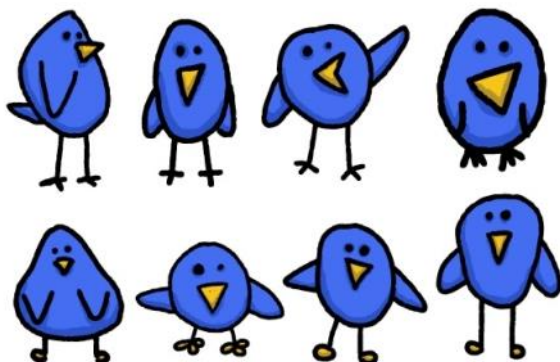


Cinnamon Teal, drake and hen, April 23. Photo by Cindy McCormack

Bonus COVID Quiz! What do these three birds have in common?



They are all wearing masks! Left to right: Masked Tityra, Masked Booby, Masked Duck



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Follow our page [@VancouverAudubon](https://www.facebook.com/VancouverAudubon) to get up-to-date announcements, news, and events from Vancouver Audubon! We also added a group page—you can find the group by just selecting the button “Visit Group” under our page banner. Join the group to share your nature photos and experiences, or to even get ID help!

NWR Updates

Ridgefield NWR

Auto Tour Route on the River "S" Unit is open to vehicle traffic **ONLY**. No bikes or pedestrian access at this time.

The Kiwa trail reopened Saturday August 8th. Visitors are asked to use the trail as a one-way counter clockwise loop to minimize the need to pass visitors in narrow areas and allow everyone to recreate safely and comfortably. Be aware that parking is limited on this popular trail so you may need to do a loop around the auto tour to wait for a spot to park. Parking is not allowed along the shoulders of the auto tour.

The Oaks to Wetlands Trail north of the large oak tree overlook (marked by interpretive panel and signage about restoration) will be closed to all public access on Thursdays to provide work crews safe distancing while they continue work in this restoration area. Please respect this closure for their safety and your own.

Gate Time -

Current gates times for the Auto Tour Route on the River 'S' Unit are: 6 AM - 8:30 PM. Check the website for gate times on the day of your visit. Note that gates close automatically. Vehicles must exit the Refuge before the gate closes and there is no entry before or after hours. Please expect increased traffic and long waiting times to navigate around the tour and plan accordingly.

There is no public access to bathrooms, informational kiosks, parking lots, refuge office and the viewing blind due to the inability to uphold necessary social distancing guidelines during the pandemic. The Refuge is fee free at this time.

Information current as of publication. Check the alerts on the [website](#) for current information.

Steigerwald Lake NWR

Closed to All Public Access for Restoration

The Steigerwald Reconnection Project has begun. To ensure the safety of our visitors and our crews, the Refuge's trails are closed to all public access at this time. This closure includes the Refuge's parking lot, restrooms, and access to both the Refuge's interior trails (currently) and the Columbia River Dike Trail (the levee trail) that parallels the Columbia River.

The Refuge Trails and Dike Trail east of Captain William Clark Park, will be closed to all public access between July 6th and October of 2020. Please respect this closure while habitat and public use opportunities are enhanced.

For more information, visit <https://www.refuge2020.info/steigerwald-reconnection-project>.

INJURED WILDLIFE: WHAT TO DO?



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**Injured Wildlife Hotline:
503-292-0304**

The nearest wildlife care and rehabilitation center is operated by Portland Audubon. Here are some general guidelines from their [Wildlife Care Center](#):

1. **Prioritize your safety**
2. **Safely contain the animal**
3. **Keep the animal calm and secure until you can take it to the Wildlife Care Center**
 - **Do not handle the animal** any more than necessary to contain it – this is for your protection as well as for the animal's well being. Wild animals are terrified of humans. They may fight back, try to flee, or freeze. Many people mistake the "freeze" behavior for tolerance or enjoyment of contact, when in reality it is a fear response. Limiting contact will reduce stress on the animal.
 - **Keep the animal in a warm, dark, and quiet space.** Keep them away from children and pets.
 - **Many animals benefit from a heating pad** set on low under half their enclosure, or a sock filled with dry rice and microwaved for 2-3 minutes.
 - **Do not feed the animal.**
 - **Be cautious when choosing to leave water.** Many wild animals do not drink standing water, and attempting to help them drink can result in pneumonia. In addition, if an animal spills its water and gets wet, it could get cold and may die. If in doubt, it is better not to leave water.

Bring the animal to the Wildlife Care Center as soon as you can. If you can't bring it to the center during our open hours, or you believe the animal is in critical condition and needs immediate attention after hours, the Wildlife Care Center has a partnership with the [24 hour Emergency Veterinary Hospital Dove Lewis](#). To get in touch with them, call (503) 228-7281.

If you are unable to transport to the care center, try calling Arden 360-892-8872. If he is available to transport a bird, you will be asked to donate a gas mileage compensation and a small donation for the Care Center for the care of the bird at the time of pick up.

The Wildlife Care Center admits native wild patients and operates its Injured Wildlife Hotline from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., 365 days a year.

Upcoming Events

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23/30	24/31	25	26	27 Condor Auction	28	29

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Virtual Program	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Science on Tap	25	26
27	28	29 Board Mtg	30			

Aug. 27 (Thursday): Ventana Wildlife Society On-line Auction

Sept. 1 (Tuesday): VAS Program: **Vaux's Happening**, Larry Schwitters, 7pm VIA Zoom

Sept. 24 (Thursday): Science on Tap presents Dr. Wenfei Tong, *Understanding Bird Behavior: An Illustrated Guide to What Birds Do and Why*, 7pm via Zoom and FB Live

Sept. 29 (Tuesday): VAS Board Meeting (via Zoom)

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