

February 16, 2013

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123 Main St
City, State, Zip






Dear XXX,

In an old growth forest near the Pacific Ocean, a remarkable bird builds a nest. The marbled murrelet, together with her bonded mate, finds a moss-cloaked tree to lay her egg. She carefully rests while her mate heads to sea to feed on silverfish. They take turns, each protecting the egg until one day it hatches. The chick grows and his feathers begin to change. He realizes it's time to leave the old growth forest and make his way to the sea.

Marbled murrelets are delicate creatures. They spend their time between old growth forests and the sea. Their dwindling numbers tell us that they're struggling; their habitat is disappearing and their food sources are diminished. This little bird needs our help.

Join us in our effort to save the last protected tracks of marbled murrelet habitat in Washington.

Seattle Audubon is working on specific actions to help defend this species and its habitat.

-  We are challenging a recent decision that would allow logging on 12,120 of old forest marbled murrelet habitat in the Southwest Washington.
-  We are pressing the Washington Department of Natural Resources to fulfill its obligation to develop a long term conservation strategy for marbled murrelets on state managed land.
-  Because much of the murrelet's habitat is on land the state manages, we are exploring other options for the state to be able to find funding for schools, construction, rural hospitals, and other local government expenses. We are working closely with the Department of Natural Resources to find new ways to fund these important community services without sacrificing vital murrelet habitat.

Protect the vital forest that sustains this amazing species. Stand with Seattle Audubon and defend the forests, oceans, and birds that sustain the community of life.

As a valued member of Seattle Audubon, I need your help in reaching our goals. Your donation today can help mobilize efforts to save the marbled murrelet and the old growth forests it relies on.

You can help by:

- ✦ Donating today! Your funds will go towards supporting advocacy efforts for the marbled murrelet in Washington State.
- ✦ Write a letter in support of securing habitat for the marbled murrelet. Visit www.seattleaudubon.org for letter templates and other opportunities to get involved.
- ✦ Go birding! Join us on a field trip and maybe spot one of these incredible birds along the way.

Since 1916, we have served the Pacific Northwest in working to protect birds and the environment. It is issues like this that make Seattle Audubon a crucial voice for species that are facing massive loss of habitat and are in danger of extinction. Join me today and help us show the Department of Natural Resources how valuable this species is.

Sincerely,



Shawn Cantrell
Executive Director



P.S. The marbled murrelet population is already on the decline in Washington State. By contributing today, your donation will help fuel our conservation plan for this incredible bird and make an impact for years to come.

