

# the curlew

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## Bateman Island bird walk

*with Kevin Burke filling in for Lisa Hill*

We had 30 eager birders out for a windy walk on the first Saturday of March. There had been several reports of early migrant birds in the area so there was a potential for some great birds on the walk. The sustained high winds kept most of the birds from showing themselves, but we did see some great birds. One of the first birds we saw was a fantastic look at an EARED GREBE. It was very cooperative and made for great distinction between the HORNED GREBE nearby. On the causeway was also a pair of GREEN-WINGED TEAL. There was a CLARK'S GREBE in amongst a few of the WESTERN GREBE out by the delta that we viewed from the causeway. To round out our five GREBE day we had a PIED-BILLED GREBE near the marina. A KINGFISHER was calling and flying by in its usual way. The causeway also provided us with good views of BUFFLEHEAD, RING BILLED GULL, GLAUCOUS WINGED GULL, and REDWINGED BLACKBIRDS. We decided to split up so we could potentially hear more birds at the fork in the trail. Along the trail was a little slow because of the wind, but we did have a few WHITE-CROWNED SPARROWS. It was really nice to hear the SONG SPARROWS singing again. Over head and far away we had a brief look at about 150 SANDHILL CRANES as they were flying North. We did scare up a few BLACKED-CAPPED CHICKADEES for a good look while we were looking for the GREAT HORNED OWLS. Unfortunately no owls on this walk, but hopefully there will be some baby owls sometime in the future. A MERLIN was seen by one of the groups on the North side of the island.

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## Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm

Kennewick First Lutheran Church, corner of Yelm Street and Highway 395 in Kennewick

## Birds of the Inland Northwest and Northern Rockies

**The guest speaker at this month's meeting is author, master birder and good friend of LCBAS, Mike Denny.**

Mike will be speaking about the book he co-authored with Harry Nehls of Portland, OR and Dave Trochlell of LaGrande, OR.

LCBAS members may remember Mike's great presentation at the ACOW conference in 2007. Mike often speaks at The Sandhill Crane Festival and is known to many as a local owl expert.

Mike Denny started birding in Africa where he live from the time he was 8 to 13 years old. He came to Walla Walla in 1978 to attend college where he majored in Biology. After working at various jobs he did bird and mammal work for the Umatilla National Forest from 2000 - 2006 and has worked since April of 2007 for the Walla Walla County Conservation District as the Riparian Habitat Coordinator. Mike is the conservation chair at Blue Mountain Audubon Society. In 2007 Mike received the Science Award from Audubon Washington for his work with the wind turbine industry, trying to minimize bird kills at wind projects. He and his wife MerryLynn bird every weekend in the Walla Walla valley and beyond.

The program will begin around 7:40pm after a brief business meeting and social break. Spread the word about this great program.

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**Bateman Island Bird Walk** (continued from page 1)

The delta was slow. Most of the waterfowl that we have enjoyed for the whole winter have moved on. We had great light on a Flyby of NORTHERN PINTAIL. Two BALD EAGLES were sitting on the logs in the middle of the delta. We had a NORTHERN HARRIER over the delta to round out the excitement. In all we had 39 species. The next Bateman Island Bird Walk will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 8:00 A.M. We meet at Wye Park above the causeway to the island. All are welcome; beginning birders are particularly invited to join.

**Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network Update**

Two more workshops hosted by the Ridges to Rivers Open Space Network were held in Richland and Kennewick in February. The purposes of the workshops were to give an update on progress since the November workshops, receive feedback on our conclusions from the previous workshops and the on-line questionnaire, and then to generate a discussion on the challenges we'll face in implementing an open space plan and get input on possible solutions. We asked the approximately sixty participants how they thought we should prioritize criteria for selecting projects given limited funds and manpower. Input from all four workshops and the questionnaire will play a large role in shaping the open space plan. We are starting to write the plan and hope to have a draft out by late summer. When that happens, we will need your help again to attend council and commission meetings to encourage jurisdictions to adopt the open space plan into their comprehensive plans. Letters to the editor in support at any time are also helpful. For those of you who filled out the questionnaire/survey, thank you; it is now closed. For more information, see <http://tapteal.org/index.php?ID=36>

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**Help for Injured Raptors:**

If you find an injured raptor in the Tri-Cities or surrounding area you can call a local volunteer for advice. Injured raptors are usually transported to Blue Mountain Wildlife in Pendleton, Oregon for treatment and rehabilitation.

- Who to call: Michelle Caron.....(509)366-0888
- Marilyn Hayes.....(509)521-4648
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For more information see Lower Columbia Basin Audubon website and click on the [Help for Injured Birds](#) link.

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# Bird Sightings > February 2009

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(See the LCBAS webpage for directions to locations cited in this column)

A Greater White-fronted Goose was at Groves Park on 02/07 (BW, CWo) and there were 200 at the Hanson Loop Boat Launch on 02/22 (M&MD). Greater White-fronted Geese were also observed at the Burbank HMU on 02/28 (BD). There were 2000 Snow Geese at Whitcomb Island on 02/09 (NL). Rare but annual in the Lower Columbia Basin, a Ross' Goose was at Royal Lake on 02/27 (RH) and it was there again on 02/28 (BL, NL, RH). There were 27 Tundra Swans at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD), 18 were at McNary NWR on 02/15 (BD), and 2 flew over at the Van Giesen Bridge in West Richland on 02/22 (ML, MiL).

A Eurasian Wigeon was at the McNary Dam Nature Trail on 02/01 (BL, NL), 1 was at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD), and 2 were at the Walla Walla Delta on 02/22 (M&MD). The high count of America Wigeon was 2400 at the Walla Walla Delta on 02/22 (M&MD). The high count of Canvasbacks was 2000 at the Walla Walla Delta on 02/06 (BD) and the high count of Redhead was 350 at the Walla Walla Grain Terminals on 02/01 (M&MD).

The high count of Bufflehead was 18 at the Yakima Delta on 02/14 (NL). Rare but annual, a Long-tailed Duck was at Bateman Island on 02/07 (DR) and up to 6 were at Wanapum Dam from 02/22 until at least the end of the month (mob). The high count of Barrow's Goldeneye was 34 at Vantage on 02/14 (SD) and the high count of Common Mergansers was 54 at the Hanson Loop Boat Launch on 02/22 (M&MD). There were 13 Red-breasted Mergansers at Two Rivers HMU on 02/01 (M&MD). That species is rare but annual in the Lower Columbia Basin. There were 14 Ruddy Ducks at the Yakima Delta on 02/03 (NL) and 12 were there on 02/27 (BW).

Uncommon in the Lower Columbia Basin, there were 2 Pacific Loons at Vantage on 02/14 (SD). The high count of Horned Grebes was 41 at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD). There were several sightings of Eared Grebes (mob) with a high count of 3 at Columbia Park on 02/03 (NL). The high count of Western Grebes was 13 at the Wallula Gap on 02/22 (M&MD). A Clark's Grebe was at Columbia Park on 02/03 (NL) and 1 was at the Yakima Delta on 02/27 (BW).

Uncommon in the Lower Columbia Basin, there

were 3 American Bitterns at Columbia NWR on 02/22 (RH). Rare during winter, a Great Egret was in Two Rivers Park on 02/02 (DR).

The high count of Bald Eagles was 56 at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD). A Rough-legged Hawk was along Route 395 in Kennewick on 02/01 and 2 were along Crosby Road on the South Side of Rattlesnake Mountain on 02/15 (BW, PW). A Golden Eagle was at Columbia NWR on 02/22 (RH) and 1 was along Route 26 in Adams County on 02/27 (RH). Rare, less than annual in the Lower Columbia Basin, a Gyrfalcon was in the Horse Heaven Hills on 02/15 (SD). A Prairie Falcon was along Route 395 in Kennewick on 02/01 (BL, NL), 1 was at Ice Harbor Dam on 02/15 (BD), and 1 was in Othello on 02/27 (RH).

The first migrating Sandhill Cranes of the season were at Scootney Reservoir on 02/15 (RH). There were several other sightings of Sandhill Cranes during late February (mob).

Uncommon during winter, a Killdeer was at the Walla Walla Delta on 02/01 (M&MD), 2 were at the Yakima Delta on 02/01 (BW), and 1 was there on 02/16 (MBar). There were 2 Greater Yellowlegs at the Yakima Delta on 02/02 (BW) and 2 were there again on 02/07 (BW, CWo). There were 6 Dunlin at the Walla Walla Delta on 02/01 (M&MD) and 15 were there on 02/22 (M&MD).

Mew Gull sightings included 1 at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD), 1 at Clover Island on 02/15 (BD), and 1 at the Hanson Loop Boat Launch on 02/22 (M&MD). That species is uncommon during winter in the Lower Columbia Basin. The high count of Herring Gulls was 22 at the Hanson Loop Boat Launch on 02/22 (M&MD). Also uncommon during winter, there were 2 Thayer's Gulls at the Yakima Delta on 02/02 (BW) and 1 was at Bateman Island on 02/14 (NL). Rare but annual for the last 9 years, a Lesser Black-backed Gull was at Groves Park on 02/10 (NL). Rare inland, a Western Gull was at Bateman Island on 02/10 (NL). A Glaucous Gull was at the Walla Walla Delta on 02/01 (M&MD), 1 was at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD), 1 was at the Yakima Delta on 02/03 (NL), 1 was at Groves Park on 02/06 (JA, KA) and 1 was at Bateman Island on 02/14 (NL).

A Barn Owl was at the Hanson Loop Boat Launch on 02/22 (M&MD). Rare but annual, a Snowy Owl was in the Horse Heaven Hills on 02/28 (KT). Uncommon during winter, a Burrowing Owl was at the Tri-Cities WSU Campus on 02/13 (BW) and again on 02/26

(BW), 1 was on FEALE on 02/26 (NL, HN, JBra), and 1 was near Othello on 02/28 (RH). There were 8 Long-eared Owls near Benton City on 02/08 (BW, CWo, PB). A Northern Saw-whet Owl was at the Othello Cemetery on 02/17 (NL, LH, LU, JorL, BDu, KBu).

Rare but annual during winter, a Loggerhead Shrike was at Wanapum Dam on 02/25 (DHay). A Northern Shrike was at Ice Harbor Dam on 02/15 (BD). Rare, occurring nearly annually, in the Lower Columbia Basin, a Blue Jay was near Othello on 02/27 (RH). Uncommon during winter, there were 2 Rock Wrens near Vantage on 02/24 (SD).

A Townsend's Solitaire was in North Richland on 02/01 (BL, NL) and 1 was in Finley on 02/27 (BDu, NL, JorL). Hermit Thrush sightings included 1 at the McNary Dam Nature Trail on 02/01 (BL, NL), 1 at Columbia Park on 02/03 (NL), and 1 at the Yakima Delta on 02/03 (NL).

The first Sage Sparrows of the season were along the Vantage Highway on 02/14 (SD). A Fox Sparrow was at the McNary Dam Nature Trial on 02/01 (BL, NL). There were 2 adult Harris's Sparrows at the McNary Dam Nature Trial on 02/01 (BL, NL), 1 was at Red Mountain on 02/16 (HB), 1 was at Willowbrook Heights on 02/29 (LHi), 1 was at Two Rivers Park on 02/28 (DR), and 2 were at Canyon Terrace the entire month (BL, NL). That species is uncommon during winter. There were 5 Golden-crowned Sparrows at the McNary Dam Nature Trail on 02/01 (BL, NL).

Tricolored Blackbird sightings included 4 at Wallula on 02/01 (M&MD), 1 at Para Ponds near Othello on 02/22 (RH), and 1 along Route 26 in Adams County on 02/28 (BL, NL). A Pine Siskin was at Canyon Terrace on 02/16 (BL) and 1 was at Johnson Park on 02/27 (LH, LN).

### ***Bird of the Month***

**White-winged Crossbills** continue to make a wide spread foray into the Lower Columbia Basin. They were seen at several locations in North Richland throughout the month by several individuals. The high count in North Richland was 8 as observed by Ed Miller on 02/19. They were also observed at the Othello Cemetery by several individuals. The high count at that location was 6 on 02/17 as observed by Nancy LaFramboise, Lisa Hill, Larry Umthun, Jordene Lucas, Bonnie Dunham, and Kevin Burke. White-winged Crossbills are birds of the boreal for-

est and make irruptions into more southern locations when cone crops are poor.

### ***Observers***

**JA** Jane Abel, **KA** Keith Abel, **MBar** Michael Barrett, **PB** Phil Bartley, **KBu** Kevin Burke, **JBra** Jennie Bradbury, **HB** Howard Browers, **M&MD** Mike and MerryLynn Denny, **BD** Bob Derting, **SD** Scott Downes, **BDu** Bonnie Dunham, **DHay** Dave Hayman, **LH** Lisa Hill, **RH** Randy Hill, **LHi** Lauren Hirsch, **BL** Bill LaFramboise, **NL** Nancy LaFramboise, **ML** Mary Lilga, **MiL**, Mike Lilga, **JorL** Jordene Lucas, **LN** Laurie Ness, **HN** Heidi Newsome, **DR** Dennis Rockwell, **KT** Kerry Turley, **LU** Larry Umthun, **BW** Bob Woodley, **PW** Pat Woodley, **CWo** Charlie Woodley



**Sage Sparrow**

Photograph courtesy of Joseph V. Higbee & Seattle Audubon BirdWeb



**Fox Sparrow**

Photograph courtesy of Dennis Paulson & Seattle Audubon Birdweb

# Conservation Notes

with Rich Leumont

## Howard Ennor

I am dedicating the Conservation Notes column to Howard. We lost Howard on March 5<sup>th</sup>. I am going to focus on Howard's impact on LCBAS and those Auduboner's who were privileged to have known him. If you have not seen his obituary – check out the March 7<sup>th</sup> issue of the Herald – it is truly remarkable.

Howard Ennor joined LCBAS in February 1979. Our chapter was fourteen years old and struggling to exist. The treasury was down to 75 cents and membership had shrunk to near extinction. Howard and his wife, Lucille immediately volunteered to do the labels for the Curlew. Well once you volunteer for anything, you get rewarded with more work and Howard's duties soon expanded to writing and editing the Curlew. He set the standards which have made the Curlew such an outstanding newsletter. Carl Berkowitz stepped up to the chapter presidency and aided by Howard, Lucille, their daughter Susan, and of course Debbie Berkowitz and a few others, brought LCBAS back from the brink. They did their work so well that when I arrived in November 1980, the chapter was going strong and I had no idea how close we came to going out of business.

Howard went on to serve as our president, represented us on local television and made LCBAS a household word in the community with his Bird Lore column which appeared in the Tri-City Herald for seven and a half years. His Bird Lore columns formed the basis for his book, Birds of the Tri-Cities. He hosted our monthly board meetings for years, in his family room and Lucille never sent us away hungry. He was constantly volunteering for whatever needed to be done, with never a word of complaint.

Howard was our patriarch, the grand old gentleman of LCBAS, always providing wise counsel. He was meticulous in keeping his records and stored our files in his basement. When a question would come up at a board meeting, Howard would retreat to those file cabinets and emerge shortly with a document to settle the question.

Rachel Carson often wrote of a sense of wonder children have for the natural world around them and how rare and wonderful it is for an adult to

hang on to that sense. Howard personified that sense of wonder. His enthusiasm, curiosity and infectious joy with birds and all of nature's gifts were an inspiration to us all. Age in no way dimmed that sense. He clung to it and retirement provided precious time to indulge that wonder.

Sense of humor. How could we speak of Howard without rejoicing in his sense of humor and hear an echo of that laughter. He knew how to have fun and never at someone's expense. Howard enjoyed life and he knew LCBAS had to be fun as well as a forum for defending the environment and educating our children. He knew how to get others to volunteer and give them space to do the work. Always ready with a word of encouragement.

He loved children, his grandchildren were the apple of his eye, but he loved all children. My daughters viewed him as the Audubon "grandpa" who came to Washington in a covered wagon.

Howard's back yard was a bird sanctuary absolutely littered with bird feeders of all descriptions. Caring for his feathered friends was a daily ritual.

LCBAS is more than a group of birders, more than people dedicated to encouraging that sense of wonder in young and old, much more than a group dedicated to protecting birds and wildlife. We are in a sense an extended family. We have rejoiced in the birth of children and grandchildren, watched children mature and marry, held each other up in sickness and trials and all too often we gather together to send our loved ones to a final rest. LCBAS is woven into our circle of life. Howard helped us to be a family – let us all join together and mourn his passing but most importantly rejoice and celebrate his life – a life well lived.

## Haikus

by Joseph Kozlowski

### Bird Evolution

evolution in action  
sparrows filching food  
from the finch feeder

### Birdbrain

birds on window ledge  
inform us October is  
fill the feeder time

**Second Saturday Event**  
at the  
**McNary Wildlife Refuge's**  
**Environmental Education Center**  
311 Lake Road, Burbank WA 99323

**9 am to noon**

**April 11, 2009**

You are invited to McNary Wildlife Refuge to see volunteers making animal tracks in the newly poured cement sidewalks.

Look them over and see what is wild at our new Environmental Education Center.

Free to all ages.

## **Board briefs — March 10, 2009**

*from Debbie Berkowitz, Sec.*

Rick will pull together an article for the Curlew about Howard Ennor. The picnic shelter at Leslie Groves was reserved for Tuesday June 23 from 4:30 to 8:30 PM. We received an \$800 grant from State Audubon. We hope to sell Mike Denny's book at the membership meetings. We are asking that the Bureau of Reclamation issue a record of decision about Black Rock. We hope to have a status report on Crab Creek Reservoir soon. The Open Space Network had two workshops in February. Leonardo's donated a Sooty Grouse and a Wood Duck to our taxidermy collection. The beginning bird class will be held in May. We will have a table at the Sandhill Crane Festival. We have a beginning birding page on our website. We will write a letter about the tree removal along the river in Leslie Groves Park. We are pursuing a grant for a classroom set of binoculars and are asking for donations of Binoculars, scopes, and tripods for Junior Audubon. We are getting more information about the Roadless Rule. We are considering sponsorship of Blue Mountain Wildlife at Heritage Days; we would also have a table there. We discussed changes to the Bylaws proposed by the Bylaws Committee and agreed that the Bylaws Committee would look at the Board's suggestions and make modifications. The next Board meeting is on Apr. 14 at 6:30 PM at the Hanford Reach Visitor's Center Office, 710 GWW Suite BB, north of NE corner of GWW and Lee). All are welcome to attend.

## **Howard Ennor, Our Mr. Audubon**

*A remembrance from Wayne Heinz*

I remember Howard. He never did learn to drive. Saturday, 7 a.m., my phone would ring. It'd be Howard. "I hear there's a Goshawk out by Finley," he'd say.

"But, Howard it's raining."

"I'll pack 2 parkas," he'd reply. Off we'd go, bouncing over rutted roads and through cow pastures in my beat-up old Volkswagon.

Many of our cow pasture sightings ended up in Howard's book, *Birds of the Tri-Cities and Vicinity*. I'd drive, he'd write. "Stop" he'd shout, "there's a Curlew." He'd draw a map on the spot...a map that would lead generations of birders to Howard's finds.

"Retirement's for the birds," Howard would quip. He lived his passion. He shared his passion. His yard overflowed with feeders and birds. His garage smelled of boiling fat. The first year we brewed our suet cakes in his kitchen. The next year found us in his garage hunched over our blackened cauldron, stirring seed into suet far from Lucille's nose. Each year at our Christmas bazaar we sold those suet cakes like hot cakes. What a great fundraiser!

### **HOWARD'S RECIPE FOR SUET CAKES OR CUP FEEDERS**

3 cups of melted suet or beef fat  
2 cups cornmeal or finely cracked corn  
1 cup peanut butter (creamy or chunky)  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup dried raisins or currants  
2 cups mixed bird seed

Combine ingredients in the order listed. Cook at about 300° - 350° while stirring to insure thorough blending of all ingredients. Add additional cornmeal, birdseed, raisins, or mixed nutmeats to reach a thick consistency. Pour into suitable containers (the cutoff bottoms of half-gallon milk cartons make good suet cake holders). Tamp down gently, add a top dressing of millet or other birdseed to sop up melted fat that rises to the top. Allow to cool, then refrigerate until you put it in your outdoor feeder. (Note: If starlings are aggressive feeders, increase the percentage of cornmeal to make a harder cake, and omit the brown sugar and raisins. Avoid the use of straight peanut butter -- some birds may choke on it!

Howard spent his retirement years either chasing some rarity over hill and dale or slogging through fields with spotting scope and tripod slung over shoulder, Girl Scout troop in tow. Howard was not a bird watcher, Howard was a birder. He infected us all with his passion. For this Howard, we thank you.

For decades he lead us LCBASers. He worked tirelessly on conservation issues, education, fund raising, membership... every aspect of our club. He would say to prospective members "Do you like being outside?" He'd await their answer with wry smile. "Then you should join Audubon." He earned his nickname "Mr. Audubon."

Howard befriended many. Howard was my friend. I miss him.

## Volunteers Needed to Conduct Burrowing Owl Surveys

DATES: March-August 2009

LOCATION: Hanford Reach National Monument

The biology staff at The Mid Columbia River Refuge Complex needs your help to conduct surveys to locate additional burrows on Hanford Reach National Monument.

Burrowing owls are a federal species of concern and a state candidate species in the state of Washington. Information gathered through the monitoring of burrows known to be used by burrowing owls is a useful tool in making management decisions and is essential for effective habitat management.

The volunteer(s) must be willing to learn GPS skills to document locations of new burrows, and to track areas surveyed for burrows. GPS training will be provided by Monument staff. The volunteer(s) must be able to conduct this work during the working week so that FWS staff is available to loan out GPS equipment and vehicles. Occasional weekend work may be possible based on staff availability.

Locating new burrows will involve hiking transects and recording your path with the GPS. Locating new burrows is based on the presence of owls, when encountered, and recording the data in a GPS. The surveys can take place on any weekdays during the 6 month time period.

The volunteer(s) may occasionally be asked provide their own field vehicle capable of traveling on gravel and sandy roads, if government vehicles are not available. Low clearance vehicles are not recommended. Mileage will be reimbursed for personal vehicle use. The Fish and Wildlife Service will provide field binoculars, a spotting scope, GPS unit and maps of the area and existing burrows.

We can use multiple volunteers to complete these projects. It is not necessary for you to commit to the entire 6 month time period. However, a commitment to at least one full day during the survey season is appreciated. In addition, attendance at a training session on Monday, April 6th, 2009 is necessary to receive instruction on GPS operation.

The training session will be at the McNary Education Center from 9am to 12pm on Monday, April 6th.

Please contact us to sign up for the training and for dates to volunteer.

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## BLM is attempting to start protection of the 7,700 acre Juniper Dune Wilderness

*from Mike Denny*

In 1980 when this wilderness was designated there were 17 nesting pair of Ferruginous Hawks. Today there are 4 nesting pair left. This wilderness area is a BLM Wilderness set aside to protect the Ferruginous Hawk population. Between 1982 and now this once beautiful dune complex has been completely demolished by ATV riders who do not and will not police themselves. They will not stay out of this wilderness area. The BLM has completely buckled to the ORV/ATV users demands and has utterly failed to protect the Ferruginous hawks in the area or the habitat of this dune system. That is until this March when a very brave BLM biologist actually was able to get part of the limited access area closed from 1 March through 15 Aug. so that the Ferruginous Hawks can nest in undisturbed peace. The Spokane office of the BLM needs to hear from all of us about upholding protection for this rare and amazing place.

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php>

So please take the time to leave a message with the BLM in Spokane about their responsibility to uphold and protect the natural resources of the Juniper Dunes Wilderness. Please do it for the Ferruginous Hawks and the northern most Western Juniper trees in the Pacific Northwest.

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including

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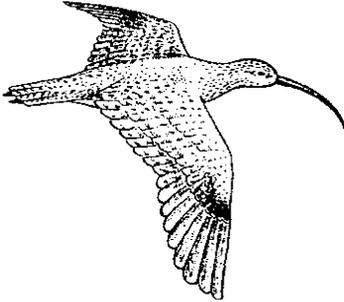
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