



Audubon

Audubon Council of Washington Annual Meeting 2019:

Achieving Success: What it looks like when we're 100% committed

Friday, September 27, 2019
Center
2:30pm - 8:00pm
98661

Vancouver Water Resources Education
4600 SE Columbia Way | Vancouver, WA

AGENDA

| WHEN | WHAT | WHO |
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| 2:30-3:30pm | Education Committee Meeting - <i>Building a robust volunteer-led program</i> | Tahoma Audubon |
| 3:30 | WaSACC Meeting - <i>Introduction to our statewide advocacy agenda-setting</i> - <i>Chapter resolution adoption</i> - <i>Breakout sessions on statewide priorities</i> | Teri Anderson, Adam Maxwell, Trina Bayard, Christi Norman, Chapter Leaders |
| 4:30 | Share identified issues and roles in each statewide priority | ALL |
| 5pm | Workshop - <i>Working with industry and agencies to address the needs of birds in renewable energy projects across the state.</i> | Maria Ruth Black Hills Audubon |
| 6:00pm | Dinner catered by Blind Onion Pizza | |
| 6:30pm | Owl Program - <i>How can owls capture prey while hurtling through dense woods at night? Learn about owl adaptations and tips on identifying our local owls.</i> | Carlo Abbruzzese, Natural Areas Manager WDFW |
| 8:00pm | ADJOURN | |



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Saturday, September 28, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
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| WHEN | WHAT | WHO |
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| 8:00 AM | Morning bird walk along the Columbia River | Sam Neuffer, Vice President Vancouver Audubon |
| 9:00 | Registration and name tag pickup | ALL |
| 9:30 | Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Remembering and Honoring Helen Engle</i> - <i>Volunteer of the Year Award</i> - <i>The Helen Engle Advocacy Center</i> | Arden Hagen, President Vancouver Audubon Eric Gardner, Wildlife Program Director WDFW Charley Wilkinson, Interim Director Audubon Washington |
| 10:00 | Audubon's Migratory Bird Initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Protecting birds across their full life cycle</i> | Jill Deppe, Senior Director, Migratory Bird Initiative National Audubon |
| 10:45 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00 | Celebrating our Successes: Wins for the Birds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Changing the Dialogue Around Climate</i> - <i>Filling Data Gaps with Volunteer Science</i> - <i>Building Community Support for Education: Dungeness River Audubon Center</i> - <i>The Power of Grassroots: Stopping Fossil Fuel Transport</i> | Adam Maxwell, Government Relations Director Audubon Washington Christi Norman, Program Director Audubon Washington Charley Wilkinson Dr. Trina Bayard, Director of Bird Conservation Audubon Washington |

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| 12:00 | GROUP PHOTO and LUNCH | |
| 1:00 | Building the Audubon of the Future: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduction by David Ringer</i> - <i>Overview of Audubon's Campus Chapter Program</i> - <i>A youth leaders' journey into Audubon</i> | David Ringer, Chief Network Officer National Audubon Gustavo Figueroa, Campus Chapter Program Manager National Audubon Natasha Kacoroski Eastside Audubon |
| 2:00 | BREAK | |
| 2:15 | Workshop: Climate 2.0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Update to the 2014 Birds & Climate Report</i> | Dr. Trina Bayard and Charley Wilkinson |
| 3:15 | Concurrent Workshops: (select one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Strategic Conservation Campaigns: the nuts and bolts of developing and running campaigns</i> - <i>Chapter Capacity Building: Utilizing the Climate 2.0 report to reach chapter goals</i> | Adam Maxwell and Ben Silesky, Field Organizer Audubon Washington Teri Anderson, Chapter Network Manager Audubon Washington and Gustavo Figueroa |
| 4:15 | Wrap Up and Evaluation | Charley Wilkinson |
| 4:30 | ADJOURN & RECEPTION | |

POST-MEETING RECEPTION

Wine, beer & appetizers hosted by Audubon Washington
Catered by [Simply Thyme](#)

Location: 4600 SE Columbia Way | Vancouver, WA 98661

BIOGRAPHIES

Jill Deppe – Jill is the Senior Director of Audubon's Migratory Bird Initiative. Jill has two decades of experience studying the migration ecology of birds, with a primary focus on Mexico and Cuba, to understand how changing land cover/land use, habitat quality and atmospheric conditions impact their migratory movements, stopover ecology and survival. These results have provided the basis for science-based conservation solutions, such as the identification of critical habitat for migratory songbirds and coastal restoration around the Gulf of Mexico.

Gustavo Figueroa – Gustavo Figueroa is the Student Outreach Associate for Audubon's Campus Chapter Program. He recently graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin where he majored in Biology and Environmental Studies with a focus on International Policy. While at Lawrence, Gustavo was involved in social change efforts to improve his community and helped create student-run organizations that would provide a support system for other latinx students, and work together with science faculty to

improve their EDI (equity, diversity and inclusion) efforts. With this experience he is helping the development of the Campus Chapter Program and meeting the goal of 150 campus chapters by the end of 2020.

Carlo Abbruzzese – Carlo will share stories of his research on Screech-Owl hunting behavior as well as seasonal work with Northern and Mexican spotted owls in Oregon, Washington and New Mexico. He will also give tips on how to identify the owls found in Southwest Washington by sight and sound. Abbruzzese is a Natural Areas Manager for the Washington Department of Natural Resources. He holds a B.A. in biology from Lewis & Clark College and an M.S. in Biology from Eastern Kentucky University, where studied the hunting behavior of Eastern Screech-owls.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY:

Morning Walk along the Columbia River outside the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center

Date: Saturday, September 28th **Time:** 8:00am- 9:00 am

Meeting Location: Vancouver Water Resources Education Center, [4600 SE Columbia Way|Vancouver, WA 98661](https://www.wa.gov/locations/4600-se-columbia-way-vancouver-wa-98661)

Leader: Sam Neuffer, Vice President, Vancouver Audubon

Details: The Water Resources Education Center is caretaker to one of the metropolitan area's few remaining natural Columbia River riparian areas - nearly 50 acres of protected wetlands that represent some of the most significant and fragile natural resources within the region. Start your day with a bird walk through the riparian zone. Expected birds are flycatchers, warblers, woodpeckers, ducks, sparrows, finches, and birds of prey.

25 participant maximum

SUNDAY:

Field trip to the Vancouver Lake Lowlands

Date: Sunday, September 29th **Time:** 7:00am-2:00pm

Meeting Location: Fort Vancouver-Officers Row, 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd, the first parking lot east of the traffic circle at Ft. Vancouver Way and East Evergreen Blvd. The lot is directly opposite the Eatery at the Grant House.

Leader: Cindy McCormack, Vancouver Audubon Society

Details:

Vancouver Lowlands: A diked remnant of the vast floodplain at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, west of Vancouver, the Vancouver Lowlands attract many of the same species as the adjacent Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge to the north. Birding can be excellent here from early fall through late spring, when wintering species congregate. This trip will concentrate on the hotspots of the area: Vancouver Lake, Shillapoo Wildlife Area, Frenchman's Bar, and possibly La Framboise/Fruit Valley access. In late September, we should still be able to find some late migrant passerines and shorebirds as well as the arriving massive flocks of wintering waterfowl and Sandhill Cranes.

Vancouver Lake: The influx of fresh water at the flushing channel attracts fish and the birds that feed on them. Loons, Western Grebes, and Double-crested Cormorants winter here. Occasionally a Red-necked or Clark's Grebe can be spotted among them. The park has ornamental trees and thick plantings of shrubs throughout the park attract migrant and wintering passerines. At the north end of the park is a deciduous forest trail that can be very productive.

Shillapoo Wildlife Area is excellent for wintering waterfowl when hunters are not present (season should not open until October). This area is also one of the go-to areas for shorebirds in Clark County. This area will be accessed from the end of Lower River Road and the east entry near the north trail at Vancouver Lake.

Frenchman's Bar Park has a short trail through the cottonwoods along the Columbia River, as well as views of parts of Crane's Landing. This site can be good for movements of migratory birds and vagrant species.

Dress for the weather, bring water, snacks, and a lunch. Don't forget your binoculars! Spotting scopes are useful, and one will be available for sharing.

Field trip to the Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Date: Sunday, September 29th **Time:** 8:00am-12:00pm

Meeting Location: Captain William Clark Park, 3333 Index St, Washougal, Washington 98671 (park in the furthest east lot after using restrooms, see attached map)

Leader: Ken Pitts, Gorge Refuge Stewards

Details: 4 mile walk on flat, hard-packed gravel, no elevation gain.

Whether you are new to birding or have been watching them your whole life, Ken Pitts offers easy and interesting ways to learn about the amazing world of our feathered friends. Ken taught high school science for over 30 years before moving to Portland and changed his career slightly to working with Oregon Metro. As a Secondary Outreach Specialist he leads in classroom lessons on sustainability related topics like climate change, consumption, and recycling. He has been birding at Steigerwald for the past 6 years and has seen and photographed 177 of the 206 species of birds seen on the Refuge. As a volunteer for the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the [Gorge Refuge Stewards](#), the Friends Group of the Refuge, Ken will also give an overview of the upcoming \$26 million dollar restoration project which will reconnect 960 acres of Columbia River floodplain enhancing both salmon and waterfowl habitat. The diversity of habitats including riparian woodlands, fields, wetlands, creeks, and lakes ensures you will see a variety of species during the morning. The most exciting birds to see at the Refuge are American Bitterns and Northern Harriers. To see the most recent sightings, visit the Refuge's ebird page: https://ebird.org/region/USFWS_384?yr=all. **15 participant maximum**



ALL-WEEKEND ACTIVITIES: On your own or for your partner!

The [Wings Over Willapa](#) bird festival on the Long Beach Peninsula

Dates: September 26-29

Details: The Wings Over Willapa bird festival offers guided tours, workshops, art, presentations and events for all ages and skill levels.

The [Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge](#)

Details: There is a \$3.00 entrance fee for non-commercial vehicles. They only take cash or check - no debit/credit cards. Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge protects more than 5,200 acres of marshes, grasslands and woodlands, and offers our best chance at seeing sandhill cranes.

