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## SEED SALE ! See pages 2 & 6

### Bateman Island bird walk

with Lisa Hill

A good group of about 15 birders scoured Bateman Island and came up with 42 species – mostly breeding birds, but a few migrant stragglers. Large numbers of CLIFF SWALLOWS and a few BANK SWALLOWS put on an acrobatic show – swooping and diving all around the causeway. In other areas of the island we also found TREE SWALLOW, NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW, and BARN SWALLOW. Only the Violet-green Swallow was missing from the list of 6 possible swallow species. Three WESTERN GREBES floated in the quiet water to the east of the causeway. Also in that area, flitting around in the mulberry trees, were several GRAY CATBIRDS with their signature “meow”, AMERICAN GOLDFINCH, CEDAR WAXWING and an unexpected CASPIAN TERN.

Further along the trail, it seemed as though BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAKS were singing their robin-like song from every tree. A pair of BULLOCK’S ORIOLES was bringing nesting material to their unusual bag-shaped nest. The best find of the day was YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (likely more than one) giving away its location with odd whistles and chattering. Although they do nest in the Tri-Cities area, very few chats have ever been observed on the island. The next best find was an OLIVE-SIDED FLY-CATHER busily preening, showing off its fluffy white feathers at the base of the tail. One juvenile GREAT HORNED OWL flew from its perch in the Black Locust trees. Only a few other raptors were seen; two OSPREY and a RED-TAILED HAWK. There was very little activity at the delta to the west of island, but a CLARK’S GREBE and AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS were seen. A SPOTTED SANDPIPER was found at the north end.

YELLOW WARBLER, EASTERN KINGBIRD, WESTERN KINGBIRD, BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE, BEWICK’S WREN, BELTED KINGFISHER, DOWNY WOODPECKER, SONG SPARROW and NORTHERN FLICKER rounded out the list. **The next Bateman Island Bird Walk will be Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 8:00am.** We meet at Wye Park above the causeway to the island. All are welcome; beginning birders are particularly invited to join in. [Editor’s note: The season’s first Curlew was meant to arrive in time to announce the Sept. 6 bird walk. Our apologies to the membership.]

### Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 pm**

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

The featured speaker at this, our first meeting of the fall, is Kerry McLerran, an enforcement officer with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Kerry will speak about **"Sharing the Land"**. Officer McLerran received a B.S. in Fish & Wildlife Management from Utah State University in 1994. He worked as a police officer for Utah State University PD from 1994-1996 and was hired by the Richland Police Department in 1996. Kerry worked for RPD for over 10 years until being hired by WDFW as a wildlife officer in Feb. 2007. He is married and has four children.

The lecture will begin around 7:30 after a short business meeting and break. Donations of cookies or other snacks are heartily welcomed. For more information please go to the LCBAS website.

**Board Meeting Reminder**—Debbie Berkowitz's home-544 Franklin, Richland -Tuesday, September 9, 6:15 pm.

Relaxed and friendly board meetings are open to all members. Please watch for announcements in the Curlew and on the LCBAS website. Attend whenever you can. There is always time for members to contribute (or just listen too).

### Call for Conservation Volunteers

If conservation is one of your priorities and you have a few hours a month to contribute your talent to the cause, please contact [Rick Leaumont](mailto:rick.leaumont@owt.com) (leaumont@owt.com). We have a lot of potential items on the table and Rick can use your help.

## TIME TO RENEW!!

**Members: Please check your mailing label to see if your LCBAS membership has expired. Half of our members are due to renew at this time. It is very important for you to renew in a timely manner. This renewal is separate from any payment you may have made to National Audubon Society.**

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## Birding at the Beach is Better! Fall Audubon Council Of Washington

Plan a getaway on the scenic Washington Coast and join us for fall ACOW 2008 October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The conference will be held at the Chautauqua Lodge located on the beautiful shoreline of Long Beach Washington. Enjoy relaxing accommodations, beach access and an enticing array of educational activities, meetings and speeches outlining the heart of Audubon's mission in Washington State.

The three-day conference will begin with a light day Friday, allowing you time to absorb the surroundings, explore the sand dunes and bike or walk for miles on the Discovery Trail following the beach. Friday evening will include an Education Meeting followed by a reception and evening of festivities.

On Saturday, your choice of field outings will bring you onto the beach and into the sand to witness the local ecology and habitat of shore birds. In the afternoon, a Conservation Meeting will be held at the lodge incorporating regional discussions of habitat preservation and restoration. Saturday evening, join your colleagues in an indulgent Surf and Turf dinner and banquet, followed by presentations from various individuals representing local, state and federal state agencies.

Audubon Washington board members will meet Sunday morning before dispersing to their separate corners of the state.

Discovery Coast Audubon invites you to their region of the Pacific Coast to find that "Birding at the Beach is Better!" for more information and to download a registration form go to <http://www.discoverycoastaudubon.com>.

### THE SOLUTION to High Bird Seed Prices Seventh Annual Bird Seed Sale - October 11

It's inevitable; prices for bird seed are higher like everything else in our lives. Here's the LCBAS solution: The Seventh Annual Bird Seed Sale. Discounts are higher when items are bought in large quantities. Since we order a lot of bird seed for this event, Columbia Grain and Feed can offer us awesome prices. So, mark your calendars for October 11, and come join the fun. LCBAS will have displays, some of the new taxidermy that Columbia Grain and Feed has made possible, and a chance to meet with fellow feeder watchers. Come ask for answers to your bird feeding questions.

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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  
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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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# Spring/Summer Bird Sightings - May to July

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

There were 2 Wood Ducks at Horn Rapids Park on 05/03 (DR) and 10 were at the Hanson Loop Boat Launch on 06/12 (NL, HN, ER). Uncommon during late spring and summer, 2 American Wigeon were at Tyson Ponds on 05/25 (BL, NL) and 2 were at Columbia NWR on 05/31 (BL, NL). Also uncommon during the summer, 2 Northern Pintails were at Tyson Ponds on 07/20 (BL, NL). The high count of Ruddy Ducks was 30 at Crescent Island at the Walla Walla Delta on 05/25 (BL, NL). Two Gray Partridge were along Rotha Road on the South Slope of Rattlesnake Mountain on 05/25 (BL, NL, LH, LU). That species has become hard to find in the Lower Columbia Basin.

Uncommon in the Lower Columbia Basin, a Pacific Loon was along the Columbia River in Kennewick on 05/03 (PB), 1 was at Two Rivers Park on 05/08 (DR) and again on 05/16 (DR), and 1 was at Priest Rapids Dam on 05/16 (AS, ES). Rare but annual, a Red-necked Grebe was in Pasco on 05/24 (RL, CL). Locally uncommon, an Eared Grebe was at Bateman Island on 05/03 (LH, mob) and 1 was in Pasco on 05/10 (BD). The high count of Western Grebes was 6 at Crescent Island at the Walla Walla Delta on 05/25 (BL, NL). Clark's Grebes were at the Yakima Delta from about the middle March until at least 06/07 (mob). The high count of American White Pelicans was 200 at Crescent Island at the Walla Walla Delta on 05/25 (BL, NL). The high count of American Bittern was 6 at Columbia NWR on 05/31 (BL, NL). That species is uncommon in the Lower Columbia Basin. Rare but annual during late spring, there were 4 White-faced Ibis at Windust Park on 05/21 (RMe) and 1 was at County Line Ponds near Othello on 05/23 (RFr). Uncommon during migration, a Turkey Vulture was in North Richland on 05/16 (RGi), 1 was at Ritzville on 05/23 (RH), 1 was at Horn Rapids Park on 05/27 (NL).

Rare during late spring and summer, a Bald Eagle was along Rock Creek Road on 05/11 (DR) and 1 was along the Hanford Reach on 06/27 (RPr). A Sharp-shinned Hawk was at Columbia Park on 05/14 (DR). Cooper's Hawk sightings included 1 FEALE on 05/12 (NL, BDu, JMe), 1 at Bateman Island on 05/29 (NL), and adult and nestling at McNary NWR on 06/20 (NL, HB), 1 at Columbia NWR on 06/23 (NL, JorL), 1 along Keene Road in Richland on 06/27 (TG). Summer sightings of this species are becoming more common now that they are breeding in the Tri-Cities area. A Ferruginous Hawk was FEALE on 05/10 (BL, NL), 2 were along Route 260 in Franklin County on 05/21 (RMe), and 5 were near Badger Road on 07/14 fide DG, LU). There was a Peregrine Falcon at Priest Rapids Dam on 05/23 (AS, ES), 1 was at Columbia NWR on 06/04 (NL), and 1 was at Palouse Falls on 06/06 (MHob). Rare after the end of April, a Sandhill Crane was at Lost Island HMU in Franklin County on 05/17 (DR, mob).

A Semipalmated Plover was at Fourth Island along the Columbia on 05/06 (JA) and 1 was at McCain Ponds near

Othello on 05/06 (RH). The high count of Killdeer was 50 at the Yakima Delta on 07/16 (BW). The high count of Black-necked Stilts was 8 at Columbia NWR on 05/31 (BL, NL) and the high count of American Avocets was 6 at the Barker Ranch on 05/13 (NL, CR). The high count of Spotted Sandpipers was 5 at Two Rivers Park on 06/27 (DR). Uncommon during spring migration, a Solitary Sandpiper was at Umatilla NWR, OR on 05/02 (JA, KA) and 1 was at the Barker Ranch on 05/08 (JA). The first fall migrating Solitary Sandpiper was at County Line Ponds near Othello on 07/25 (RH). The high count of Greater Yellowlegs was 5 at the Yakima Delta on 07/16 (BW) and the high count of Lesser Yellowlegs was 4 at Tyson Ponds on 07/20 (BL, NL). The first fall migrating Semipalmated Sandpiper of the season was at McCain Ponds near Othello on 07/15 RH). The high count was 4 at Tyson Ponds on 07/20 (BL, NL). The first Western Sandpiper of the season was at Fourth Island in the Columbia River on 07/02 when 6 were observed (JA, HN). The high count of Least Sandpipers was 5 at Tyson Ponds on 07/20 (BL, NL). The high count of Long-billed Dowitchers was 76 at McCain Ponds near Othello on 07/15 (RH). A Wilson's Snipe was at Lost Island HMU on 06/17 (DR, mob). The high count of Wilson's Phalaropes was 16 at Tyson Ponds on 07/20 (BL, NL). Red-necked Phalaropes were at the Hatton Coulee Rest Stop on 05/23 (RH) and 4 were at Crescent Island on 05/23 (MBo).

There were 20 Franklin's Gulls at Madame Dorian on 05/25 (BW), which is the second highest count that I am aware of for our area. Uncommon during the summer, a Glaucous-winged Gull was at Wanapum Dam on 05/24 (SD). Black Tern sightings included 2 at Connell on 05/18 (JH), 3 at Fourth Island in the Columbia River on 06/15 (JA) and 2 there on 07/03 (JA, HN). That species is an uncommon migrant. The high count of Forster's Terns was 400 on 07/02 at Fourth Island on 07/02 (JA, HN). There were several sightings of Eurasian Collared-Doves (mob). A Western Screech-Owl was in North Richland on 05/05 (BW). Short-eared Owl sightings included 2 on the south slope of Rattlesnake Mountain on 05/25 (BL, NL, LH, LU), 1 at the Potholes on 06/24 (NL, HN), 1 in the Horse Heaven Hills on 07/16 (PB) and 2 there on 07/18 (DR). There were 3 Common Poorwills on the south slope of Rattlesnake Mountain on 05/25 (BL, NL, LH, LU). There were several reports of Black-chinned, Calliope, and Rufous Hummingbirds throughout the period (mob). There were 2 Lewis' Woodpeckers at Horn Rapids Park on 05/15 (NL, JA, KA, HN). Olive-sided Flycatcher sightings included 1 at Potholes State Park on 05/20 (DS), 1 at Bateman Island on 06/01 (NL) and again on 06/07 (LH, mob). A Least Flycatcher was at Washtucna on 05/31 (RH, DS) and again on 06/02 (BF). A Gray Flycatcher was at FEALE on 05/10 (BL, NL), 1 was there on 05/14 (NL, BDu), and 1 was in Washtucna on 06/01 (BF). There were several other reports of migrating Empidonax flycatchers. Locally rare during the summer, Tree Swallows were at Bateman Island on 06/06 (MHob)

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and again on 06/07 (LH, mob). A Brown Creeper was at FEALE on 05/08 (NL, LH). A Canyon Wren was along Old Inland Empire Highway on 05/02 (BL, NL) and 1 was at Windust Park on 05/21 (RMe). Rare after the end of April, a Winter Wren was at Rancho Reata on 06/02 (TG).

There were 2 Western Bluebirds at FEALE on 05/06 (CSi) and 2 were along McBee Grade Road on 05/11 (EC). Swainson's Thrush sightings included 1 at Potholes State Park on 05/20 (DS), 2 at Hooper on 05/31 (RH, DS), and 1 at Washtucna on 06/06 (DR). That species is a rare migrant in the Lower Columbia Basin. A Varied Thrush was at Windust Park on 06/06 (DR, MHob). That species is rare after mid-May. A Sage Thrasher was on the south slope of Rattlesnake Mountain on 05/02 (BL, NL) and 1 was in Smith Canyon on 05/25 (RL, CL). American Pipits were at Horn Rapids Park and on the south slope of Rattlesnake Mountain on 05/02 (BL, NL). There were very good numbers of migrating warblers through late spring (mob). A Common Yellowthroat was at Connell on 05/18 (JH), 1 was at Lyons Ferry on 05/21 (RMe). There were several sightings of Common Yellowthroats at Columbia NWR until at least 06/23 (mob).

Rare in the Lower Columbia Basin, a Clay-colored Sparrow was at Lyons Ferry on 06/03 (BF). A Black-throated Sparrow was along Huntzinger Road on 05/24 (SD), where they have occurred nearly annually. Fox Sparrow sightings included 1 at Rancho Reata on 05/01 (NL, MDa, NO), 1 at FEALE on 05/05 (NL, ER), and 1 at FEALE on 05/14 (NL, BDu). Uncommon, a White-throated Sparrow was at Rancho Reata on 05/01 (NL, MDa, NO) and 1 was at Potholes State Park on 05/20 (DS). A Tricolored Blackbird was at McCain Ponds on 06/04 (BF). Rare during late spring and summer, there were 5 Red Crossbills in North Richland on 06/09 through 07/04 (LN). I am aware of only 3 other summer records of that species. Also rare during summer, a Pine Siskin was at Wallula on 07/11 (ER, mob).

## Birds of the Month

Ron Friesz found a Baikal Teal at Columbia NWR on 05/30. Several other observers saw that bird later in the day. However, it was not observed after 05/30. Baikal Teal breed in eastern and central Siberia with no breeding records for North America. They winter in southern Siberia through Korea, Japan, Mongolia, and eastern China. They are causal in Alaska and very rare anywhere else in North America. There was a recent Washington record that was well observed in Kent during the winter of 2004/ 2005.

Randy Hill observed a Willet at County Line Ponds near Othello on 05/05. It remained at that location until at least 05/23 when it was joined by a second Willet. Fran Haywood also found a Willet at Cow Lake in Adams County on 07/12. Willets are very rare in the Lower

Columbia Basin occurring less than annually. There have been about 10 other records.

There was an incredible incursion of Sabine's Gulls into Eastern Washington during late May. Max Bockes found 120 at Banks Lake on 05/23. The next day he found 133 near Crescent Island at the Walla Walla Delta. Also on 05/24 Andy and Ellen Stepniewski found 150 Sabine's Gulls at Priest Rapids Dam. The following day, Scott Downs found 50 at Priest Rapids Dam and 2 at Wanapum Dam. Sabine's Gulls are very rare during the spring in Eastern Washington. I am aware of only 3 other spring records. Surprisingly, this was not the highest count. On 06/09/1963 300 were at Blue Lake in Grant County and 4 hours later that flock apparently moved to Reardan.

Randy Hill and Doug Schonewald found a Philadelphia Vireo in Washtucna on 05/31. That species breeds throughout eastern boreal forest into eastern British Columbia. It is surprisingly rare in Washington. I am aware of only 5 other records with 3 occurring during fall migration and the other 2 occurring during spring migration.

Jane and Keith Abel found a Veery in North Richland on 06/06. Although Veeries breed in the nearby foothills, they are very rare in the Tri-Cities area. I am aware of only 3 other records.

### Observers

**JA** Jane Abel, **KA** Keith Abel, **PB** Phil Bartley, **MBo** Max Bockes, **HB** Howard Browers, **EC** Ernie Crediford, **MDa** Murrel Dawson, **SD** Scott Downes, **BDu** Bonnie Dunham, **BF** Bob Flores, **RFr** Ron Friesz, **RGi** Ray Giddings, **DG** Denny Granstrand, **TG** Tony Greager, **JH** John Hebert, **LH** Lisa Hill, **RH** Randy Hill, **MHob** Michael Hobbs, **BL** Bill LaFramboise, **NL** Nancy LaFramboise, **CL** Carole Louderback, **RL** Ron Louderback, **JorL** Jordene Lucas, **JMe** Jennifer Meisel, **RMe** Ryan Merrill, **LN** Laurie Ness, **HN** Heidi Newsome, **NO** Neil Ofsthun, **RPr** Robin Priddy, **CR** Charlotte Reep, **DR** Dennis Rockwell, **ER** Ed Rykiel, **DS** Doug Schonewald, **CSi** Chris Simonen, **AS** Andy Stepniewski, **ES** Ellen Stepniewski, **LU** Larry Umthun, **BW** Bob Woodley



**Baikal Teal**

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## Heritage Days at Sacajawea State Park

September 26, 27, 28, 2008

Heritage Days was first started by the local Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council in 2003, to commemorate the Lewis & Clark Corps. of Discovery's camping at the site of Sacajawea State Park, just east of Pasco, Washington, in 1805. Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association has organized the event since 2006, and it continues to be fun for all..

The event is a living history heritage event, demonstrating the way of living and skills of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery, the Trapper era, and that of the Native Peoples. Fun demonstrations include musket shooting, flint knapping, trapper era skills, Dutch Oven cooking, pioneer life skills, and learning about Native American culture. Participants include the Yakama and Umatilla Nations, the Wanapums, Washington State Parks, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Guard, the Horse Heaven Historical Re-enactors, the Sagebrush Freetrappers, The Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society, and too many volunteers to mention.

For 2008, we are thrilled to announce two new programs:  
From the Yakama Nation comes fun storytelling programs  
And

Old-time musicians, brothers Jere and Greg Canote bring the old-time mountain music to modern times with very entertaining programs.

Other Old-time music, food, and arts and crafts vendors are just some of the varied activities for this family event.

### Schedule & Event times:

Friday 10:00 A.M. – 3:00pm Classroom visits from local schools. We historically have around 600 school children visit. 3pm-5pm general public visits.

Saturday Programs start at 10:00 A.M. until the campfire dies down at night.

Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. General public visits.

Saturday 1:30pm Old-time music.

2:00pm Canote brothers Old-time music.

10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm Yakama storytelling

Our favorite part of the weekend is Saturday night storytelling and music around the campfire starting at 7:00 P.M. All are welcome to the campfire also.

Heritage Days is a free to the public event. Contact the event coordinator at (509)492-1555, Reade Obern, for vendor charges and mountain man registration forms.

The Canote Brothers from Seattle, WA, are as renowned for their affable attitudes and humor as they are for their music. Greg on fiddle, and Jere on guitar, and both on banjo ukes, perform zany concerts, play for dances, lead songs and promote a good time!

On stage, for audiences of all ages, The Canote Brothers demonstrate their love and mastery of vintage styles from old-time fiddle tunes and country songs to novelty numbers and swing. They perform with spirit, humor, sterling musicianship, and genetically matched voices. Greg and Jere share a well-honed ear for the

quirky - as one reviewer put it, "Their songs all have the ring of cock-eyed classics!"

The twin brothers started singing soon after they were born and haven't closed their mouths since. They spent their early years in California's Sacramento Valley, inventing songs with their father at the piano and tagging along with their parents' folk and square dance group.

They honed their skills performing in many bands and discovered old-time music in the mid 1970s. In 1978 they attended the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes in Port Townsend, WA, and eventually became frequent teachers there.

After touring the country with dance caller and singer Sandy Bradley for four years, they returned to the Northwest for a thirteen year stint on Seattle's National Public Radio show, "Sandy Bradley's Potluck," as Sandy's affable side-kicks. The rigors of finding new material for a weekly radio show kept the twins on their toes, mining and performing gems of American music of the past as well as writing new songs in those styles.

The Canote Brothers have been featured at many concerts and festivals including:

Prairie Home Companion - St. Paul, Minnesota  
Fiddle Tunes Festival - Port Townsend, Washington  
Gurten Fest Music Festival - Bern, Switzerland  
First Night - Tacoma, Washington  
Vancouver Folk Festival - Vancouver, British Columbia  
Bumbershoot - Seattle, Washington  
Pinewoods - Plymouth, Massachusetts  
Carter Family Fold - Hiltons, Virginia  
Puget Sound Guitar Workshop - Port Orchard, Wash.  
Lady Of The Lake - Coeur d' Alene, Idaho  
Eagle Tavern - New York City  
Folk And Heritage Festival - San Diego, California

They also provide workshops in the following:

Old-Time Fiddle / Bowing Styles  
Back-up Guitar for Fiddle Tunes  
Playing for Dances  
Fiddle Tunes Repertoire  
Group Singing  
Intro to Ukulele - Banjo Uke

**"The Canote Brothers did a fantastic job performing, amusing, interacting with the audience. . .and showing kids how close siblings can be - at any age."**

**- Kathy Sackett, Spokane Public Radio KPBX**

### Seed Sale -Continued from page 2

Please order ahead so that your purchase is set aside. If it is like last year, the prices may bring in people from Walla Walla and Yakima. To get the items and quantities you want, preorder by October 1. You do not have to pick up your order on the eleventh but don't miss the fun. See order form on page 6 or on the LCBAS webpage.

Proceeds from this sale go to the LCBAS Education fund and have been used for the taxidermy collection. More news to come on that in the next few months - the collection has a new home at the McNary National Wildlife Refuge!!

Columbia Grain & Feed is located at 2001 W Lewis Street in Pasco from 9 am—2 pm. Hope to see you there.

# Seventh Annual Seed Sale & Bird Information Fair - October 11

Once again, Columbia Grain & Feed will make a donation to LCBAS based on bird feeding supply purchases.

Who: Anyone who feeds birds or wants to know more about our local birds

What: Displays, Good Prices, Answers to Questions

When: October 11, 2008, 9 am to 2 pm

Where: Columbia Grain & Feed, 2001 W Lewis St, Pasco

Why: FUN, Information, Benefits education programs, Good deals

Questions: Call Nancy at 627-3695

By preordering by October 1, Columbia Grain & Feed can get the amounts and varieties that customers want. Don't be disappointed.

If you are not available on October 11, please PREPAY your order and enclose a note letting Columbia Grain & Feed know when you expect to pick up your order. Remember; WHENEVER you buy bird feeding supplies at Columbia Grain & Feed tell the clerk that you want your purchase to count toward the donation to Audubon.

## Lower Columbia Basin Audubon – Columbia Grain & Feed Seed Order Form

**RETURN ORDER FORMS AND PAYMENT TO: Columbia Grain and Feed, 2001 W Lewis Street, Pasco, 99301  
BY October 1, 2008**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Size	Product	Price	Quantity	Total	Size	Product	Price	Quantity	Total
50#	Black Oil Sunflower Seed	\$26.95	_____	_____	20#	Healthy Hearts Sunflower	\$22.95	_____	_____
50#	Healthy Hearts Sunflower	\$54.95	_____	_____	10#	Nyger Thistle	\$15.95	_____	_____
50#	Nyger Thistle	\$64.50	_____	_____	20#	Finches Feast (Thistle & sunflower hearts) fits in thistle feeders	\$21.65	_____	_____
50#	White Millet	\$14.25	_____	_____	20#	Shell Free Fiesta	\$24.90	_____	_____
50#	Regional Recipe (cracked corn, black oil sunflower, white millet mix)	\$19.10	_____	_____	25#	Peanuts in Shell	\$29.90	_____	_____
50#	Cracked Corn	\$11.95	_____	_____	25#	Squirrel Chow Select	\$18.90	_____	_____
50#	Bird Lover's Blend	\$26.60	_____	_____					

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ Tax 8.3% \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Other seeds, suet blocks, and feeders are available at Columbia Grain & Feed and will count toward the fundraiser!!! Come and see them and LCBAS displays on October 11.

**Payment can be made by check or credit card (Visa, MC, Am. Express, Discover). Credit card number**

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## President's Message

*From Ed Rykiel*

I'd like to introduce myself by saying how excited I am to get to work with such a great group of LCBAS officers, committee chairs, and members! Thanks for giving me this opportunity.

I see 3 primary missions for LCBAS and I will let you arrange them to fit your own priorities.

1. Conservation
2. Education
3. Fun

My planning philosophy is an idea I got from General Eisenhower. This is almost an exact quote, "... I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable."

So my approach is to treat all our plans as changlings in a constant state of planning. At our first Board meeting in August, we did not try to lay out all possible goals for 2008-2009, but rather to start a continuing planning process. We did try to identify just a few major goals that we might realistically attain this year – a conservation goal, an education goal, and a fun goal. Remember, we will be fiddling (i.e., "planning") with these as we go along to fine tune them as much as we can.

I cannot stress too much that the comments and concerns of all our members are always welcomed so feel free to join the conversation.

Our Conservation committee, chaired by Rick Leaumont, is reviewing our past goals and how we did with them, and will be recommending to the Board a major goal for this year.

Our Education committee, chaired by Cherie Baudrand, has proposed developing a Junior Audubon program, and the Board has authorized Cherie and her committee to develop a pilot program. The Board is very excited about this possibility.

Our Hospitality committee, chaired by Murrell Dawson, has proposed that one of our regular meetings be just a fun time to socialize and enjoy each others company without a formal presentation. That sounds like fun to me.

Of course, there are always less fun things that need to be done too. The Board has authorized me to set up 2 Special Task Force Committees, one to make recommendations for developing our annual budget and the other to review our Bylaws and committee structure, and to make recommendations for amending the Bylaws pending the review.

When I review the minutes from our Board meetings, I can see that my main challenge this year is help channel the flood of ideas gushing from our members from fire hose to garden hose level to we can grow our LCBAS program garden in a colorful, useful, and fun way.

I am confident that you can expect another exciting year of LCBAS activities, and a few you may not have

been expecting. Like our shade-grown coffee fundraiser – don't forget to order when we announce it!

You make us go, and we are counting on you to help us grow this year.

### White-crowned Sparrow Study 2008-2009 – Excitement is Rising!

You might recall that we color banded 289 WCSPs during our 2007-2008 study period. Well, it's getting to be about that time when they start to pass through our area on fall migration and some will take up winter residence.

We need your eyes! If you see a color banded WCSP, please note the location, date, time, and band color(s) and send a report to [Nancy LaFramboise](mailto:billnanl@verizon.net) (billnanl@verizon.net).

Our second study period will begin this fall. We are adding a second color band – yellow – to identify the new birds we band so if you spot one of them, they will have 2 color bands. If you only see one color band, you will know that bird was banded before May 2008. Here is a reminder of the color scheme we are using. Richland location (LaFramboise) is using red for young birds and black for mature birds. Benton City location (Browsers) is using light green and light blue. Finley (Dunham) is using pink and mauve.

Ed Rykiel, Nancy LaFramboise, Bill LaFramboise, Howard Browsers, Bonnie Dunham

### San Juan Islands Birding – October 6-8, 2008

Join the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society this fall for a three-day cruise October 6-8, 2008, through the spectacular San Juan Archipelago. We will depart from John Wayne Marina aboard the MV Glacier Spirit (a 65-foot motor vessel, well-known from our many cruises around Protection Island), and cruise to Roche Harbor Resort; then touring various sites on San Juan Island for either birding or sightseeing. On day two, we will cruise onward for a mid-day visit to the Sucia Island State Park for a walk-about and picnic lunch, returning to Roche Harbor Resort on San Juan Island for the second night. On day three, we will cruise back home again to John Wayne Marina by way of dramatic Deception Pass, pausing for a close look at Smith Island for birds and sea mammals. Look for registration materials on our website.

[www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org](http://www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org)). For additional information, contact 360-681-4076, or email [rcoffice@olympus.net](mailto:rcoffice@olympus.net).

### Second Saturday Event

from 9 am until noon at the  
**McNary Wildlife Refuge's  
Environmental Education Center**  
311 Lake Rd, Burbank WA 99323.

*by Greg Greger*

**September 13, 2008**

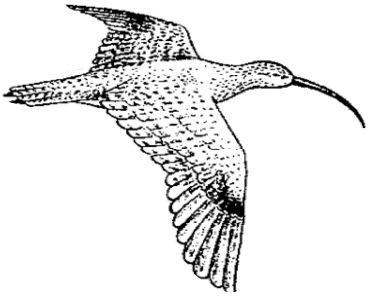
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Of Note: Two ospreys fledged this year using the

**The Curlew**  
Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society  
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Richland, WA 99352

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**Chapter Membership** (includes a year's subscription [10 issues] to *The Curlew*)

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20. for annual membership dues or
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$10. for full time students.

Please make check payable to **LCBAS**. I can help with an additional donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Send *The Curlew* to my email address listed below. All my dues will go towards supporting LCBAS in local education and conservation efforts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to be on your Environmental Alert e-mail list to receive timely notices about issues/work parties. (Your e-mail address will not be shared.)

**National Audubon Society Membership** (includes annual subscription to *Audubon Magazine*)

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20. for one year new membership in the NAS. (Renewal of NAS membership is currently \$35.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15. for one year new senior or full time student membership in NAS.

Please make check payable to **National Audubon Society**. Please do not sent renewals to LCBAS.

*For any of the options above check the appropriate boxes, clip the form and mail it with your check(s) to:*

**Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society, P. O. Box 1900, Richland, WA 99352**

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