



The Hooter

Kittitas Audubon

June/July 2011

Disneyland for Birders ~ Malheur National Wildlife Refuge ~ Jim Briggs

Since Nick Zentner, the leader of the Ellensburg Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute, calls Washington "Disneyland for Geologists," I would like to nominate **Malheur National Wildlife Refuge** as "Disneyland for Birders."

I had the very good fortune to accompany Steve Moore and six other KAS members on a four-day excursion to Malheur in Southeastern Oregon. Ok, it was only three days for me, but I saw enough in three days for it to qualify as the birding trip of a lifetime. I was sorry I had to leave early because I just knew they would see a Merlin the last day and yes, they did, and no, I still can't count one on my life list.

I saw every bird you could possibly see at the Refuge at that time of year. Cricket Webb, official bird tallier, recorded 101 birds from portal to portal.

One advantage of going on a trip like this is that, with eight people, somebody usually knows that the "sparrow-sized bird with an eye-mask and breast spot" is a Sage Sparrow. I usually spend most of my time thumbing through my field guide and by the time I find a likely candidate, the mystery bird is gone. With a group, even if somebody has to look it up, everybody else is watching it and calling out characteristics.

Malheur might be the Yellowstone or Yosemite of the Wildlife Refuge system. It was created in

1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt to curtail the depredations by plume hunters. The refuge encompasses 186,000 acres devoted to wildlife and especially waterfowl enhancement. It is an important link on the Pacific Flyway migration route, and today is home, at least temporarily, to 320 bird and 28 mammal species.

SPECIAL MOMENTS ~ The potential for sensory overload is huge on a trip like this, so I have trained myself to memorize special moments. Here are a few:

The greatest thrill for me, and I suspect everybody else, was watching 25 displaying Sage Grouse males come into view as the sun rose, and listening to their "drumming". This was the zenith of birding for me. Steve had located the lek while researching the trip and it was perfect for observing, using our vehicles as blinds ~ handy in the cold pre-dawn air. We were able to drive away without the still-amorous grouse even noticing.



Sage Grouse

photo by Steve Moore

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No membership meetings or programs until September. Look for a schedule of upcoming programs in the August Hooter.

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Send in your stories & photos!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the years, Kittitas County has gotten acquainted with Kittitas Audubon. We have sponsored programs that are offered

jointly by KAS and the Ellensburg Public Library, led field trips and First Saturday BirdWalks, written newspaper articles and publicized members' photos of and about birds. Most of the business of Audubon is carried on at Board meetings; decisions made are for the purpose of protecting wildlife and their habitat.

I have been volunteering for Kittitas Audubon in one capacity or another since the organizational meeting held at the home of Steve and Linda Hall on February 11, 1988, when 31 people met and formed Kittitas Audubon, a little over 23 years ago. Since then, I have been a volunteering member, Membership Chair, Vice-President, and Co-President. I am stepping down as Co-President, but will remain an active volunteer.

The need for more participation by members in providing leadership for Kittitas Audubon has been the message in several recent Hooter articles. I encourage you to think about KAS from the perspective of contributions we make to the community, as well as what it provides for your personal enjoyment. If this strikes a responsive chord and piques your interest and concern about ensuring a bright – even brighter – future for us, please come to a Board meeting. Listen and learn and take part.

***Gloria Lindstrom, Retiring Co-President***

June is the month when retiring officers can relax from Kittitas Audubon responsibilities and new officers step in to fill their shoes. **Gloria Lindstrom** is leaving the President's position, **Tom Gauron** is handing over the position of Treasurer. **Hal Lindstrom** will no longer be coordinating KAS programs, and **Jeb Baldi** will no longer be Field Trip Chairman. All of these volunteers deserve many, many thanks for the hours of work they have given. (Gloria and Hal have been giving their services since the inception of KAS in 1988 - a very long time!) **A huge thank you to each of you!!**

And now we'd like to welcome the new people: **Marte Fallshore** will be the new Treasurer; **Steve Moore** will step into the Field Trip position; **Jeb Baldi** will 'recycle' into the Programs slot. These individuals are to be commended and thanked for their willingness to help make KAS a viable organization. They will be joining an active and wonderful group of Board members, who will always welcome anyone who wishes to help in any way.

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**May 7th ~ First Saturday BirdWalk ~** Perhaps May is the best of the First Saturday Bird Walks. The trees aren't completely leafed out so one has better viewing and there are lots of migrant and returning birds. On this gorgeous Saturday morning, eleven birders found 42 bird species. Near the Wood Duck nest box that we installed a couple seasons ago, we found a pair of **Wood Ducks** sitting together high in the trees. Nearby, the **Red-tailed Hawk** looked broody on her nest. Numerous **Western Tanagers**, mostly male, decorated the forested areas to everyone's delight. At least seven **deer** were browsing in the under-story, almost unnoticed. **Turtles** were sunning themselves on logs by the lake. A lone **Spotted Sandpiper** worked the river bank. We found both **Kinglet** species, **Nashville, Yellow, & Yellow-rumped Warblers, Cassin's Vireo, and Bewick's Wrens**. With good birding, excellent companionship, and a warm, calm, spring day, we were reluctant to get back in our cars and head home. ~ Tom Gauron



Western Tanager (Steve Moore)

**May 14th ~ Upper County Ponds ~** The dark sky looked threatening as we started out, but if the weather was going to go bad it would start in the west, so we started out at Lavender Lake.

A few minutes of scanning the reeds around the lake revealed Violet-Green Swallows. An Osprey lifted off his tree perch and did his own scan of the lake, landing on the other side. Not even a chance to get comfortable before a second Osprey flew in to check out the lake. Immediately there was a shouting match. Perched bird unseated a few times ~ sometimes the diving bird went on by, banking around for another pass. Diving and swooping and screaming at each other. Not sure how the winner was determined but finally one flew off. The other took up a perch for a few seconds, as if to say "This is my lake." Then he took off and flew to the river. I guess sometimes winning is better than the prize!

Sun came out in time to light up the Great Blue Heron as he left the Bull Frog pond. Yellow-rumped Warblers popped in and out of the trees, Yellow and MacGillivrays were seen and Common

Yellowthroat was heard but not seen. Spotted Towhee was busy fluffing the winter-packed leaves.

NP Ponds were blessed with more warblers than I was able to identify ~ all of the above plus a Townsend's and a couple of vanishing yellowish ghosts. I have been asked "When do the warblers start arriving?" The answer is "As soon as the trees leaf out enough to hide them."

I know there is at least one natural-cavity blue-bird nest somewhere along the hatchery road, but I saw 2 males, so maybe two nests. One Mallard Female had 12 chicks (*sort of with her*): a couple of chicks off in one direction while a few more are headed to shore. That poor duck had her hands full trying to keep that bunch safe and fed. The male Barrow's Goldeneye was courting his less than impressed lady. No sign of the Wood Ducks or the Hooded Mergansers ~ rain starting; time to head for home; with the usual suspects, the count for the day was 28. ~ Cricket

**May 21st ~ Birding by the Map ~ Site #1 at Gold Creek Pond ~** Spring in the Cascades. Cool and clear, but the weather looked kind of dicey up toward Snoqualmie Pass and our destination, Gold Creek pond. We started out at Chris Caviezel's house at Snoqualmie, where a team of licensed "banders" were hard at work. Chris has feeders wrapped around his house like Christmas lights. For banding, you want as many birds as possible to go into the trap so almost all those feeders are down. And the strategy works. Chris was trapping 6, 8, 9 birds at a time. Since the birds are put into little white bags to keep them "calm", one of us was holding bags ready until the birds were all carefully tucked in and then carried over to the banding table. A big net is kept on hand in case a bird gets loose, and one did. This bird was not going to be caught, but chose to sit on the rim of the net while she was ceremoniously carried out the door, with "yours truly" acting as the door-man.

Reluctantly, we moved on. The road up to the Gold Creek parking lot was closed so we parked right next to a **Snowshoe Hare**. A foot or so of snow covered the road but there were bare edges, so "off we go". The snow kept getting deeper and softer. We didn't get to the pond, but the road was pretty good, with peeps and chirps all around: a brushy spot with Yellow and Yellow-rumped Warblers; another bird being coy ~ yel-

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## Summer Ornithology Class at Central Washington University

From July 5th to August 13th, a summer ornithology class will be held consisting of field trips and museum visits. The focus will be on keeping a Joseph Grinnell field journal, and will include evolution, ecology, behavior, conservation, and identification. For details please contact Jerry Scoville at 925-1577 or [jerry.scoville@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.scoville@gmail.com) or call the Biology Dept. at CWU.

This class will stress the Joseph Grinnell (1877–1939) Field Journal system, ecology, evolution, behavior, topography, identification, songs, and calls. This class will stress the natural history of birds above all else. We will read one book in ornithology, a set of peer-review articles, and learn the local avifauna.

### Columbia Basin Birds ~ May 4th

Jo Ellen Richards and I finally made our annual trip to the Columbia Basin wetlands. It was a great trip; sorry no one else could make it.

We start counting as soon as we get together, so the first 23 species were right here in the Taneum Canyon ~ the usual crowd of finches, sparrows, and other early spring birds. The next ten were seen from the car as we made a beeline for the Basin.

Nearing Royal City, one of the first birds was a Swainson's Hawk. Add the first Yellow-headed Blackbirds, then on to the wetlands beside the highway near Othello. Great results here: American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Redhead, Bufflehead, Widgeon, Gadwall, Pintail, Cinnamon Teal, Dunlin, Killdeer, Green-winged Teal, and a mystery sandpiper.

No Burrowing Owls, but we did see a coyote mom with six little roly-poly pups. Maybe this has reduced the owl population.

Highlights of our wanderings around north and west of Othello were Savannah Sparrow, Great Egret, Double-crested Cormorant, and a swirling flock of White Pelicans.

Driving along Dodson Road more birds included Pied-billed Grebe, Least Sandpiper, Blue-winged Teal,

and Rough-winged Swallow.

Next we made stops on either side of the Columbia that we had passed up on our way east. We found a Horned Grebe, Say's Phoebe (still at Ginkgo Visitor Center), and a late Common Loon in bright breeding plumage ~ a fine day with a total of 28 species.

~ Marianne Gordon

### AROUND THE COUNTY ~ May 13th

In the interest of entertaining out-of-town company, four of us made a trip to birding stops on Kittitas Audubon's birding map. Our stops included: pre-flood Taneum Canyon, bridge on Hwy. 10 where it crosses the Teanaway River, town birds in Cle Elum, the BN ponds, Masterson road and Swauk Prairie, Hayward Hill, ponds South of Ellensburg, and the Yakima Canyon (halfway down).

Highlights: Pileated Woodpecker, Common Yellowthroat, White-headed Woodpecker, Barrow's Goldeneye, Savannah Sparrow, Eastern & Western Kingbirds, Orange-crowned Warbler, Western & Eastern Bluebirds, White Pelicans.

Finally, #70: the most cooperative bird came last ~ a Wilson's Snipe sitting on a fence post that allowed Susan to take a half dozen photos trying to get his bill in profile.

~ Marianne Gordon



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low with black on its head ~ goldfinch? I was sure it was a warbler. No mask like Townsend's. Those of you good at warblers know that once I sat down with my good friend Sibley, I found that it was a Wilson's Warbler. We made another stop on the way home at the wetland south of I-90 at the Stampede Pass exit, adding a few new birds, and the "puzzle of the day" ~ the sound coming from high up in a tree. What bird (or mammal or insect?!), sounds like a doorbell buzzer, loud monotone, a bit like a Song Sparrow stuck on the buzz note? Let us Know! ~ All in all not a bad day: 15 birds, 3 mammals, and hundreds of Rufous Hummingbirds. ~ Cricket

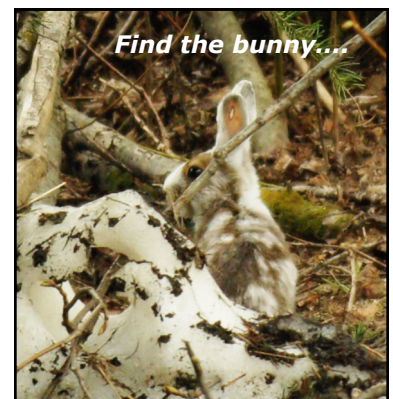


photo by Cricket Webb

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Malheur is home to a huge concentration of White-faced Ibis. At times I was able to fill my binocular field with these torpedo-shaped birds in flight. The same was true of Sandhill Cranes in their characteristic slow-motion flight form.

One of my favorite birds is the Yellow-headed Blackbird. I have seen them before but always few and far between the abundant Redwings. At Malheur this is reversed. One tree at the Refuge Headquarters was full of them, making all kinds of music ~ about as melodic as the Redwing's, but to this birder, it was Mozart!

Now for the waterfowl. We saw dozens of Cinnamon Teal and Northern Shovelers. There were Gadwalls, Pintails, and Widgeons, and when we got to the deeper water, Redheads and the gorgeous Canvasbacks. My best duck moment came when I had a pair of Pintails in the scope field. Something spooked them and they jumped up and seemed frozen in time with those marvelous tails spread.



photo by Steve Moore

Willetts, Long-billed Dowitchers ~ a shorebirder's delight.

~ a big hawk with a white breast sitting in a

~ Wilson's Phalaropes swimming in circles, just like it says in the field guide!

~ Avocets, Black-necked Stilts, Long-billed Curlews,

field ~ Cricket went crazy when she identified it as a Ferruginous Hawk and a life bird for her.

~ I quickly learned that if you stick close to Steve you can get a clinic on warbler ID. I can't recount all the different warblers we saw, but it was great to have an expert point them out.



Short-eared Owl

photo by Steve Moore

I could go on and on about the things we saw but we will need copy for next year. Hint, hint, Steve. How about another trip?

Don't forget the great food at the Inn in Diamond (and the Frenchglen Hotel ~ sorry you missed that, Jim).

~ and there was the

Short-eared Owl in the late afternoon light, that flew up from a grassy field and landed on a fence post just 20 feet away from our cars, posing for all the cameras aimed in its direction. What a beauty! We surmised that it might have had a nest in that beautiful field of long native grass.

~ and this small wonder that flew over to investigate our picnic lunch in the sunshine near the river.

~ Jan Demorest



Satyr Anglewing (Polygonia satyrus)

photo by Diane Bullock

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On a different note, do not miss the *Birdkitt* notes on page 6 of this issue. Birders are spotting our more unusual species in numbers never noticed in past years. While writing this article, I was thrilled to see two Lazuli Buntings and a Mountain Bluebird (all males) land briefly in a pink flowering tree just out my window. A fantastic sight, three balls of blue in the blossoms!! So watch your yards, take a walk or drive around the valley, into the hills, or down the Yakima Canyon. This is the best season to see our birds in their 'courting feathers'.

~ Gloria Baldi, President

Here's a selection of recent listings from our very own regional "BirdKitt", an online "listserve" for all birders interested in bird sightings in Kittitas County.

If you are not already signed up, here's how to do it: send an email to [subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:subscribe@yahoogroups.com). Reply to the first email about Birdkitt that you receive from "yahoogroups". To unsubscribe: send email to birdkitt

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Thanks to Beth Rogers and Cricket Webb for getting this up and running! This is a great resource for finding places to look for birds in the valley.

**5/3/11 ~ Call for White-headed Woodpecker locations!!!** Hi Birdkitts, I am a graduate student at University of Idaho and will be doing a radio telemetry study with White-headed Woodpeckers this summer. I am in need of White-headed Woodpecker sightings from the Kittitas Valley. We have a lot of known sightings and nest locations from Yakima and Chelan Counties, but very few from Kittitas County. I am interested in any old or new sightings (anything from the last ~10 years), and am especially interested in info from Wenatchee NF lands. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide!! ~ Teresa  
[lore5748@vandals.uidaho.edu](mailto:lore5748@vandals.uidaho.edu)

**5/2/11 ~** I have a Western Tanager sitting on the entrance to my honeybee hive, helping himself to quite the bountiful dinner. First time I haven't been thrilled to see a tanager...ever! ~ ksatnick in Eburg

**5/13/11 ~** While hiking in Naneum Canyon last Sunday afternoon, Julie and I saw a red-colored hummingbird fly straight up into the air until it almost disappeared from sight. Then it dove back toward the ground at an incredibly fast speed before bugging out at the last fraction of a second. We saw it do this dramatic pattern of flying about seven times in a row. It only took a short break afterward and appeared to be starting another set of impressive climbs and dives when we decided to continue on our way. ~ We suspected that the performance was for someone else nearby who was even more impressed than we were! ~ Eric Haugon

**5/15/11 ~** We added two new yard birds this week--Hermit Thrush & Lazuli Bunting. My eight-year-old grandson, quite the birder, was entranced. This morning 2 male and 3 female Black-headed Grosbeaks arrived. We've had 10 Pine Siskins all week, and several golden-crowned sparrows. One of them even sang for me this morning--oh dear me! The willows are full of warblers--Wilson's, Orange-crowned, Nashville and Yellow-rumped. The Killdeer in the driveway has eggs that should hatch soon, and the Long-billed Curlews are still calling forlornly in the back pasture.

The new pair of Swainson's Hawks on the north side of the Vantage Hwy managed to hang on to their nest (despite the horrible winds we've had), and I think the other pair off the Number 81 Road are doing ok too. A pair of Cinnamon Teal are on the Number 81 Rd pond (east side north of Vantage Hwy across from the Swainson's cottonwood).

Yesterday I hiked up the Brushy canyon from Quilomene Bay and could not believe the number of male Western tanagers. I saw 30+ in under 3 miles, and only a few females. What's the deal? Also saw Bullock's Orioles, turkeys, Say's Phoebes, a Golden Eagle, kestrels, Townsend's Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, and a rattlesnake that just didn't want to get off the trail. A gentle prod with a (long) stick sent it into the brush. ~ Deb on the Brick Mill Rd north of Kittitas

**5/16/11 ~** 7-star morning in my back yard! Wilson's Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, Hermit Thrush, Evening Grosbeaks (the

first this year), Yellow Warbler, Flycatcher (Empid). I think the cold stormy weather must be pushing them down out of the mountains to find food and shelter. ~ Jan near downtown Ellensburg

**5/16/11 ~** Saw a Lewis's Woodpecker this morning. Don't know how rare that is in this valley, but it's a life list bird for Sue & me. Handsome fellow: very PINK chest and lovely black hood! He hung around (literally!) our Hawthorne tree feeder this morning for about 10 minutes, circling the tree, and then departed.  
~ Don on Tjossem Rd

**5/17/11 ~** Because my phone number is listed under "Audubon" I get some interesting calls. This week was about unusual birds:

A lady who lives at Wilson Creek and Thomas Road reported many Black-headed Grosbeaks, Western Tanagers, and Lazuli Buntings. I had another call from a lady on Brook Lane who reported similar birds. Some reporters are seeing more males than females.

Over on Highway 10 across from Thorp I saw a number of Lazuli Buntings.

After the recent unusually bad weather of this week I am coming to the conclusion we are getting a fallout like on the gulf coast. The migrating birds are too tired and wet and need a rest to recover. Some male birds are known to migrate before females, maybe to establish territories before their future mates arrive. That would account for a flock of males. We don't usually see this assortment, since in good weather they fly at night, way out of our sight.  
~ Marianne Gordon in the Taneum



*The Hooter is going on summer vacation!  
Be back in August....  
Have a great summer.  
Join us on one of the many  
fine field trips in June &  
July (or come to a Board  
meeting: June 2nd, July 7th,  
and August 4th).*

**See you at the picnic/BBQ in August!**

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## Upcoming KAS Field Trips

### June

**4<sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday ~ First Saturday BirdWalk.** Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park. Come join us at 8:00 am at the bridge parking lot. Bring binoculars and a friend or a kid. With some walking on uneven ground this usually takes about 2 to 3 hours. The BirdWalk is always open to the public. Jeb & Gloria Baldi, leaders.

**11<sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday ~ Uncommon Valley Birds.** Burrowing Owls and who knows what? Leader, Deborah Essman. Call Jeb @ 933-1558 to sign up.

**15<sup>th</sup> ~ Wednesday ~ Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge/Ft Simcoe.** Search for Lewis Woodpeckers & Bobolinks. Call Jeb @ 933-1558 to sign up.

**18<sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday ~ Third Saturday Birding by the Map ~ Site # 9 ~ Stream C Corridor.** Call Cricket 509-674-4035 or Marianne 509-964-2320 for details.

**20<sup>th</sup> ~ Monday ~ Lake Wenatchee/Tall Timbers/ Eastern Slope Cascade birds ~ Gerry and Marilyn Sorenson** will lead a birding trip up at their cabin

near Tall Timber camp, seven miles from Lake Wenatchee. Meet at Super I at 8:00 a.m. to car-pool, for about a two-hour drive. Please bring a sack lunch ~ dessert and coffee provided. The cabin is on the Napeequa River, with the White River just a short walk away. If you would rather not walk, you are welcome to just sit on the deck, watch the hummingbirds, and enjoy the forest. Mark your calendars ~ we hope to have a large group. Call 968-4857 for details.

### July & August

**2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Saturday ~ First Saturday BirdWalk ~ Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park.** See details above.

**16<sup>th</sup> ~ Saturday ~ Third Saturday Birding by the Map ~ Red Top Lookout.** Call Cricket 509-674-4035 or Marianne 509-964-2320 for details.

**August 6<sup>th</sup> ~ First Saturday BirdWalk.** Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park. See details above.

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*Birds-of-the-month! Many sightings in the county and in backyards, in the riparian areas of the valley ~ singing from high perches, dressed in finest feathers!*



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