

# Columbia Flyway

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## From the VAS Board

By Joan Durgin

Spring is here and that means nesting is active and fledgling birds are around us. I would like to remind people about what to do if you find a baby bird sitting on the ground or another place that you don't think they are being cared for by the parents and/or at risk. The best action is to leave the young bird alone, but possibly try to protect it from potential wandering cats or other likely predators if possible. Usually the parents are watching and feeding the baby. If you feel the bird has prematurely fallen out of the nest and too young to be cared for on the ground, you can try to place it back into the nest. If you still want to ask someone what to do, fortunately the Bird Alliance of Oregon Wildlife Care Center in Portland is very experienced handling birds and so vested in caring for birds they can answer your questions 9:00am-5:00pm seven days a week at (503) 292-0304. Their website is also very helpful, especially if you need an answer after hours. <https://birdallianceoregon.org/our-work/rehabilitate-wildlife/found-a-wild-animal/baby-birds/>

Our chapter is growing, doing more outreach and needing more volunteers for several hours here and there. We are attending events with a table of educational items and photos, plenty of things to talk to people about birds and their habitat. We also have easy craft projects for attendees including assembling pre-cut birdhouses. This activity has been a hit with everyone that builds a box in just a few minutes. These events are fun visiting with youngsters and their parents and believe me the time flies. We could use a few more volunteers to commit to 2 hours or so for one or more events. I think you would enjoy it as much as I do.

Our newly elected board president is doing double duty by currently doing membership tasks. One volunteer to assist with this would be helpful to our chapter. Most of the tasks are automated so the time commitment is very little. The last request for volunteers is for one or two people to organize and assign birders for the annual Christmas Bird Count and then compile the data. Susan Setterberg has done a great job the last 8 years but is hoping to train someone else. She has this process well organized and will be available to answer any questions.



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## Generous Donations Received

The Vancouver Audubon Society would like to thank both **PARR Lumber** and **Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking** for their generous donations of wooden fence boards. Their donations will enable Vancouver Audubon, through our community outreach program, to build 100 bird houses. Throughout the year Vancouver Audubon Community Outreach program volunteers attend many different nature conservation and outdoor education events in Clark County. At these events, we assist school-aged children with the building of bird houses that they can then take home. Bird house building has been a very popular activity at all of the events we attend. It allows us to engage kids and their parents in a discussion of the importance of birds and their habitats.

Some of the birds that rely on cavities to nest include all of our woodpeckers, nuthatches, chickadees, bluebirds, Violet-green and Tree Swallows, European Starling, and some owls. Wood Ducks and mergansers also nest in cavities in large trees. So this donation goes a long way to home building for local cavity-nesting birds.

Thanks again to **PARR Lumber** and **Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking** for your generosity!



## Conservation Help Wanted

Track Clean Energy Projects in our Chapter Area

By Susan Saul

Climate change is the number one threat to birds, and Vancouver Audubon strongly supports renewable energy – including solar, wind, and geothermal power – as long as it is sited in ways that avoid, minimize, and mitigate negative impacts on birds and other wildlife. Audubon Washington has a least-conflict solar siting process that identifies areas of least conflict across the state using a stakeholder process and site-specific data. A growing list of wind and solar projects are popping up across the Columbia Plateau, including in Klickitat County. Currently, there are seven projects in Klickitat County and one project in Skamania County in the Vancouver Audubon area.

Audubon Washington has developed a Clean Energy Project Tracking Tool in spreadsheet format on Google Sheets to screen these projects for any impacts to birds and other wildlife or shrub-steppe habitat. Adam Maxwell, Audubon Washington's senior policy manager, is holding bi-monthly Zoom meetings with affected chapters to review these projects and share information.

**I am looking for a volunteer who is interested in these kinds of renewable energy projects and who would take the lead on organizing field trips to check out the sites on the ground, track where the projects are in the approval process, help develop Vancouver Audubon's comments and sit in on the Zoom meetings.**

If interested, please contact [conservation@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:conservation@vancouveraudubon.org).

## June 4, 2024—Hybridization between California and Gambel's Quail in California

**Speaker: David Zonana**

David worked in a hybrid zone between California and Gambel's quail in the deserts and mountains of southern CA for his dissertation. David is the new professor of Biology and Environmental Science at Clark College.



California Quail  
Brad Lewis /Audubon Photography Awards



Gambel's Quail  
Joseph Mahoney/Audubon Photography Awards

## September 3, 2024--To be Determined. Have a great summer!

The location of all IN-PERSON meetings is:

[Evergreen Public Schools Administration](#)  
[13413 NE LeRoy Haagen Memorial Drive](#)

Vancouver, WA

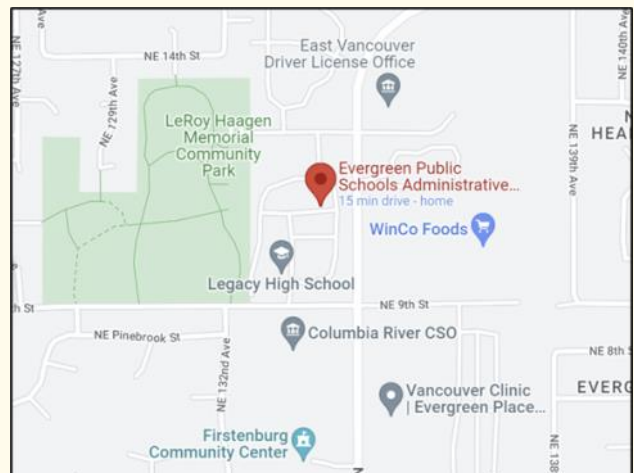
**6:30 pm – 7:00 pm** - Social time to share bird sightings, stories, and upcoming events

**7:00 pm – 8:15 pm** - Program

Programs are held the first Tuesday of the month except Jan, July, & August. All are welcome, we hope you will join us!

**Contact Jackson Wolfe for more information at**  
[meetings@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:meetings@vancouveraudubon.org). Please send all topic, speaker, and program suggestions and requests to Jackson.

*Enter the parking lot on the LeRoy Haagen Memorial Drive side. (If you navigate to LeRoy Haagen Park, your Google Maps should take you to the correct road).*





## June 22—Build Your Own Birdhouse Event

*by Jackson Wolfe*

The VAS' Build-Your-Own-Birdhouse kits have been a resounding success at many outreach events since we began them in Spring 2023. And thanks to donations from Rick Fencing and PARR Lumber, we have enough wood to make around 100 more kits! These kits take a lot of work to put together. As such, we are hosting a volunteer event on Saturday, June 22nd at Lewisville Regional Park to put these kits together. No prior experience is required, just bring a can-do spirit!

While open to everyone, this event will be run by our Young Birders' Club and is geared towards kids. So please bring your children or grandchildren and join us for a grand time! We will start the morning off with a bird walk, then reconvene at a shelter/firepit for volunteering and lunch. The VAS will provide refreshments, veggies, hotdogs, veggie dogs, and marshmallows for roasting. There will also be a potluck form sent out, though nothing is required. Please reach out to [youngbirders@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:youngbirders@vancouveraudubon.org) for more information!

To sign up for the event, please fill out this form.

### Overview:

- Location is Lewisville Park (shelter # TBD). There is a \$3 parking fee (financial assistance and carpooling available upon request)
- Birdwalk starts at 10:00 am, • Lunch and volunteering begins at noon, • Event ends at 3:00 pm (join for as much or little as you please)
- Food and drinks will be provided, potluck encouraged, • Games, instruments, and other activities are welcome
- While the park is shaded, sunscreen and water bottles are encouraged.

## Notes From Young Birders' Club

### News & Updates

Hello and happy-almost-summer!

As we approach 90-degree days and droughts, we find that the early-morning walks become increasingly active by comparison. As such, all of our walks will be starting at 7:30 am, rather than 8:00 am until fall.

Reminder: We want your art! Have any kids you know under 18 send in their photos, drawings, poetry...whatever! I would love to feature it in our newsletter.

The Young Birders' Club has had an exciting spring thus far and will continue to push forward into the summer. After a successful outreach event at Columbia Springs, we have many events and meetings planned in the coming months. With our continued work with the Clark County Juvenile Court, Washington School for the Blind, and newfound partnership with Columbia Springs, we have plenty of walks, meetings, and even day camps to look forward to this summer. Please join us for a fun time. See you there!

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas for our club, please feel free to share them with [youngbirders@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:youngbirders@vancouveraudubon.org). As always, tell your friends about us, and happy birding!

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—Katie and Jackson, YBC Leads

### Important Upcoming Events and Dates

Please [contact us](#) to sign up for any of these events!

- 05/22 Monthly Zoom Meeting
- 05/31-06/02 [Wenas Campout](#)
- 06/19 Monthly Zoom Meeting
- 06/22 Birdhouse Kits and Beginning-of-Summer Bonfire
- 06/26 Wintler Park Beach Cleanup w/ Watershed Alliance
- 06/29 BioBlitz @ Water Resource Center

# Young Birder's Club



**FREE** for ages 10-18



**2 to 3 meetings monthly,**  
in the field and online



**Learn from bird experts**



**Bird watching walks, art  
programs, research, and  
habitat restoration**



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## Join us at our next meeting!

See our website for schedule

[vancouveraudubon.org/young-birders-club](https://vancouveraudubon.org/young-birders-club)

[youngbirders@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:youngbirders@vancouveraudubon.org)

*American Bittern*  
Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge  
Photo by Jackson Wolfe

# VAS Bird Walks & Field Trips

Please visit the [VAS website](#) for up-to-date field trip details and requirements.

Please sign up for the email list to be notified when a field trip opportunity arises for short-notice field trips. If you want to be on this list, contact Randy Hill at re\_hill@q.com.

## Saturday, June 1

### First-of-Month Bird Walk—Vancouver Lowlands

**Meeting time:** 7:00am      **Leader:** Randy Hill      **Register:** Randy at [Re\\_hill@q.com](mailto:Re_hill@q.com) or text to 360-975-2573

**Meeting Location:** Meet at the Vancouver Lake flushing channel to scan the lake.

By 07:15 we will move to several areas that could include portions of Vancouver Lake hiking trails, Shillapoo Lake, Frenchman's Bar Park and Shillapoo Wildlife Area at the end of Lower River Road. Trip will end around noon with opportunities to drop out between sites. Carpooling as possible although total driving less than 10 miles. Spotting scopes highly encouraged, and bring Discover Pass and Clark County Regional Parks parking pass if you have one. Limit of 6 cars, 12 total participants.

## May 31—June 2

### Annual Wenas Audubon Campout near Selah, WA

Celebrate birds, bats, butterflies, botany, and the beauty of spring in eastern Washington. Audubon chapters and their friends gather for camping, birding, and exploring the Wenas Wildlife Area near Ellensburg, WA. This year will mark 61 years this event has occurred.

This casual and friendly gathering offers a variety of activities, including birding field trips, wildflower walks, field sketching, activities for the youngest explorers, and evening campfire presentations. Come for the weekend or a single day. There is no charge to attend and no registration is required. Donations are accepted for organizing costs, including sanitation service.

Information on dispersed camping, activities, and what to expect are on the website, [wenasaudubon.org](http://wenasaudubon.org), or [follow the group on Facebook](#) for current information.

## Saturday, May 25

### Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge

**Meeting time:** 7:00—11:00 am      **Leaders:** Ken Pitts, Beth Martin Lichter, and Stella Walk

**Register:** Ken at [kenp@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:kenp@vancouveraudubon.org).

**Meeting Location:** Gather at [parking lot](#) for Steigerwald Lake NWR off SR 14 east of Washougal (45.571534, -122.320238)

Target birds on this walk will include Lazuli Buntings and Yellow-breasted Chats who will have just arrived. The Mountain View Trail offers vistas over flooded areas being refreshed by The Columbia River with abundant waterfowl, raptors, and waders. A combined list will likely yield 70 plus species. The walk is about a 5 mile out and back hike at a 1 A classification for speed and slope (relatively slow and flat terrain.) It is geared for beginning to intermediate level birders, and all levels are welcome to join. Binoculars and spotting scopes are available for participants to use during the walk.

Please include your smartphone number in your registration email in case plans change. I'll include my number in my verification email. We plan on walking from the parking lot to the Seasonal Trail, make the loop, and then walk the 1.5 miles back to the parking lot. Bring plenty of water, calories, a hat, and sunscreen. I hope to see you there!



# VAS Bird Walks & Field Trips

## Tuesday, June 4 Salmon Creek Greenway

**Meeting time:** 7:30am      **Leaders:** Tom Tinsley and Don Rose      **Register:** Don at [vp@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:vp@vancouveraudubon.org)

**Meeting Location:** Park in the softball fields parking lot and meet by the restrooms.



*Common Yellowthroat*

*Photo: Don Rose*

The trail is approximately 3 miles one way and is paved, flat and wheelchair accessible. This trail has a variety of habitats to explore as it follows Salmon Creek through mature cottonwood and conifer forest, as well as riparian, wetland, lake, and open prairie habitats. Pretty much all the migrants will have arrived so we will have a large variety of songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl to look for. Expected species include a variety of ducks, particularly Ring-necked Duck and Wood Duck at Turtle Pond, Pied-billed Grebe, Barn, Tree, and Violet-green Swallow, Vaux's Swift, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Red-tailed Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Willow Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Warbling Vireo, Swainson's Thrush, and Kinglets. We could also find Pileated Woodpecker, Bald Eagle, and Barred Owl.

We will have scopes and extra binoculars if you need them. Just let me know when you register if you need them.

## Thursday, June 20 Summer Solstice Twilight Picnic

**Leader:** Randy Hill      **Register:** Randy at [re\\_hill@q.com](mailto:re_hill@q.com), call or text to 360-975-2573. There might not be phone or internet communication at the meeting site.

**Trip travel type expectations:** We will generally stationary from the meeting point.

**Pace:** You can hike around the area at your discretion for local nesting species.

Our main target species will be Common Nighthawk. Other species occur, with several breeding songbirds still singing and/or feeding young. Approaching dusk or darkness, owls are possible.

**Meeting time and location:** Meet at dinner time or after, but by 8:30pm, turning left (west) at the L-1300 Road junction with the L-1000 Road. Coordinates: 45.759814, -122.323966. This is the Cold Creek campground turnoff approximately 2 miles north of the Larch Mountain Correctional Facility where pavement turns to gravel. Stay as long as you want to enjoy constellations, planets and more satellites than you'd think where city light effects are diminished.

No limit of participants, although roadside pullouts are limited. Rocky road conditions vary but accessible to most low clearance vehicles along a dusty road.



*Common Nighthawk*      *Richard Stebbins/Audubon Photography Awards*

# VAS Bird Walks & Field Trips

**Saturday, June 8**

**Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve near Hillsboro, OR**

**Meeting time:** 7:30—10:30 am      **Leaders:** Ken Pitts, Beth Martin-Lichter, Stella Walk

**Register:** Email [kenp@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:kenp@vancouveraudubon.org)

**Meeting Location:** [Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve south parking lot of the Nature Center](#) (45.50068994382069, -122.99063513128398)

Jackson Bottom has received incredible habitat management to maximize the habitat suitability for waterfowl, waders, grassland, and forest birds! The walk is about a 2-mile loop hike at a relatively slow pace on flat terrain. This walk is geared for beginning to intermediate level birders.

Binoculars and spotting scopes are available for participants to use during the walk. Please indicate in your registration email if you need binoculars or would like a scope to use. If you include your smartphone #, then you can be contacted quickly if there are any changes of plans. When you register, Ken will send you a verification and his number. We hope to see you there!

If you are interested in carpooling, let Ken Pitts know in your registration email. We can set up carpools according to the people signing up. There will be a ride for everyone! Also indicate if you are willing to be a driver for a carpool.



*Green Heron*

*Ken Pitts, Fotofest 2022*

**Saturday, June 22**

**Milo McIver State Park near Clackamas, OR**

**Meeting time:** 7:30—10:30 am      **Leaders:** Ken Pitts, Beth Martin-Lichter, Stella Walk

**Register:** Email [kenp@vancouveraudubon.org](mailto:kenp@vancouveraudubon.org)

**Meeting Location:** [Milo McIver State Park upper parking lot](#) (45.29783734977293, -122.3744464888074)



*Craig Wallace Photography*

*American Goldfinch*

*Craig Wallace, Fotofest 2023*

Milo McIver State Park has forested paths, overlooks to the Clackamas River, open fields, a lake, the Sandy River (with American Dippers), and both coniferous and deciduous forest habitats. The walk consists of at least four different locations we will drive to and walk. The longest is about 2 miles, with the others rather short at a 1 A & 2 A classification for speed and slope (relatively slow and flat terrain.) It is geared for beginning to intermediate level birders.

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Since the last newsletter the wintering waterfowl and raptors have departed and been replaced by the migrants returning from their tropical wintering grounds. To me this is the most exciting season with new for the year species showing up on a nearly daily basis. While many of these birds will stay and nest locally some are only passing through our region on their way to their breeding grounds and are only here for a few days a year.

For any unusual birds in this report, I use the following rarity codes which are used on the state checklist as well as on each of the 39 county checklists available at:

[www.wabirder.com](http://www.wabirder.com)

- (1) Common,
- (2) Uncommon
- (3) Harder to find, usually seen annually,
- (4) Rare, 5+ records,
- (5) Fewer than 5 records

FOY denotes the first of the year sighting for a species in that county.

**April 15**, Karen Pickering who lives near Livingston Mountain reported the Clark County FOY **HAMMOND'S FLY-CATCHER** from her yard.

The Skamania County FOY **VAUX'S SWIFT** was seen by John Davis on Strawberry Island.



*Warbling Vireo*

*James Watts, Jr./Audubon Photography Awards*

**April 18**, the Clark County FOY **BANK SWALLOW** (3) was reported by Emily Buck from the Shillapoo Wildlife Area.

**April 19**, Jim Danzenbaker was at the Larch Mountain Spring Migration Viewpoint when he spotted Clark County's FOY **NASHVILLE WARBLER** and **YELLOW WARBLER**.

A **CALIFORNIA QUAIL** and **SEMIPALMATED PLOVER** (3) on the Ridgefield NWR Kiwa Trail found by an anonymous birder were the Clark County FOY sightings.

John Davis was birding on Strawberry Island when he spotted the Skamania County FOY **CLIFF SWALLOW**.

Jade Ujcic-Ashcroft was hiking the Dog Mountain Trail in Skamania County when she saw the FOY **CASSIN'S VIREO**.

**April 20**, Skamania County FOY **WESTERN FLYCATCHER** was reported by K.C. Anderson [from Beacon Rock State Park](#).

David Godfrey was at Beacon Rock State Park when he spotted the Skamania County FOY **WESTERN KINGBIRD** (4).

**April 21**, John Davis was walking the trails at Strawberry Island in Skamania County when he found the FOY **TOWNSEND'S WARBLER** and FOY **HAMMOND'S FLYCATCHER**.

A lingering **WHITE-THROATED SPARROW** (4) was a Skamania County FOY at our house.

Brian Pendleton had a **SORA** (4) at Curly Creek for a Skamania County FOY.

A **WESTERN FLYCATCHER** seen by K.C. Anderson at Hockinson Meadows was the Clark County FOY.

The Clark County FOY **BLUE-WINGED TEAL** was seen at the Ridgefield NWR - River S Unit by Megan H.

Clark County's FOY **WARBLING VIREO** was spotted by Mike Clarke at the Shillapoo Wildlife Area.

Cindy McCormack had the Clark County FOY **MACGILLI-**

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**VRAY'S WARBLER** at the Ridgefield NWR - Carty Unit.

Abby Haight saw the Clark County FOY **WESTERN KING-BIRD** (3) while at Shillapoo Lake.

**April 22**, Cindy McCormack checked the St. Cloud Wayside and found [the Skamania County FOY](#) **WARBLING VIREO** and **WILSON'S WARBLER**.

Samuel Holman was working near Wind River-Carson when he spotted the Skamania County FOY **HOUSE WREN**.

The Skamania County FOY **BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK** was at our feeders.

**April 23**, Kevin Black was birding on Strawberry Island where he identified a **GRAY FLYCATCHER** (4) for a Skamania County FOY and then had the FOY **LEAST SANDPIPER** at Skamania Landing. There are only a very few Gray Flycatcher records from this county.

The Clark County FOY **WESTERN Tanager** was reported by Jim Danzenbaker from the Larch Mountain Spring Migration Viewpoint.

Abby Haight had the Clark County FOY **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE** at Frenchman's Bar Park.

**April 24**, the Clark County FOY **BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK** was seen by Roger Windemuth at the Ridgefield NWR- River S Unit.

A **SOLITARY SANDPIPER** (3) reported by an anonymous birder at Ridgefield NWR-River S unit was the Clark County FOY.

Fred Howay saw a **WESTERN WOOD-PEWEE** in Vancouver for another [Clark County FOY](#).

The Skamania County FOY **MACGILLIVRAY'S WARBLER** was seen by Josh Barstow in Stevenson.

**April 25**, Carlos Splitstoser located a **RED-NECKED PHALAROPE** (3) at the Ridgefield NWR-River S Unit for the Clark County FOY.

The Skamania County FOY **GREEN HERON** (3) was found by John Davis on Strawberry Island

**April 26**, a **SAGE THRASHER** (5) found on Strawberry Island by John Davis was not only the Skamania County FOY but also only the second one that I have heard of in the county in fifty years.

On Strawberry Island, Josh Barstow saw the Skamania County FOY **RED-BREASTED MERGANSER** (4) and **SPOTTED SANDPIPER**.

**April 27**, Jim Danzenbaker had a **CALLIOPE HUMMINGBIRD** (3) at his home in Battle Ground for a Clark County FOY.

John Davis was doing his almost daily visit to Strawberry Island when he spotted the Skamania County FOY **WESTERN Tanager**.

**April 28**, the Clark County FOY **HERMIT WARBLER** was seen by Fred Howay at the Larch Mountain Spring Migration Viewpoint.

John Davis had the Skamania County FOY **HERMIT WARBLER** the same day on Strawberry Island.

**April 29**, Jim Danzenbaker had a Clark County FOY (4) **DUSKY FLYCATCHER** in Battle Ground.



Sage Thrasher

Evan Barrientos/Audubon Rockies

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Les Carlson had the Clark County FOY **OLIVE-SIDED FLY-CATCHER** at Teeny Park in Hazel Dell.

Skamania County's FOY **DUSKY FLYCATCHER** (3) and **YELLOW WARBLER** were reported by John Davis from Strawberry Island.

**April 30**, a **RED-NECKED GREBE** (3) seen on Lacamas Lake by Andrew Annear was a Clark County FOY.

**May 1**, Ken Vanderkamp was on the Vancouver Lake North Trail when he spotted the Clark County FOY **YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT** (3), these birds are among the later migrants, so this was a very early date to find one here.

**May 2**, Jen Sanford found the Clark County FOY **LAZULI BUNTING** at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Clark County's FOY **SWAINSON'S THRUSH** was seen by BB Heron at Salmon Morgan Creek.

**May 3**, on Strawberry Island, Josh Barstow located **PYGMY NUTHATCH** (5) and **LAZULI BUNTING**, both were Skamania County FOY birds and there are only a couple of other records of Pygmy Nuthatch in that county.

**May 6**, an **EARED GREBE** (4) seen by Jim Danzenbaker at the Vancouver Lake Flushing Channel was another Clark County FOY.

Cindy McCormack, Les Carlson and I found the Skamania County FOY **BULLOCK'S ORIOLE** on Strawberry Island.

**May 7**, a **SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER**, another Clark County FOY was found by Jim Danzenbaker at the Ridgefield NWR-River S Unit.

**May 9**, Ken Pitts birded the Ridgefield NWR-River S Unit and found a Clark County FOY **PECTORAL SANDPIPER**.

**May 10**, **LEWIS'S WOODPECKER** (4) and **PALM WARBLER** (4) were Clark County FOY birds seen by Jim Danzenbaker, Cindy McCormack, Shawneen Finnegan, and Dave Irons at the Larch Mountain Spring Migration Viewpoint.

C.J. Flick saw the Skamania County FOY **WESTERN WOODPEWEE** at the St. Cloud Wayside.

**May 11**, a **WILLOW FLYCATCHER** seen by Robert Vanderkamp at the Ridgefield NWR-Carty Unit was a Clark County FOY.

**May 13**, Jim Danzenbaker saw a **LONG-BILLED CURLEW** (4) at Shillapoo Lake for a Clark County FOY.

**May 16**, a **BLACK-NECKED STILT** (4) was seen by Robert Vanderkamp in the ponds at the end of Lower River Road in the Vancouver Lake lowlands. One had been reported over the winter from the Ridgefield NWR and this may have been the same bird.

By the end of May, the local breeding species should be back with Common Nighthawks and Red-eyed Vireos being among the last species to return. Please continue to send me your sightings or enter them into eBird for use in this column and the year list project of compiling all the species seen in each county by anyone this year. As of May 15<sup>th</sup>, there have been 209 species reported from Clark County for the 2024 Washington County Cumulative Year List Project and in Skamania County the list is now at 169. These lists of all the birds reported in each county are updated every two months and can be seen at [Washington Birder \(wabirder.com\)](http://WashingtonBirder.com)



Red-winged Blackbird

Steve Bredthauer/Fotofest 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>June 2024</b>						
					Wenas Campout 5/31– 6/2	1 Bird Walk— Vancouver Low- lands
2	3	4 Bird Walk— Salmon Creek Greenway Program: Quail hybridization	5	6	7	8 Bird Walk— Jackson Bottoms
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 YBC Zoom Meeting—6 pm	20 Solstice picnic	21	22 Bird Walk—Milo McIver Birdhouse kits
23	24	25	26 Wintler Park beach cleanup	27	28	29 BioBlitz-- Water Resource Center

**June 1 (Sat):** First-of-Month-Bird Walk—Vancouver Lowlands

**June 4 (Tues):** Bird Walk at Salmon Creek Greenway

**June 4 (Tues):** Program—Hybridization Between Quails

**June 8 (Sat):** Bird Walk at Jackson Bottoms

**June 19 (Wed):** Young Birders Zoom meeting

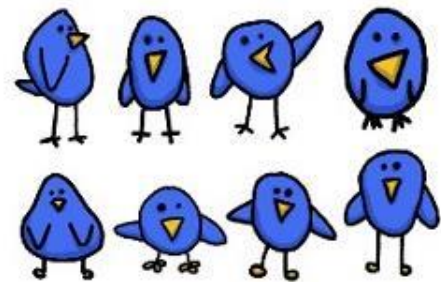
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**June 22 (Sat):** Bird Walk at Milo McIver State Park

**June 22 (Sat):** Birdhouse kit assembly at Lewisville Park

**June 26 (Wed):** Wintler Park beach cleanup

**June 29 (Sat):** BioBlitz at Water Resource Education Center



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