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- **Best seasons for birding** (spring, summer, fall, winter)
- **Developed camping** available, including restrooms; fee required
- **Restroom** available at day-use site
- **Handicapped restroom** and handicapped trail or viewing access
- **Site located in an Important Bird Area**
- **Fee required**. Passes best obtained prior to travel.


LOCAL SERVICES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Washington Visitor Information: www.experiencewashington.com
Sites 1-4: Cle Elum-Roslyn Chamber of Commerce 509-674-5958 www.cleelumroslyn.org
Sites 5-16: Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce 888-925-2204 www.ellensburg-chamber.com
Sites 17-29: Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau 800-221-0751 www.visityakima.com
Sites 41-44: Tourism Walla Walla 877-998-4748 www.wallawalla.org
Sites 47-51: Greater Goldendale Chamber of Commerce 509-773-3400 www.goldendalechamber.org
Sites 52-53: Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce 866-493-3630 www.mtadamschamber.com

ABBREVIATIONS

- BLM – US Bureau of Land Management
- CORPS – US Army Corps of Engineers
- DNR – Washington Dept. of Natural Resources
- USFS (FS) – US Forest Service
- USFWS – US Fish and Wildlife Service
- WDFW – Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
The Great Washington State Birding Trail

**Gold Creek Pond**

**HABITAT:** USFS firs, black cottonwoods; willow wetlands, red osier dogwoods and monkey flowers around 15-acre pond.

**BIRDING:** Great for kids! See Yellow Warblers, Song and White-crowned Sparrows during summer plus Buffleheads, Mallards, and Canada Geese. Into fall, find Dark-eyed Juncos, Barn and Violet-green Swallows, Gray and Steller’s Jays, Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees. Bald Eagles eat spawning salmon. Vaux’s Swifts swoop for insects.

**VIEWING:** Walk trails along lakeshore. Bird by boat to marsh.

**ACCESS:** From I-90, take exit 54 (Hyak /Gold Creek). Turn north, then turn right onto Gold Ck Rd. Drive 0.9 mile. Park on left before bridge. Winter birding: at second stop sign in park, veer left to day-use parking.

**2 Lake Easton State Park**

**HABITAT:** State’s 1000 acres of fir, pine and vine maple forest; seasonal lake spring-fall, reverting to rivers in winter.

**3 Cooper Lake**

**HABITAT:** USFS 120-acre lake with marsh; shrubby shoreline, fir forest.

**BIRDING:** Harlequin Ducks and some Common Goldeneyes nest here. Listen for lilting forest songs of Western Tanagers, Olive-sided Flycatchers plus Varied, Hermit, and Swainson’s Thrushes. Rufous Hummingbirds zip by shoreline; Tree and Violet-green Swallows zoom over water.

**VIEWING:** Walk trails along lakeshore. Bird by boat to marsh.

**ACCESS:** From I-90, take exit 80 (Roslyn/Salmon la Sac). Turn north on unsigned road toward Roslyn. Drive 5.7 miles, continuing straight at 1st traffic circle. At 2nd traffic circle, continue straight onto N Hwy 903/N 1st St. Drive 2.2 miles through Roslyn. Turn left onto W Nevada Ave. Drive 1.4 miles. Turn left onto FS Rd 46 (crossing Cle Elum River). Drive 4.6 miles. Turn right onto FS Rd 4616. Drive 0.8 mile to Ohwi Campground or continue 0.2 mile to boat launch.

**MORE BIRDING:** Drive back 5.3 miles toward Roslyn. Just before bridge over river, turn right into gravel parking area. Vaux’s Swifts dive-bomb insects by bridge at dusk in summer.

**4 Northern Pacific Pond**

**HABITAT:** Mile-long ribbon of ponds, wetlands along Yakima River owned by Yakama Tribe, county.


**VIEWING:** From kiosk, walk 0.3 mile both ways along road edge, look down to ponds. Ospreys nest on platform to west in summer. Bonus: interpretive panels on natural and human history.

**ACCESS:** In Cle Elum on 1st St W, turn south onto S Cle Elum Wy. Drive 0.3 mile. Turn right onto Charter Rd at Cle Elum Hatchery sign. Drive 0.5 mile. Park on right across from kiosk.
**Access:** From I-90, take exit 101 (Thorp Hwy/Thorp). Turn south onto S Thorp Hwy. Drive 0.7 miles. Turn right onto Killmore Rd. Drive 2.4 miles. At T, turn right onto Robinson Canyon Rd. Drive 1.9 miles (gate at 1.5 miles opens May 1). Park at boulders.

**Birding:** Everybody sings in spring: Black-headed Grosbeaks, Rock Wrens, Orange-crowned and Wilson’s Warblers. Enjoy bright show-offs – Western Tanagers, Lazuli Bunting, Bullock’s Orioles – while plumage of Townsend’s Solitaires blends with foliage, Killdeer with gravel.

**Viewing:** Cross footbridge over creek; walk 0.2 mile to left on old road or follow informal streamside paths.

**Access:** From I-90, take exit 93 (Taneum Creek/Elk Heights Rd). Turn north onto Elk Heights Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right onto Thorp Prairie Rd. Drive 3.6 miles. Turn right onto E Taneum Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right onto W Taneum/FS Rd 33. Drive 3.3 miles to Taneum Creek fishing access. Turn left onto road, park by barrier.

**More Birding:** Quartz Mountain – High-altitude birding in stunning location with summer wildflower smorgasbord. See Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds, Clark’s Nutcrackers, Gray Jays and Common Ravens. From Taneum Creek, drive west 5.1 miles. Turn left at Y onto FS Rd 3330. Drive 8.5 miles. Turn right at Y onto FS Rd 3120. Drive 4.1 miles. Turn right at T onto FS Rd 3100. Drive 5.1 miles (staying left at Ys). Park in day-use area.

**Red Top Mountain**

**Habitat:** USFS mountaintop with high-elevation hemlocks, firs.

**Birding:** Migration features Cooper’s and Sharp-shinned Hawks, Goshawks, American Kestrels, Merlins, Peregrine and Prairie Falcons, plus Bald and Golden Eagles. Perhaps spot Sooty Grouse but count on flocks of Northern Flickers and troops of “camp robber” Gray Jays.

**Viewing:** Hawk watching best 10 am-3 pm; use scope at lookout.

**Access:** From Hwy 97 at milepost 156.4, turn west on FS Rd 9738. Drive 2.6 miles. Turn left onto FS Rd 9702. Drive 4.2 miles. Turn right. Drive 0.3 mile. Park. Hike 0.5-mile trail to USFS lookout. Caution: Rough road.

**Swauk Forest Discovery Trail**

**Habitat:** USFS 1,200 acres, mixed coniferous forest logged in the 1980s.

**Birding:** Young trees harbor Cassin’s Finches, Pine Siskins, Western Wood-Pewees. Listen for Olive-sided Flycatchers. Glimpse patterns of yellow/orange-and-black feathers: Evening Grosbeaks, Western Tanger, Townsend’s Warblers. Chipping Sparrows forage on ground. Turkey Vultures soar above.

**Viewing:** 2.8-mile trail loops through managed forest. Best in morning.

**Access:** From Hwy 97 at milepost 163.8, turn east onto FS Rd 9716. Drive 0.4 mile. Park in lot.

**Lion Rock**

**Habitat:** USFS subalpine firs, lodge pole and ponderosa pines, and mountain meadow.

**Birding:** When snow melts, Chipping Sparrows, Rufous and Calliope Hummingbirds, and Hermit Thrushes arrive to join Sooty Grouse, Mountain Chickadees, Great Horned Owls, Black-backed and Three-toed Woodpeckers. In fall, see raptor migrants: American Kestrels; Cooper’s, Red-tailed, and Sharp-shinned Hawks; occasional Northern Goshawks, plus Bald and Golden Eagles.

**Viewing:** Walk rough road 0.2 mile to panoramic overlook of Swauk and Teanaway valleys, and Mt Stuart. Scope fall hawk migration.

**Access:** From I-90, take exit 106 (Ellensburg/Wenatchee). Turn north toward Ellensburg. At 4-way intersection, stay straight onto Business 90/University Wy. Drive 0.6 mile. Turn left onto Reecer Creek Rd. Drive 11.5 miles. Reecer Creek Rd becomes FS Rd 35. Drive 10.5 more miles, veering right at 1 Y, then left at next two Ys. Turn left onto FS Rd 124. Drive 0.3 mile to gravel parking.

**Whiskey Dick Wildlife Area**

**Habitat:** WDFW 28,000 acres of shrub-steppe.

**Birding:** THE place to commune with birds of the sage: Long-tailed Sage Thrashers, azure Mountain Bluebirds; shy Rock Wrens. Listen for arias of Brewer’s Sparrows; spy Sage and Vesper Sparrows on ground.

**Viewing:** Site opens May 1. Walk west up dirt road 1 mile. Bonus: spring wildflowers, elk.

**Access:** From I-90, take exit 106 (97 N Ellensburg/Wenatchee). At 4-way stop, continue straight onto University Wy/Vantage Hwy. Drive 20 miles. At milepost 18.4 on Vantage Hwy, turn north into WDFW parking.
The Great Washington State Birding Trail

11 Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park

HABITAT: 7,500 acres of shrub-steppe, basalt cliffs on Columbia River.

BIRDING: Spring features greatest bird numbers and variety: Caspian Terns, Double-crested Cormorants, Horned and Eared Grebes bob on river while Bank and Cliff Swallows fly above. Canyon and Rock Wrens sing as foliage comes alive with Say’s Phoebes, Yellow-rumped and Orange-crowned Warblers. Winter headliners are Common Loons, Bald and Golden Eagles, Western Grebes, Common Goldeneyes, Buffleheads, Ring-necked and Long-tailed Ducks.

VIEWING: Take 0.1 mile, ADA Indian Picture Rocks Trail to out-of-the-way river overlook. Check trees and shrubs around center. Use scope to scan river below cliffs. Bonus: Museum, petrified trees, petroglyphs.

ACCESS: From I-90, take exit 136 (Vantage). Turn north onto Vantage Hwy. Drive 0.7 mile. Turn right onto Ginkgo Ave. Drive 0.5 mile to Interpretive Center parking.

MORE BIRDING: Columbia River – From center, return to park entrance. At Y, veer right onto unnamed paved road. Drive 0.5 mile down hill. At T, turn right. Drive 0.2 mile, go around barriers, park on right. Bird at water’s edge; walk left on old roadway along river.

Trees of Stone (spring) – From center, return on Ginkgo Ave, turn right (west) onto Vantage Hwy. Drive 2 miles. At Vantage Hwy milepost 25.5, turn north into parking. Walk up hill, examine grove of trees for Cassin’s Finches, Golden- and White-crowned Sparrows. Take 1.5-mile Trees of Stone Interpretive Trail and 2.5-mile Desert Trail through shrub-steppe for Northern Shrikes, Western Meadowlarks, Sage Thrashers, Sage and Brewer’s Sparrows. Boat Launch (winter) – From center, return on Ginkgo Ave, turn left (east) onto Vantage Hwy. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left onto Boat Ramp Rd. Drive 0.2 mile. Park by picnic tables. Take short ADA trail to picnic table for view of 2 small bays; watch Northern Pintails, Redheads, Buffleheads, and Long-tailed Ducks.

12 Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park

HABITAT: Municipality’s 117 acres of grass, floodplain, riparian woods along Yakima River.

BIRDING: Terrific for beginning birders or birders who like LOTS of birds, especially in spring. See American Goldfinches, Golden and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Western Tanagers; Tree, Violet-green, and Northern Rough-winged Swallows, and occasional Wood Ducks. Summers feature Ospreys, Yellow Warblers, Black-headed Grosbeaks, and House Wrens. On winter ponds, watch Ring-necked Ducks, Buffleheads, Common Mergansers, Canada Geese, Pied-billed Grebes; and American Dippers on river. Year-round, watch Black-capped Chickadees, Belted Kingfishers, Northern Flickers, Downy Woodpeckers.

13 Wenas Wildlife Area: Umtanum Falls

HABITAT: WDFW 500 acres of aspens, hawthorns, and shrubs along creek within 105,000-acre wildlife area.


VIEWING: Walk 1-mile path by brook to waterfall. Caution: Do not cross to other side of waterfall where surface is loose, steep, and slippery.

ACCESS: From I-90, take exit 109 (Ellensburg/Canyon Rd). Turn north onto Canyon Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Umtanum Rd. Drive 10.2 miles. Turn left into WDFW parking.

MORE BIRDING: Yakima Valley Audubon’s Vredenburgh Bluebird Trail – Mostly Western and some Mountain Bluebirds nest in 132 boxes along 13 miles of fence line, starting at mile 6.7.

14 Wenas Creek

HABITAT: 3 distinct landscapes within DNR/WDFW 2,600 acres: riparian foliage, meadows with ponderosa pines, brushy hillsides.


VIEWING: Opens May 1st. After exploring camping area, walk or bike 0.3 mile west and take old road 1.5 miles along south fork of Wenas Creek. Also hike hillside. Bonus: Annual Audubon Society family campout Memorial Day weekend with informal naturalist workshops: www.audubon.org. Caution: summer weekend crowds.

ACCESS: From I-90, take exit 109 (Ellensburg/Canyon Rd). Turn north onto Canyon Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Umtanum Rd/N Wenas Rd. Drive 18.7 miles. Turn right onto Audubon Rd. Drive 2.7 miles. Turn left toward Dry Creek. Drive 0.1 mile, crossing bridge. Park anywhere.

15 Ringer Loop Nature Trail

HABITAT: BLM 200 acres of meadows, cottonwood groves and ponderosa pines; WDFW restoration of 176 acres along Yakima River.

VIEWING: Best dawn and dusk. Walk 1-mile loop through woods, around ponds, and by river. Or take perimeter road, return on path. Bonus: Monthly Audubon 1st Saturday BirdWalk, 8am.

ACCESS: From I-90, take exit 109 (Ellensburg/Canyon Rd). Turn north onto Canyon Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Umtanum Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn right into park.
BIRDING: Springtime = romance. Wooing on the wing are Tree, Violet-green, Bank, and Cliff Swallows; plus Blue-winged Teal, Wood Ducks, Western Sandpipers, Western Wood-Peewees. Wilson’s Snipes call in meadows. Ospreys and Red-tailed Hawks glide over ponds on summer afternoons. Fall-winter, American Dippers and Common Mergansers float by on swift Yakima River.

VIEWING: Take braided 0.5-mile Nature Trail north to BLM parking and kiosk. Cross Ringer Loop at kiosk for Yellow-headed Blackbirds in cattail marsh spring-fall.

ACCESS: From I-90 take exit 109 (Canyon Rd). Turn south onto Canyon Rd. Drive 3.3 miles. Turn right onto Ringer Loop. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn left at Public Fishing/Nature Trail signs. Drive 0.1 mile. Park at river’s edge.

17 Wenatas Wildlife Area: Hardy Canyon

HABITAT: WDFW riparian bottomlands and clearings by Wenatas Creek, sage and bitterbrush on slopes.

BIRDING: Yellow-breasted Chats and Lazuli Buntings flash bright colors, along with Tree Swallows at birdhouses. Watch ground for California Quail and Ruffed Grouse, and tree trunks for Northern Flickers and Red-naped Sapsuckers. Regulars include Western Wood-Peewees, Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Eastern Kingbirds, Mourning Doves. Not so obvious are Gray Catbirds, Cooper’s Hawks.

VIEWING: Walk through 2nd gate and on dirt road through deciduous grove. Wilson’s Snipes like wet meadow on left. Cross bridge, explore open country to aspen grove. Best birding is 1st 0.5 mile after 2nd gate.

ACCESS: From I-82, take exit 26 onto N Hwy 821. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn west onto Harrison Rd. Drive 1.9 miles. Turn right onto N Wenatas Rd. Drive 17.2 miles. Turn left at Wenatas Wildlife sign. Drive through gate, park by hay barn.

18 Cowiche Canyon

HABITAT: 3-mile canyon of shrub-steppe, plus creek and riparian brush; owned by BLM, Cowiche Canyon Conservancy.


VIEWING: 3-mile gravel path leads east, crisscrossing creek on bridges. At bridge 8, take 1-mile Uplands Trail for Horned Larks and views of Mt Rainier and Mt Adams. Bonus: Lavish spring wildflowers.

ACCESS: From I-82, take exit 31A (Hwy 12). From Hwy 12 milepost 199.5, take N 40th Ave/Fruitvale exit. Take 40th Ave south. Stay straight onto 40th Ave, driving south. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Summitview Ave/Rd. Drive 7.1 miles. Turn right onto Weikel Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn right at Cowiche Canyon Trail sign onto gravel road. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

19 Snow Mountain Ranch

HABITAT: Cowiche Canyon Conservancy’s 1,700-acre former ranch with creek, pond, sage-covered hills.


VIEWING: Cross bridge, walk 1 mile along creek. 4-mile Bench Trail loops through upland shrub-steppe, along base of basalt cliff. 6-mile Cowiche Mountain Loop climbs to summit.

ACCESS: From I-82, take exit 31A (Hwy 12). From Hwy 12 at milepost 199.5, take N 40th Ave/Fruitvale exit. Take 40th Ave south. Stay straight onto 40th Ave, driving south. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn right onto Summitview Ave/Rd. Drive 8.8 miles. Turn left onto Cowiche Mill Rd. Drive 2.5 miles. Turn left to parking.

20 Yakima Greenway: Poppoff Trail

HABITAT: Nonprofit-owned 3,600 acres along Naches and Yakima rivers: ponds, sloughs with overhanging shrubs, willows, cottonwoods.

avian fish-eaters are summer Ospreys, winter Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons and Belted Kingfishers all year.

**VIEWING:** Walk or bike around pond on 1.5-mile Poppoff Trail, which is southern end of 10-mile Yakima Greenway. Bonus: seasonal birdwalks—www.yakimaaudubon.org

**ACCESS:** From I-82, take exit 36 (Union Gap/Valley Mall Blvd). Turn east onto E Valley Mall Blvd. Drive 0.2 mile to Jewett Pathway at Spring Creek parking lot.

**Oak Creek Wildlife Area: Tieton River Nature Trail**

**HABITAT:** WDFW 3 miles of post-fire Garry oak woodland, river, sage and bunchgrass below andesite cliffs.

**BIRDING:** Nesters high and low! Golden Eagles nest on cliff rim. Cliff Swallows on cliff face, Bullock’s Orioles in branches over river, Lewis’s Woodpeckers in blackened oak trunks. Violet-green Swallows zip over water; Turkey Vultures soar aloft. Glimpse blue hue of Steller’s Jays and Western Bluebirds. Check trees for Northern Flickers, shrubs for Eastern and Western Kingbirds, forest floor for Spotted Towhees.

**VIEWING:** Oak Creek Headquarters – Walk across Hwy 12, cross bridge, and walk or bike up river 2 miles to suspension bridge. Also walk west through elk fence gate, past barn, and 0.3 mile up hill through meadows by basalt outcrops and Garry oaks. Bonus: Spring wildflower extravaganza, winter elk feeding station. Suspension Bridge – Walk 0.1 mile to river, cross bridge, walk upriver 1+ miles.

**ACCESS:** Oak Creek Headquarters – From Hwy 12 at milepost 183.5, turn north into Oak Creek Wildlife Area. Suspension Bridge – From Hwy 12 milepost 182.1, turn south into parking by Quonset hut.

**MORE BIRDING:** From headquarters, return to Hwy 12/Hwy 410 junction. Drive 0.6 mile north on Old Naches Rd. Turn left into bighorn sheep winter feeding station. Scope Cleman Mountain for Golden and Bald Eagles.

**Bear Canyon**

**HABITAT:** 10,000-acre basalt canyon with Garry oaks, aspens, pines, firs; owned by USFS, WDFW, Nature Conservancy.

**BIRDING:** Best mornings and evenings. Violet-green Swallows fly high. White-throated Swifts higher; Golden Eagles highest. Hear raucous Steller’s Jays, dulcet tones of Canyon and House Wrens. Nashville Warblers, Cassin’s Vireos, Townsend’s Solitaires forage in foliage. Western Tanagers and Yellow Warblers splash yellow through green leaves. Listen for hard-to-see Common Poorwills at night.

**VIEWING:** Past gate, take old road up canyon 3 miles to FS Rd 1302.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at mp 178.8, turn north into parking.

**Clear Lake**

**HABITAT:** USFS man-made lake lined with alders, willows, cottonwoods, and surrounded by pines, cedars, firs.

**BIRDING:** Prime nesting real estate for water-lovers: Ospreys, Barrow’s Goldeneyes, Ring-necked Ducks, American Coots, American Wigeons, Canada Geese, American Dippers. Forest birds nest here too: Western Tanagers, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Chipping Sparrows, Western Wood-Pewees. Catch sight of Swainson’s and Varied Thrushes in understory. American Crows, Common Ravens, Steller’s Jays are hard to miss. Spot Common Loons in late summer.

**VIEWING:** Paved 0.5-mile nature trail loops by lake, through forest.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 158.5, turn south onto Tieton Rd. Drive 2.5 miles. Turn left. Drive 0.1 mile to day-use parking.

**White Pass Campground**

**HABITAT:** USFS lake surrounded by fir forest.

**BIRDING:** Birdiest just after snow melts — noisy, too, as Yellow Warblers trill, Ospreys whistle, Red-naped Sapsuckers and Pileated Woodpeckers hammer on trees. Yellow Warblers, Lincoln’s and White-crowned Sparrows nest in willow thickets. Ring-necked Ducks and Barrow’s Goldeneyes hide at far end of lake.

**VIEWING:** Scope lake. Birdiest place is south side of lake in willows and snags. Bird on foot or by boat in calm mornings; west wind builds during day.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at mp 151.7, turn north onto unmarked road. Drive 0.5 mile to campground parking.

**Naches Peak Loop**

**HABITAT:** High-elevation meadows, lakes, mountain hemlocks, subalpine firs within Mt. Rainier National Park/USFS.

**BIRDING:** Discover birds that like high country: resident Sooty Grouse, Mountain Chickadees, Gray Jays and Clark’s Nutcrackers; plus summer visitors: Varied and Hermit Thrushes, Cassin’s Finches, American Pipits, Chipping and Fox Sparrows, and Rufous Hummingbirds.

**VIEWING:** Trails open after mid-July snow melt. Take footbridge over Hwy 410 to 3.5-mile Naches Peak Loop with views of Mt. Rainier. Spectacular wildflowers peak mid-August. Or hike north 3.8 miles to Sheep Lake; add 1 more mile to Sourdough Gap to see Mt. Adams.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 410 at milepost 69.5, turn north into Chinook Pass Summit rest stop. Park in paved lot.

**Boulder Cave**

**HABITAT:** USFS Naches River in basalt ravine rimmed with Douglas fir, ponderosa pine.
**BIRDING:** From family-friendly grounds, view avian entertainment on river: Harlequin Ducks, American Dippers, and Common Mergansers. Rufous Hummingbirds bzzzzzzz by, and Steller’s Jays patrol picnic area. Dark-eyed Juncos scurry through bushes.

**VIEWING:** Open Memorial Day-Labor Day. Walk 0.7-mile ADA River Trail, 1.5-mile loop Boulder Cave Trail. On the drive in, note Osprey nest at 1.2 miles, left side of road. Bonus: Townsend's big-eared bats.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 410 at milepost 95.4, turn south onto Old River Rd. Cross bridge, turn right again. Drive 1.3 miles to parking.

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**Fort Simcoe State Park**

**HABITAT:** 200 acres of Garry oak forest and shrub-steppe.

**BIRDING:** Outstanding site for Lewis’s Woodpecker. Also find Wilson’s Snipes, Long-billed Curlews, Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Flooded areas may attract Wilson’s Phalaropes in spring.

**VIEWING:** Check fence posts and scan fields for Bobolinks.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 97 at milepost 62, turn west onto Fort Rd. Drive 9.4 miles. Turn left onto Lateral C Rd. Drive 3.2 miles to parking on left.

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**Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge**

**HABITAT:** USFWS 1,700 acres of seasonal wetlands, shrub-steppe.

**BIRDING:** In fall, 30,000 waterfowl arrive and stay for winter. Scope ponds (when not frozen) for Pied-billed Grebes, Northern Pintails, Northern Shovelers, Gadwalls, American Wigeons, and, of course, Mallards. Fortunate birders spot Short-eared Owls. Orange-crowned and Wilson’s Warblers migrate through in spring. Marsh Wrens, Common Yellowthroats, Yellow-breasted Chats stay for summer. Spring-fall, Yellow-headed Blackbirds sing atop cattails and Black-crowned Night-Herons and Soras skulk beneath.

**VIEWING:** Take 0.1-mile paved trail to viewing platform. Mowed-grass 0.2-mile Wildlife Foot Trail skirts ponds and creek. Dirt road behind gate leads 0.5 mile to cottonwood grove by headquarters. Look on ground for white pellets — then up into trees for Great Horned Owls.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 97 at milepost 56.9, turn west onto Pump House Rd. Drive 0.1 mile. Turn right into refuge parking.

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**Horn Rapids Park**

**HABITAT:** County’s 800 riparian and upland acres along Yakima River.

**BIRDING:** Spring bestows color. Migrating Rufous Hummingbirds, Yellow Warblers, Western Tanagers, and Bullock’s Orioles bring bright hues; plus Long-billed Curlews, Western Wood-Pewees, and Swainson’s Hawks. California Quail scuttle through shrubs. Look for uncommon Common Nighthawks at dusk mid-June to early September. Ospreys fish through October. Fall features White-crowned Sparrows, Yellow-rumped Warblers, occasionally Lewis’s Woodpeckers.

**VIEWING:** Take 0.3-mile ADA through cottonwood trees to river, plus informal trails along shore.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 82/12, take exit 96/Hwy 225 N. Drive 10.6 miles. Turn east into Horn Rapids Park. At T, turn left, drive 0.1 mile, turn right into day-use parking.

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**Leslie Groves Park**

**HABITAT:** Municipal ribbon of 149 acres by Columbia River with riparian trees and sandy, shrubby islands.


**VIEWING:** Walk 0.1 mile to floating dock; set up scope to watch nesting gulls on river islands. Take riverfront path 1 mile south or by boat around bird sanctuary islands. Caution: strong river current.

**ACCESS:** From I-182/Hwy 12, take exit 5B (George Washington Way). Drive north on George Washington Way 3.8 miles to northern park access. Turn right onto Saint St. Drive 0.5 mile. Park at river.

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**W.E. Johnson Park**

**HABITAT:** Municipal 236 acres of undeveloped riparian and wetlands by Yakima River.

**BIRDING:** Spring singers advertise for mates: Yellow-breasted Chats, Lazuli Buntings, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Gray Catbirds. Glimpse radiance of Black-chinned Hummingbirds. Fall-winter, catch sight of Varied Thrushes; Song, White- and Golden-crowned Sparrows, American Goldfinches, Bewick’s Wrens, and Spotted Towhees. Flocks include Dark-eyed Juncos, Cedar Waxwings, Yellow-rumped Warblers.
VIEWING: From Tanglewood St, walk past bollards down paved access road, and through white gate to informal trails. Path to right leads 0.2 mile to base of hills. Path to left connects to 2+ miles of unmarked trail network through trees, brush, sage.

ACCESS: From I-182/Hwy 12, take exit 4 (W Hwy 240/Vantage). At 1st stoplight on W Hwy 240, turn left onto Duportail St. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto Riverstone Dr. Drive 0.5 mile. At T, turn left onto Tanglewood St. Drive 0.2 mile. Park on right side of 600 block on residential street. Park is unsigned.

HABITAT: Municipal 276 acres of dense thickets of riparian trees on Yakima River delta, shrub-steppe hillside.

BIRDING: Spring greets arriving nesters: Wood Ducks, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Bullock’s Orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Kingbirds, and Northern Rough-winged Swallows. Sharp-shinned Hawks and American Kestrels soar through fall skies above Downy Woodpeckers’ tap-tap-tapping. Belted Kingfishers chatter from river’s edge.

VIEWING: Paved path leads down toward river. Turn left to 8-mile-trail network. Explore Sand, River and Tree Tunnel trails. Best birding in first 0.5 mile of trails, and slough at east end.

ACCESS: From I-182/Hwy 12, take exit 5B (George Washington Way). Drive north on George Washington Way 0.1 mile. At 1st traffic light, turn left onto Aaron Dr. Turn left again staying on George Washington Way). Drive north on George Washington Way 0.1 mile. At 1st stoplight, take Columbia Park Trail exit; stay in left lane. At roundabout, take Columbia Park Trail eastbound. Drive 1.1 miles. Turn left into Lewis & Clark Interpretive Overlook parking.

MORE BIRDING: Rod Coler Audubon Nature Trail – Continue 2 miles east on Columbia Park Trail. Turn left into parking by playground equipment. Cross street to nature trail’s 3 short loops. Look for Winter Wrens and Spotted Towhees in winter, Song Sparrows in spring. American Coots in pond in fall.
37 **Big Flat Habitat Management Unit**

**HABITAT:** Corps-managed 832-acre peninsula of basalt and shrubs in Snake River.

**BIRDING:** Big place with big birds on major flyway. Winter gets top billing for Canada Geese, Western Grebes, and thousands of Mallards. Shrub fruits feed Cedar Waxwings, Varied and Hermit Thrushes. Local residents – Great Horned and Barn Owls, American Goldfinches, Mourning Doves, Western Meadowlarks, Marsh and Rock Wrens – are joined by spring migrants: a thousand Bank Swallows plus Lazuli Buntings, Bullock’s Orioles, Yellow-breasted Chats.

**VIEWING:** Cross dike to explore 2 miles of meandering dirt roads, side paths into Russian olive groves, cottonwoods, birches, and shrubs; grasslands, baby basalt columns. Bonus: Deer, beaver.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 292.2, take Kahlotus exit. Turn northeast onto Pasco-Kahlotus Rd. Drive 13 miles. Veer right onto gravel Herman Rd. Drive 1.5 miles to parking.

**MORE BIRDING:** Columbia Plateau Trail – Return on Herman Rd 0.1 mile, park at pullout on right. Bird by bike or walk south on rails-to-trails Pasco-to-Cheney route along Snake River to see birds of the sage fly by: Western Meadowlarks, Brewers Blackbirds. Above, spot Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, Northern Harriers, even Ospreys and Bald Eagles. Bonus: Ice Age flood geology.

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38 **Sacajawea State Park**

**HABITAT:** 284 acres of deciduous trees, river shallows with cattails, shrub-steppe uplands.

**BIRDING:** Dramatic design and color highlight spring plumage of Wood Ducks in slough, Yellow-rumped Warblers in willows, iridescent Black-billed Magpies in sage. Western Meadowlark sing atop bushes. Fall features “fishermen”: American White Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants. Common Loons and Common Goldeneyes spend the winter, along with Bald Eagles who perch high in trees while Downy Woodpeckers and Northern Flickers forage lower on trunks.

**VIEWING:** From center, walk by river and on ADA path. Check park trees. Walk to boat launch, take informal 1-mile trail north. From park gate, return 0.3 mile on park road; trail leads to view of Great Egret rookery on Columbia River island. Bonus: At park – Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center honoring Sacajawea. At corner of Sacajawea Park Rd and Hwy 12 – Ainsworth Historical Marker.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 294.4, turn south onto Sacajawea Park Rd. Drive 1.8 miles (veer left at Y) to park. Spring and fall, drive to interpretive center parking. In winter, park on right at gated entrance and walk into park.

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39 **McNary National Wildlife Refuge**

**HABITAT:** USFWS 15,894 acres of river islands, sloughs, seasonal wetlands, mudflats, riparian areas, shrub-steppe uplands.

**BIRDING:** Winter gets top rating! Some 100,000 Canada Geese and Mallards arrive Oct-Nov, plus Tundra Swans, Green-winged Teal, Lesser Scaups, Ring-necked Ducks, Common Goldeneyes, Hooded Mergansers, American Wigeons, and Canvasbacks. Good migratory birding in spring and fall for Ruddy Ducks and Yellow-headed Blackbirds.

**VIEWING:** Take 1-mile loop Burbank Slough Wildlife Trail; check out viewing blind. Walk 0.3-mile Bird Spur trail in trees. Bonus: Painted turtles sunning on logs.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 295.3, turn north onto Hwy 124 (Waitsburg). Drive 1.0 mile. Turn right onto Lake Dr. Drive 0.7 mile. Turn right into McNary Education Center.

**MORE BIRDING:** Return 1.6 miles toward Hwy 12. Turn right into Hood Park. Turn right at gate to dirt parking area. Walk east past steel gate into trees, and follow 0.5-mile informal trail around slough. Best birding fall-winter. Examine trees for Harris’s and White-throated Sparrows, Hermit and Varied Thrushes, Black-capped Chickadees. Find flocks of Yellow-rumped Warblers, Cedar Waxwings, Oregon Juncos. Look for Wood Ducks at marsh pond.

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40 **Madame Dorion Park**

**HABITAT:** Corps’ 51 acres of shrubs, willows along Walla Walla River.

**BIRDING:** A multitude of Song Sparrows pop through bushes in winter. Also find Bewick’s Wrens, Cedar Waxwings, Varied Thrushes, Dark-eyed Juncos, White-crowned Sparrows, Great Horned Owls, plus Red-tailed, Cooper’s, and Sharp-shinned Hawks. Migrating though spring and fall are Wilson’s, MacGillivray’s, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. In summer, view Caspian Terns and American White Pelicans on river. House Finches and American Goldfinches in willows.

**VIEWING:** Look and listen in willows near river. Check foliage on way to boat launch 0.3 mile further. Also bird by boat on river. Bonus: Beaver, muskrat active dawn and dusk.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 307, turn east onto N Shore Dr. At T, turn right. Drive 0.2 mile. Park by picnic tables.

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41 **Sanctuary Pond**

**HABITAT:** USFWS 2,200 acres of pond and flooded field.

**BIRDING:** Jan-March, Bald Eagles cruise for dinner entrées of Northern Pintails, Green-winged Teal, Canvasbacks, Lesser Scaups. Spy Northern Shrikes in winter. Spot Great Egrets fall and spring.

**VIEWING:** Set up scope at covered overlook to view pond below. Bonus: interpretive sign-1806 Lewis and Clark camp, Chief Yelepit’s gift.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 307, turn east onto N Shore Dr. At T turn left. Drive 0.4 mile. Park on right at overlook.

**MORE BIRDING:** From overlook, continue 1.2 miles on N Shore Dr. Park in gravel pullout on right. Set up scope on Millet Pond for spring shorebird spectacular: American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Dunlins, Cinnamon Teal, Great Egrets, Black-crowned Night-Herons, and rare White-faced Ibis.
**Whitman Mission National Historic Site**

**HABITAT:** National Park Service 98 acres of rye-grass prairie, cottonwood and locust tree riparian ribbon on creek.

**BIRDING:** Family-friendly setting for beginners to learn birds by season – and cuisine. American Goldfinches munch spring tree buds. Barn Swallows feast on summer’s mosquitoes. Fall berries feed Cedar Waxwings, and Black-billed Magpies make meals of winter seeds.

**VIEWING:** Take 0.9-mile Mission Sites Trail. Look for California Quail on Oregon Trail behind covered wagon. Great Horned Owls frequent canyon behind Great Grave monument. Bonus: Turtles on Grist Mill Pond, visitor center and museum.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 milepost 329.9, turn south at Whitman Mission sign onto Swedge Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left onto park road. Drive 0.4 mile to visitor center parking.

**MORE BIRDING:** Walk 0.4 mile back on park road in early summer for Great Blue Heron rookery. Respect private property.

**Ft. Walla Walla Natural Area**

**HABITAT:** Municipal 70-acre natural area of ponds, shrubs, cottonwood trees; trail maintained by Blue Mountain Audubon Society.

**BIRDING:** Easy, fun family exploring for bountiful birds: Black-capped Chickadees, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Song Sparrows. Woods harbor spring nesters: Cooper’s Hawks, Yellow-breasted Chats, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Gray Catbirds, Bullock’s Oriole. Wood Ducks use nest boxes.

**VIEWING:** Mornings, evenings best for 0.4-mile Arthur G. Rempel Trail. Walk primitive path to barn (interpretive post #14) for Great Horned and Barn Owls, and to riparian ponds. Check Russian olives and cottonwoods (interpretive post #5) for Swainson’s Hawk nest. Bonus: Ft Walla Walla Museum.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 335.2, take Myra Rd exit. Turn south onto Myra Rd. Drive 1.6 miles. Turn left into Ft. Walla Walla Museum complex. Drive 0.4 mile, staying left around complex. Park at Blue Mountain Audubon Natural Area sign.

**Bennington Lake**

**HABITAT:** 612 acres of cottonwood and willow trees, seasonal mud flats; 52-acre lake created and managed by Corps.

**BIRDING:** Spring-summer highlights are nesting Lazuli Buntings, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Yellow-breasted Chats, Spotted Sandpipers, House Wrens, Tree Swallows. Ospreys fish spring-fall; late fall find Greater Yellowlegs and Tundra Swans. In winter, discover Townsend’s Solitaires and Northern Shrikes, and listen for Great Horned and Long-eared Owls.

**VIEWING:** Scope lake below 1st parking area for shorebirds. 2.6-mile Meadowlark loop by lake and 4.8-mile Whitetail Trail on hillside are part of 20-mile hike/bike network from Walla Walla. Caution: Hunting Sept 1-Jan 31 on White Tail Trail.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 12 at milepost 339.4, take Airport Rd/Port of Walla Walla exit. Turn south onto Airport Rd. Drive 0.5 mile. Turn left onto Reservoir Rd. Drive 1.7 miles to parking lot; continue to left, park at picnic area.

**MORE BIRDING:** Return 1.2 miles on Reservoir Rd. Turn right into Mill Creek Project Office. Drive 0.1 mile to kiosk. Cross bridge to 1.7-mile Kingfisher loop trail. Check spillway in winter for Common and Hooded Mergansers.

**Umatilla Nat’l Wildlife Refuge: Whitcomb Is.**

**HABITAT:** USFWS 4-square-mile island and marsh in Columbia River.

**BIRDING:** Fall-spring, shallow water provides home for dabbling ducks: Gadwalls, American Wigeons, Northern Shovelers, Ruddy Ducks, Green-winged Teal, Canvasbacks. Watch predators watching for prey: Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Northern Harriers, and Merlins.

**VIEWING:** Walk back on road to scope sloughs, ponds, wetland shrubs, trees. Caution: respect private property.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 14 at milepost 159.1, turn south onto Whitcomb Island Rd. Drive 0.2 mile to parking on right.

**Crow Butte Park**

**HABITAT:** 275-acres on Columbia River island; sloughs, marsh, seasonal mudflats, deciduous trees and shrubs, shrub-steppe; owned by Corps, managed by Port of Benton.

**BIRDING:** Common Ravens far outnumber their smaller relatives here. In spring, find Bullock’s Orioles, Black-headed Grosbeaks, Caspian and Forster’s Terns. Late summer’s exposed mudflats draw migrating shorebirds: American Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Least and Western Sandpipers, Dunlins. Other fall visitors include Hermit Thrushes and flocks of Yellow-rumped Warblers, Dark-eyed Juncos, and Song, White- and Golden-crowned Sparrows. In winter, view causeway marsh for Ring-billed and occasional California and Glaucous-winged Gulls, plus Virginia Rails and Marsh Wrens.

**VIEWING:** Check tree groves at water’s edge. Walk 0.2 mile to campground, campsite #42, for start of 1.5-mile Crow Butte Trail to hillside home of Rock Wrens, Loggerhead Shrikes, Western Meadowlarks.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 14 at milepost 155, turn north onto Sonona Rd, and then right again onto Butte Rd. Drive 1.9 miles (passing under Hwy 14) to day-use area parking on right.

**MORE BIRDING:** Return 1.7 miles on Butte Rd. Before overpass, park in gravel pullout on left. Walk back along road to check trees, wetlands and sloughs. In spring, look at beams under east end of overpass to see Great Horned Owl nest – possibly large owlets, too.

**Rock Creek Canyon**

**HABITAT:** Corps-owned Columbia River slough with creekside shrubs.

**BIRDING:** Popular spot for spring visitors and migrants. See Ospreys above slough, Common Mergansers and Buffleheads on water,
**Klickitat Trail**

**HABITAT:** Rails-to-trails ribbon of Garry oak, ponderosa pine, aspen, alder, and riparian shrubs along Wild and Scenic Klickitat River; partnership of Klickitat Trail Conservancy, USFS, and state parks.

**BIRDING:** Birds up, down, all around! Check treetops for Western Tanagers, branches for Cassin’s and Warbling Vireos, trunks for White-breasted Nuthatches. Find Anna’s Hummingbirds and Ash-throated Flycatchers in brush. Common Mergansers and American Dippers ply river. Vaux’s Swifts swoop near basalt rock walls where Canyon and Rock Wrens call. Golden and Bald Eagles patrol skies over canyon.

**VIEWING:** Bike or walk north through Garry oak and riparian landscape 8.4 miles to town of Pitt. Bonus: traditional Indian salmon fishing platforms across river from parking (respect tribal property).

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 142 at milepost 1.6, turn west onto Fisher Hill Rd. Cross bridge to parking area.

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**Bickleton Bluebirds**

**HABITAT:** Agricultural fields, rolling grasslands.

**BIRDING:** “Summer homes, rent free!” Free to bluebirds, that is. Bickleton’s human residents developed the state’s first bluebird trail with nest boxes used by mostly Mountain and some Western Bluebirds.

**VIEWING:** Bluebird driving loop with 50 birdhouses begins at milepost 35.2 in town of Bickleton. Turn north onto Cemetery Rd. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Pine Creek Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn left onto Nelson Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn left onto Bickleton Hwy to return to town. Bonus: Carousel Museum.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 14 at milepost 121.1, turn north onto Rock Creek Rd. Drive 13.3 miles. At T, turn right onto Nelson Rd. Drive 1 mile. Turn left onto Bickleton Rd. Drive 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Pine Creek Rd. Drive 1 mile.

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**Maryhill Museum of Art**

**HABITAT:** Private museum’s 5-acre setting on Columbia River bluff: deciduous trees, shrubs, and adjacent shrub-steppe.

**BIRDING:** Lesser Goldfinch is prize species here! View tree-dwellers: Bullock’s Orioles, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, and possible Yellow Warblers. Brewer’s Blackbirds perch and flock as California Quail scurry on ground. Thermal wind currents create aerial highways for Northern Harriers, Swainson’s and Red-tailed Hawks, and Turkey Vultures.

**VIEWING:** Check tree groves that give shelter from wind, and weedy edges past museum gardens. Bonus: art museum, sculpture garden.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 14 at milepost 98.8, turn south onto Maryhill Museum Dr. Drive 0.1 mile to parking.

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**Klickitat Wildlife Area: Soda Springs Unit**

**HABITAT:** WDFW 13,000 acres of meadows, ponderosa pine and Garry oak highlands above 18-mile riparian Klickitat River corridor.

**BIRDING:** Survey trees for elusive Western Wood-Peewees, and Red-eyed, Cassin’s, and Warbling Vireos; enjoy brightly attired Yellow Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chats, Bullock’s Orioles. Lewis’s Woodpeckers favor oaks. Lazuli Buntings perch on shrubs. Watch on ground for Ruffed and Sooty Grouse, California Quail, Chukars, and Wild Turkeys. Brewer’s Blackbirds flock in grasslands where Western Meadowlark sing. Tree Swallows and Western Bluebirds fit to and from nest boxes.

**VIEWING:** Check pond for Killdeers. From Y, left fork of rough road goes 2+ miles; right fork ends in 0.2 mile at fence. Bonus: wildflowers!

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 142 at milepost 23.6, turn north at sign to Alderwood onto Glenwood Hwy. Drive 5.6 miles (passing wildlife headquarters). At milepost 18.1, turn right onto unmarked, dirt Grayback Road. Drive 0.4 mile. Turn left at Y intersection. Drive 0.4 mile. Veer left at Y. Drive 1.5 miles to Y; park off road.

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**Balfour-Klickitat**

**HABITAT:** USFS 50+ acres of grassland, oak savanna, ponderosa pines above confluence of Klickitat and Columbia rivers.

**BIRDING:** Winter brings bonanza of Bald Eagles feasting on salmon. Windfall of swallows arrives in spring: Tree, Violet-green, Northern Rough-winged, Barn, and Cliff, plus some Purple Martins. Spot Lewis’s Woodpeckers, Ash-throated Flycatchers, White-breasted Nuthatches. Lesser Goldfinches hide in thistles. With fall comes a smattering of shorebirds: Greater Yellowlegs, Solitary and Spotted Sandpipers. Anna’s Hummingbirds stay all year.

**VIEWING:** Sand Spit – From parking area, scope sand spit in Columbia River in winter for eagles, in spring-summer for Double-crested Cormorants, California Gulls, Caspian Terns.

**Picnic Loop** – Take ADA 1-mile trail to picnic area above Klickitat River.

**Klickitat Cove Overlook** – Walk left on ADA trail 0.3 mile, veer left onto old grassy roadbed 0.5 mile to overlook for views of spring Ring-necked Ducks, summer Western Tanagers in canopy, fall Cinnamon Teal, and winter Common Goldeneyes.

**ACCESS:** From Hwy 14 at milepost 75.8, turn north onto Old Hwy 8. Drive 0.2 mile. Turn right and down to parking.

**VIEWING**: **Forest Trail** – Hike 1+ mile up to ridgetop meadow.  
**Beaver Ponds** – Explore riparian brush at far end of camping area.  

**ACCESS**: From Hwy 97 at milepost 24.7, turn east opposite state park sign. Turn right at Brooks Memorial Environmental Learning Center sign. Drive 0.1 mile to Y. **Forest Trail** – veer left; drive 0.2 mile to trail parking on left.  
**Beaver Ponds** – veer right; drive 0.2 mile to group camping.

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**Bird Information**
• Audubon Washington, wa.audubon.org with links to: Blue Mountain, Kittitas, Lower Columbia Basin, and Yakima Valley Audubon societies
• Washington Ornithological Society, Rare Bird Alert – www.wos.org
• Birds of the Inland Northwest and Northern Rockies, by Harry Nehls, Mike Denny, and Dave Trochlell, 2008, RW Morse Company, www.rwmorse.com
• Birds of Yakima County, by Andy Stepniewski, 2008 2nd Printing, Yakima Valley Audubon Society, Yakima, WA; and Yakima Area Wildlife Viewing Guide and BirdYak: www.yakimaudubon.org
• Birder’s Guide to Kittitas County, and BirdKitt: www.kittitasaudubon.org
• Birding in and around Klickitat County, wdfw.wa.gov/viewing/wildview.htm
• Online discussions: Tweeters, U of WA, www.scn.org/earth/tweeters; Inland NW Birders, birdingonthe.net/mailinglists/INNW.html
• BirdWeb, Seattle Audubon’s online WA bird guide, www.birdweb.org

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