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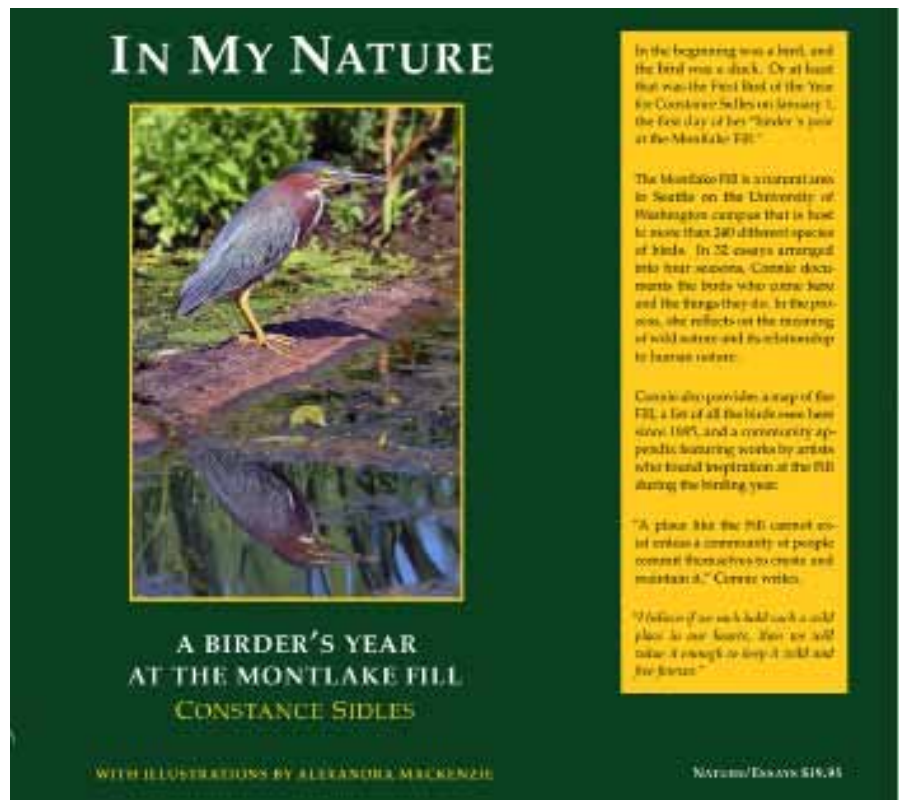
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In My Nature: A Birder's Year at the Montlake Fill

Author and master birder Constance Sidles reads from her delightful book of essays about nature: *In My Nature: A Birder's Year at the Montlake Fill*. Come along with her as she takes you on a storybook journey to one of the premier birding spots in Washington, an oasis of wild nature in the heart of a big city. Connie's observations about our relationship to nature will make you think and laugh and (we hope!) share your own experiences with the birds we all love.

The Montlake Fill is a nature reserve on the University of Washington campus, in the heart of northeast Seattle. She calls it her favorite place on earth, and manages to bird there nearly every day. She has been birding the Fill since 1986.

Connie has fans across the State who look forward to her essays on Tweeters, the State bird chat web site. She has written four books and more than 550 feature articles, receiving two Maggie Awards for best nonfiction feature articles.



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To Our National Audubon Members

Your membership in National Audubon gives you automatic membership in your local chapter, Kitsap Audubon. But did you know that National shares only a little over two dollars of your dues with the local chapter? This doesn't cover the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter you receive eight times a year or the cost of our educational and popular monthly programs from September through May.

Kitsap Audubon Society, your local chapter, is committed to preserving the natural world through environmental study, habitat protection and education. This includes donating Audubon Adventures (see article on facing page) to fourth-grade classrooms across Kitsap County and awarding scholarships to deserving high school seniors planning to pursue degrees in wildlife or environmental related fields of study.

Kitsap Audubon partners with other conservation-minded organizations, serving as a voice for local birds and wildlife that can't speak for themselves. The organization is run entirely by volunteers, and every dollar goes toward education and habitat protection.

Please help us fulfill our mission. Keep Kitsap Audubon a strong voice for the local environment by becoming a dues-paying member today. You'll find a membership application on the back of your copy of the *Kingfisher* and on our website: kitsapaudubon.org.



KAS Scholarship Awards

Each year Kitsap Audubon awards one or more \$500 scholarships to high school graduating seniors who plan to pursue academic studies in a field related to our mission. Because of generous donations to Kitsap Audubon in memory of Morry Walsh, KAS awarded an additional scholarship this year to honor his memory.

Pictured above with Scholarship Chair Sandra Bullock, are this year's recipients (left to right):

Tucker Rogers, Bainbridge Island, graduating from Bainbridge Island High School, will attend Seattle Pacific University; major - Forestry.

Alison Marks, Poulsbo, graduating from North Kitsap High School, will attend Pomona College; major - Environmental Analysis.

Samantha Fairweather, Bremerton, graduating from Central Kitsap High School, will attend Western Washington University; major - Environmental Science.

President's Letter—Judy Willott

As you know, many duties fall to the president of KAS. One is writing this monthly note for the Kingfisher. I always have too many things to include, so that is a challenge. Another is submitting the annual report to National Audubon via website, along with passwords, user ids, etc. Timely submission of this report brings us our token contribution per member from National.

Even better, every so often I get invited to special events and gatherings. This week I had the honor of attending a Port Gamble Bay Conservation gathering convened by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. There were representatives from many conservation and environmentally active groups seated around the table in the Longhouse at Little Boston. A wide-ranging



discussion about environmentally sound, conservation-minded goals followed a presentation by the Tribe about Port Gamble Bay and its surroundings, and its cultural and historic significance to their members. Later we were treated to a walk on the beach at Point Julia. We just happened to have really good views of three ospreys overhead as we talked. Standing on this sandy beach, it was clear to me that clean up of Port Gamble Bay includes the

removal of hundreds of pilings, many just across the water from Point Julia. You'll hear much more about the clean up of Port Gamble Bay and how to achieve the best value for the community as plans are developed for the surrounding acres in months to come.

If you enjoy our KAS field trips, please note a couple of changes in our Field Trip Guidelines, No.3 and 4. We have made these adjustments to give everyone equal opportunity to sign up for our most popular field trips, and to make them available to others when there are cancellations. We will monitor these changes through the year and welcome your input.

Photo: Judy chats with renowned author and artist David Sibley during Islandwood's Wild Wings Festival, cosponsored by Kitsap Audubon.

Sponsor Audubon Adventures—Fay Linger

Members of Kitsap Audubon have an opportunity to make a difference in classrooms throughout the county by sponsoring an "Audubon Adventures" classroom kit.

"Audubon Adventures" is an environmental education program, produced by the National Audubon Society aimed at fourth and fifth graders. Designed by professional environmental educators, the "Audubon Adventures" program presents basic, scientifically accurate information about birds and other wildlife, habitats and conservation. The material meets core elementary curriculum

standards in Earth Science, Language Arts and Civics.

"Audubon Adventures" comes as a classroom kit serving up to 32 students. Each kit contains a teacher's manual and covers 4 separate topics with classroom hand-outs. KAS supplies these kits, free of charge, to subscribing teachers in the Kitsap County public schools. Last year KAS supplied 40 classrooms with "Audubon Adventures" kits.

The cost of each classroom kit is \$ 45.65 (\$38.50 plus \$7.15 postage). This is a major item in the KAS annual budget. Your contribution would help us defray

the cost of this program. You may contribute any amount to the general "Audubon Adventures" program or sponsor your child's or a grandchild's classroom or a classroom of your choice!

To make a contribution, make checks payable to Kitsap Audubon Society and mail to KAS, PO Box 961, Poulsbo, WA 98370 and specify that your contribution is for "Audubon Adventures" Should you have any questions contact Fay Linger, Education Chair, 360-297-3855 or ernieandfay@centurytel.net

Note: Our membership application (printed on back) now offers more options, including LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS and special donations for Scholarships and Audubon Adventres.



Kitsap Audubon in Pictures

Besides monthly programs and field trips, Kitsap Audubon participates in a number of annual festivals and events. Clockwise from top:

Jim Ullrich was presented the 2010 Kingfisher Award by previous winners Dawn and Hans Hansen at the May meeting of Kitsap Audubon.

The Troll House in Gardner is a favorite photo stop when Gene and Sandy Bullock lead field trips to Sequim. The trip includes a lunch stop at Railroad Park by the Dungeness River Center.

The Nisqually Wildlife Refuge is a popular spring field trip for Kitsap Audubon, followed by lunch at the local hangout across the highway. Highlight of the day was a cooperative Great Horned Owl.

Sharron Ham and Sara and Byron Kane on duty at EcoFest, held annually by Stillwaters Environmental Center.

Fay Linger, and Dee and John Finkbeiner were among Kitsap Audubon volunteers at the two-day Great Peninsula Future Festival, held this year at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The Festival features exhibits, forums and workshops around the theme of environmental sustainability.



Stillwaters' Annual Used Book Sale

Starts Labor Day weekend and continues every **Friday - Sunday, September 3 through October 3 -- 9 am - 4 pm.** New phone number: 360-297-1226.

Bird Festivals

Sixth Annual Puget Sound Bird Fest, Edmonds, September 10-12.

The three-day event includes speakers, guided walks, field trips, exhibits and educational activities. Friday evening features keynote speaker Lyanda Lynn Haupt. Her book *Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness* was a Seattle Times Best Book of 2009. Birding Cruise on Puget Sound and bus trip to Monroe Saturday evening to see thousands of Vaux's Swifts. Contact Sally Lider, 425-771-0227; lider@ci.edmonds.wa.us

* *Randena Walsh has an exhibit of bird paintings at the Edmonds Public Library, now through September 14, in conjunction with the Edmonds Bird Fest.*

Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival. Memorial Park in Pateros WA, September 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take a field trip to the spectacular Chelan Ridge raptor migration banding site. Contact: Bridget Egan, 509-433-7306, mtnegan@gmail.com. North Central Washington Audubon Society, P.O. Box 2934, Wenatchee, WA 98807, www.ncwaudubon.org

6th Annual Friends of Ridgefield NWR Blues and Birdfest, October 9-10.
www.ridgefieldfriends.org

National Audubon Gets New President

David Yarnold has been named President and CEO of the National Audubon Society. He is currently Executive Director of the Environmental Defense Fund and President of its Environmental Defense Action Fund. Prior to that, he was a Pulitzer Prize-winning editor at the *San Jose Mercury*

Friends of Newberry Hill Heritage Park

currently has three board members and openings for two more. The NHHP Board is especially interested in adding someone from the Audubon community who is knowledgeable about bird habit. To learn more about this soon to be 501(c)3 group, visit www.friendsofnhhp.com.

Puget Sound Seabird Survey Needs Volunteers

Are you a birdwatcher who'd like to make a valuable contribution to science? Volunteer for the Puget Sound Seabird Survey! Surveys are synchronized to take place within a four-hour window on the first Saturday of each month, October through April. Protocol is scientifically stringent, but user friendly. Advanced birders

preferred, but those who can't tell a Greater from a Lesser Scaup can team up with more experienced observers. This program is unique and addresses a known gap in our understanding of seabirds in Puget Sound. Visit www.seabirdsurvey.org or contact Adam Sedgley at adams@seattleaudubon.org to learn more.

John Fabian and Hood Canal Coalition Receive Magnuson Award

The citizens' conservation group People For Puget Sound honored John Fabian and the Hood Canal Coalition with the 2010 Warren G. Magnuson Puget Sound Legacy Award.

The *Puget Sound Legacy Award* honors Washington Senator Warren G. Magnuson who, among his legislative accomplishments, passed legislation protecting marine mammals and prohibiting supertankers from entering Puget

Sound. The awards are given to individuals, projects, groups or businesses nominated for their outstanding work on behalf of the marine life in Puget Sound. John Fabian and the Hood Canal Coalition are recognized for their persistent and courageous efforts to protect the shoreline and critical habitats of Hood Canal from the development of a gravel export dock near Shine, in Jefferson County.

Will Rural Kitsap Look Rural In the Future?

Tom Nevins, Chair, West Sound Conservation Council

Maybe. Or maybe not.

Some developers and realtors are working hard to change Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan to allow unrestricted commercial/ industrial development along all major thoroughfares (picture the endless strip mall/mobile home lots along the I-5 corridor in places like Fife and Federal Way).

These developers and realtors also want expanded industrial opportunities or "employment centers" in rural areas.

Some see these changes as sure pathways to future blight and rural sprawl, and a way to skirt the intent of the Growth Management Act. Others defend the changes as a way to create jobs, increase tax revenue for the county and promote economic development.

Kitsap County is revising the Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3, which guides land-use patterns and directs land-use decisions for unincorporated areas of Kitsap County outside urban growth areas (UGAs). http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/community_plan/rural_policy/documents/03_rural_2010_knk_081710.pdf

"I think that this is the most important thing we are doing in terms of the future of this county," said Larry Keeton, Director of the Kitsap County Department of Community Development.

Read more at: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2010/apr/27/planners-go-over-feedback-on-kitsap-countys-year/#ixzz0xCYzYgo5>

Presently, the revisions include several new expansions of rural industrial areas (LAMIRDs) and the creation of two new zones: Rural Commercial (RCO) and Rural Industrial (RI). The potential

expansions of Local Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRDs) to be discussed in this Comprehensive Plan revision are Ecology Road, Twelve Trees, Strieble's Corner, Bond Gunderson, and Keyport Junction. The RCOs and RIs are scattered all over the county. These and the LAMIRDs will be regulated by new zoning use tables.

None of these actions can proceed under current county policy. RL-8 states: "Allow existing commercial and industrial activities in the rural area to continue but not expand beyond the limits of the existing zoning, except as specified under policies RL-30 and RL-31." RL-30 and RL-31 refer to the formation of LAMIRDs which do allow for expansion of commercial or industrial activity, but require a level of public participation and review.

Policy RL-8 is slated to be eliminated. If this happens, public oversight will be eroded and significant decision authority will transfer to the Kitsap County Department of Community Development. This may be more efficient, but would it be in the public interest?

In an effort to "Keep Kitsap Rural" and preserve the opportunity for public input, West Sound Conservation Council (WSSC) representatives have submitted the following substitution:

RL-8: Recognize existing commercial and industrial uses within the existing zoning designations for such uses but not expand beyond the limits of the existing zoning, except as specified under policies RL-30 and RL-31. Limit new development adjacent to these designations to only those that, by their very nature, principally serve

the rural community, are dependent upon being in a rural area and are compatible with the functional and visual character of the immediate vicinity.

This language recognizes that some expansion may serve the public interest.

Citizens need to think about how much they are willing to sacrifice the rural character of Kitsap County for the sake of economic growth. Is economic growth being held back by the lack of industrial/commercial land? With thousands of vacant acres of industrial zoned land by Bremerton Airport, new undeveloped commercial land on the north edge of Silverdale and high vacancy rates on Wheaton Way, is there a need for more?

There will be public hearings where people can weigh in on these proposed changes and influence future direction. Kitsap County government belongs to the citizens of the county. The citizens who show up for public hearings have more influence. The folks mentioned in the first paragraph will be there.

Opportunities to learn more:

http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/community_plan/rural_policy/Rural_Policy_default.htm

View Planning Commission Sept. 7th agenda here:

<http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd/pc/agenda/cy2010/9-7-10.pdf>

Tom Nevins serves on the Kitsap County Planning Commission and is a member of the Task Group charged with developing recommended updates to the Kitsap Shoreline Master Program. He is a long-time member of Kitsap Audubon.

Save Petersen Farm—Michael Yadrick

The future of the largest farm in Central Kitsap County was in question at the end of 2009, with the passing of Gerald Petersen, longtime owner, in September at the age of 94. Speculation about the 167 acres of farm and forest he worked with his wife Dorothy, who passed away many years ago, started to spread. The land likely could sprout houses, stores, and office buildings due to its prime location just outside of Silverdale. However, Mr. Petersen expressed a strong desire throughout his life and in his will for the land to remain as a working farm. As a result, Great Peninsula Conservancy is now leading a partnership with the Petersen Estate, farm interests, and community organizations to raise funds to purchase a conservation easement on the farm. This protection will allow generations of farmers to continue to produce livestock and crops for the local community for years to come. Conservation of the Petersen Farm, with its history, size, and central location, is vital to sustaining Kitsap County's resurging local farm economy.

Agriculture & Conservation Goals

Preservation of the Petersen Farm will help ensure that our community has a source of local agricultural products in the future. A historically significant farm, the homestead is a linch-pin in preserving rural lands and farm history in Central Kitsap County. The project will positively affect the environment too because native forests grace the hillsides, filtering water before it flows into Clear Creek. Over 3000 feet of Clear Creek runs through the middle of the farm and

then continues along the protected Clear Creek Trail stream corridor before entering Puget Sound at Dyes Inlet.

This momentous conservation effort will:

- Conserve the open pastureland and promote good farming practices
- Protect the freshwater streams and wetlands that pass through the farm, while allowing restoration of the stream corridor
- Preserve the mature forests and woodland habitat on the property
- Maintain the scenic views of the Clear Creek Valley from State Route 3
- Allow for an extension of Clear Creek Trail through the valley
- Preserve the history and tradition of the farm.



Conservation of the Petersen Farm is the next stage of a fifteen-year community effort to protect and restore Clear Creek, while building the popular Clear Creek Trail along its length. Preservation of the farm will preserve a green corridor of forest, stream, and open-field habitats and a family farm that is part of an extensive legacy.

Clear Creek Valley History

In many ways, the Petersen Farm

still stands as it has for well over 100 years. At one time known as the Meadowlark Farm, the Petersen family has run it as a dairy, cattle operation, and local source of hay since 1948. However, its roots go back even further! Indigenous Suquamish used the Valley as a winter camping ground for centuries before then. By 1855, lumber mills had moved into the area, bringing loggers and mill workers, many of whom settled here and started a new life. Around 1880, this section of the Clear Creek Valley was homesteaded by the Levin, Holm, and Schold families. With the passing of Gerald Petersen, preservation of the farm is now in the hands of the community. Together, we can ensure the Clear Creek Valley stays green and producing farm crops forever.

The Time to Preserve the Petersen Farm is Now

The incredible loss of farmland and open space is a national phenomenon. The Great Peninsula has witnessed this unfortunate trend as well. Today, we may purchase food products that come from far outside the region, but the preservation and stewardship of local working farms is crucial to creating sustainable communities and

protecting dwindling community greenspaces. For these reasons, Great Peninsula Conservancy has launched a fundraising campaign to purchase a conservation easement on the Petersen Farm. *Read an article about the Petersen Farm in a recent issue of the Kitsap Sun.*

For more information, please contact GPC at 360-373-3500, info@greatpeninsula.org, or www.greatpeninsula.org.

Field Trip Guidelines

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Field trip guidelines can vary according to leader preferences and the nature of the trip. Trip leaders try to keep some slots open to new people.

1. Trips are limited to 12 participants unless otherwise specified.
2. Children 12 and under are welcome only on designated family trips or with permission of the leader. All children should be accompanied by a parent or adult designated by the parent.
3. Some receive their Kingfisher earlier than others (email versus regular mail, for example). To be fair, please do not call for a reservation before the date specified by the leader.
4. If the weather is questionable, call the leader the morning of the trip to confirm that it has not been cancelled. If you must cancel, do so as soon as possible because others may be on a waiting list.
5. Dress for the weather. Please refrain from wearing white or bright colored clothing.
6. Bring binoculars and cash for ride-sharing (see below), and bring a lunch for all day trips.

Field Trip Transportation

Carpooling is encouraged to reduce costs and limit the parking spaces required. Passengers are asked to share expenses with the driver. A contribution to the driver of \$5 for shorter trips and \$10 for overnight trips is suggested, with any additional expenses, such as tolls, parking fees, etc. divided equally among driver and passengers. On longer trips, shared expenses may be based on mileage.

Field Trips

Vaux's Swifts watch in Portland, OR, and Ritchfield NWR (over-night), Sept. 10 – 11. Leader: John Finkbeiner. Call 360-895-0374 or email finchlegs@wavecable.com. Witness thousands of Vaux's Swifts pouring into the chimney at Chapman Elementary School at dusk. Then early on Saturday morning, we will drive to Ritchfield NWR in WA for a 1/2 day of birding.

Wildlife Education Fair at Wild Birds Unlimited in Gig Harbor, September 18. Bob Vale and others will bring live birds, including a Harris Hawk and American Kestrel. Other highlights include photographer Bart Rulon and nationally known songbird carver Peter Kaune.

Field Trip Reports

Sequim Field Trip, April 17. Leaders: Gene & Sandy Bullock. Eight Audubon bird watchers gathered at Salsbury Point County Park in a light rain for great views of Horned Grebes in gorgeous breeding plumage, plus Marbled Murrelets, Pigeon Guillemots, Rhinoceros Auklets, mergansers, scoters and a Common Loon. The Gardner boat launch, John Wayne Marina, the Batelle overlook and Marlen Nelson Park added a few more species in spite of the low tide. Lunch at Railroad Bridge Park and a visit to the Dungeness River Audubon Center were highlights of the day. Following lunch, we made brief stops at the Kitchen-Dick ponds and 3-Crabs area. The ponds offered American Coot, a Cinnamon Teal and Ruddy Ducks with neon-blue bills. At 3-Crabs low tide kept birds at a distance, but shorebird activity included Black-bellied Plovers, Dunlin, Sanderlings, Yellow legs and Western Sandpipers, plus a couple of Eurasian Wigeons. The day's total was 62 species.

Theles Wetlands, May 22, led by John Finkbeiner. 12 birders, including one young birder, enjoyed the day with no rain. I knew it would be a good day when we sighted a Band-tailed Pigeon from the parking lot on the very top of a fir tree. My list included 40 bird species. The leafed-out trees hid many birds, so hearing was very important. Heard were Olive-sided and several Willow Flycatchers, Swainson's Thrush, Yellow Warbler and Black-headed Grosbeak. Other Warblers were Orange-crowned, Common Yellowthroat and Wilson's. It was also fine to see two Ospreys flying with an adult Bald Eagle. Also interesting was a Bushtit collecting fibers from a cattail to build a nest.

Field Trip to Nisqually NWLR - June 3, John Finkbeiner, Leader.

Good weather greeted 11 birders at Nisqually with swallows all over the area. A target bird - a Cinnamon Teal - was seen at the overlook along with Wood Ducks. Many Swainson's Thrushes were heard, with a few good sightings. Along the forest boardwalk we had a great view of an adult Horned Owl. Olive-sided & Willow Flycatchers were heard but only Willows were seen. Western Wood Pewees put on a good show at the end of the forest road. At the new dike, a Spotted Sandpiper was seen. Three warbler species were heard and spotted. For me, the bird of the day was the female Bullock's Oriole. The male was heard in the same cottonwood tree. A surprise at Norma's Restaurant was a Western Scrub Jay eating on a garbage can, viewed out of a window. All told, we saw at least 44 species.

Wildlife Sightings—Joan Carson

Wildlife Sightings by Joan Carson
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Box 532, Poulsbo, 98370)

Evening grosbeaks, black-headed grosbeaks and Western tanagers visited many yards this spring and summer and so did other interesting birds. Let's try and catch up. Aug. 21, Randena & Joe Walsh had a family of Pacific-slope flycatchers nest under the eaves of their home on Gamble Bay, Kingston. Three young fledged Aug. 5. Aug. 19, the Carsons observed a large black bear wandering on the marsh at Stillwaters property off the West Kingston Road. Aug. 12, Neil Johannsen, B.I., spotted a parasitic jaeger from his boat while sailing toward Gig Harbor. It was headed north up Colvos Passage. Aug. 9, Darlene Cook, Seabeck reported having a pair of barred owls in her yard for most of the summer. Aug. 8, Tracy Walling, near Bredidablick Elementary School, reported a barred owl in the yard for about 5 days in July. Aug.

2, Bing Debar, on Lakeness Road near Bangor, had two bobwhite quail moving through her neighborhood on June 28 and 29. Has good photos. July 20, Sharon Lanier, West Bremerton, reported nesting Western scrub jays near her apartment house. July 11, Bernie Henzi reported a barred owl in her yard, trapped in her blueberry netting. She released it and had a family of 3 take up residence. July 11, Sue Michaelis, Kingston, had lots of wood ducks this summer. First

saw 8 males and later a female with at least 5 ducklings. July 7, the Carsons had a bobwhite calling in their yard in the morning. Never found it. July 6, Jamie Acker, B.I., doing a barred owl count and banding of young. Had 1 female with 3 young he could band. Had 4 more he couldn't entice into being banded. Banded 2 more near Toe Jam Hill and heard a barn owl screeching at Fort Ward. July 5, Dan Jake, South Kitsap, sent in a

Kitsap's Long Lake along with some excellent photos. June 24, Mary Lou Macala, B.I., had at least 4 barred owls putting on a vocal "show" in her yard. June 23, Charlotte & Ed Roe, Anderson Landing, had "their" pair of bald eagles raise two young this year. They also had purple martins in their nesting gourds again. June 23, Tom Marcucci, Anderson Lake south of Belfair reported they have a good population of wood ducks on that



Joe and Randena Walsh photographed this Pacific Coast Flycatcher, which nested under the eave of their cabin this spring. The pair successfully raised two fledglings, which left the nest in August.

report on wood duck nesting. Had three active nest boxes. July 2, Kim Stitzer, Keyport, has had a barred owl family this summer. They raised 1-2 owlets. June 29, Vic Ulsh took beautiful photos of a male lazuli bunting at the intersection that's near the YMCA in Bremerton. June 29, Mary, off Lakeness Road, reported a calling bobwhite. Bird was eating under her feeders. June 27, Clark Maddox sent in a great wood duck report on the population on South

lake. There were lots of wood duck reports and it appears South Kitsap's lakes have good activity. June 18, Eleanor Morrison reported an albino hummingbird in her yard. June 15, Lila Morris in Hansville, had a barred owl calling in her yard. June 14, Merlin Dahlke sent in a beautiful photo of a mountain quail (m) taken in siste's (Jane Raudabaugh) yard, in McCormick Woods in South Kitsap. June 13, Kathy Swartz sent in photos of the green heron, brown creeper and nesting tree swallows she saw at

Theler Wetlands in Belfair. June 7, Brad Waggoner, B.I., had a female kestrel at Weaver Field and at his home had 2 Western kingbirds. On June 1 & 3, he also saw a male lazuli bunting at Suyematsu's Farm.

Looking forward to more reports as the fall migration has been underway for several weeks. Expect to see Heermann's gulls, red-necked phalaropes, parasitic jaegers and who knows what else. Please get your sightings in by September 18.



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