access to this area. One of the best for condition and birds is Coleman Canyon. Travel east from Ellensburg on Vantage Hwy (University Way). Turn north onto No. 81 Rd, east on Brick Mill Rd, north on Cooke Canyon Rd, and west on Coleman Creek Rd. Return south and go east on Gage Rd to explore other areas including the Colockum Wildlife Area. DO NOT ATTEMPT COLOCKUM PASS WITHOUT 4WD.

27. QUILOMENE/WHISKEY DICK WILDLIFE AREA. The largest accessible shrub-steppe in the county. **Birds:** Shrub-steppe obligates including raptors, sparrows, bluebirds, shrike, and Sage Thrasher. **Directions:** From University Way (Vantage Hwy) in Ellensburg head east 18 miles. Just past a windfarm energy entrance on right, turn left (north) into a signed, informal parking area; walking the dirt road produces the most sightings.

28. VANTAGE AREA (NORTH OF I-90). River, cliffs, large deciduous trees, and shrub-steppe. **Birds:** wintering ducks, raptors, migrating warblers, phoebe, sparrows. **Directions:** Exit I-90 exit 136, north toward Vantage. This area is best during the winter when ducks are on the Columbia River and can also be productive during migration. Highlights include the County Boat Ramp which offers close up viewing of waterfowl without having to get out of your car, and Ginkgo State Park Visitor Center which offers a view of the Columbia River from above (a scope is advisable). Return to Vantage Hwy, turn right (west) and again right into the Rocky Coulee Recreation Area (picnic site), with river views and a short trail that goes along the bank to the north. Continuing west on Vantage Hwy leads to site #27.

29. COLUMBIA RIVER (SOUTH OF I-90). River, shrub-steppe, and cliffs. **Birds:** Bald & Golden Eagles, sparrows, ducks, pelicans, egrets, herons, & loons. **Directions:** Exit I-90 exit 136, south on Hunzinger Rd. There is very little parking along this road. Some highlights with parking are Wanapum State Park on the left, The Cove on right, Huntzinger boat launch area below Wanapum Dam and finally JWT access. Scope recommended.

30. LOWER CRAB CREEK (Grant County). Shrub-steppe, pond, wetland, and river. **Birds:** terns, ducks, loons, thrushes, sparrows, and swallows. **Directions:** This is a site across the river worth checking out (especially during spring migration). At the Columbia River: I-90 exit 137, south on SR26, turn right onto SR243. (a) At milepost 20 in Beverly, turn east on Burkett Rd (Road 17 SW) to Burkett Lake Recreation Area on right. Parking safely for next 5 miles east is good birding along Crab Creek. (b) South of Beverly, Crab Creek Park at the creek mouth offers river views.

Additional Resources:
Kittitas Audubon, www.kittitasaudubon.org
email: kittitasaudubon@hotmail.com

Book:

Maps:
Kittitas County Road Atlas, online search: “kittitas county”, $30 or print individual pages.

Discover Pass:
Senior Pass available at all federal lands and parks, online web search: “fortress.wsa.sno park”, 1-3 day pass or $30 annual.

Highways
Cle Elum
Ellensburg
Roslyn
I-90
I-82
I-90 exit 137
Exit I-90 exit 136, north toward Vantage.
1. GOLD CREEK POND. Riparian forest, pond, and meadow. Take SR 903 exit 85 turn north at the South Cle Elum Way stoplight. Travel gravel trail from Cle Elum to Ronald with 4 trailheads. Directions: I-90 exit 84 turn north at the South Cle Elum Way stoplight. Travel gravel trail from Cle Elum to Ronald with 4 trailheads. Directions: From Cle Elum go east on SR 903 toward the South Cle Elum Way stoplight. Turn right on FR 4330 and continue 12 miles (rough road) at the Cathedral Pass trailhead. Trail #1345 Cathedral Rock is steep and strenuous. ± #1376: To Fyer Lake Lookout. Hike the old growth forest and listen for nesting Varied Thrush in summer. Parking at other trailheads can be problematic. Trails are narrow concrete creek crossings on FR 4330 so take care as warmer days may cause snowmelt to increase water depth at the crossings.

2. LAKE EASTON STATE PARK. Forested lake transitioning from tree farms to Lodgepole Pine. Birds: Osprey, Bald Eagle, Pied-tailed Woodpecker, Harlequin Duck, Bullhead, Bluegill, merlins, wrens, sparrows, and riparian streamside. Directions: From I-90 exit 70, south. ± 1.4 mile turn on SPUR 906 toward Iron Horse State Park. At 0.4 mile just before the WSODOT facility, turn right, followed by immediate right into the parking lot. ± # Sno R H

3. BUNDELY ROAD. Heavily wooded river bottom with interlaced wetlands and ponds. Birds: warblers, kingfisher, ducks, osprey, woodpecker, riparian songbirds, mergansers, nuthatch, and creepers. Directions: I-90 exit 78 north to North to Tree Farm Rd. Follow the road around the pond to where I-901. Make a left into the parking area. ± # D

4. SLIDE LAKE. Riparian forest and dry forest. Birds: ducks, eagle, osprey, woodpeckers, and warblers. Directions: From First Street in Cle Elum turn south on SR 903 toward the S. C. Elum Way. Continue on to Charleroi Rd which parallels RR track and turn right. ± # R

5. CLE ELUM RIVER CORRIDOR. River bottom, wet forest and pond. Birds: finches, sparrows, and dry forest. Directions: From downtown Cle Elum go west on SR 903, turn south and then on to Leisure Lane. The JWT crosses the road in about an mile with an unimproved parking area just beyond it. Parking is on the left. ± # D

6. JWT AT BULLFROG ROAD. Dry Pondosa Pine forest and riparian river corridor. Birds: warblers, kingfisher, and Common Grackle. Directions: On FR 9716 past the fenced area. ± #}

7. COAL MINES TRAIL. Mostly riparian with open sections. Path starts by Douglas fir along a 5 mile gravel trail from Cle Elum to Ronald with 4 trailheads. Birds: sparrows, finches, (feeder birds), and forest hawks. Directions: At Cle Elum take SR 903 east a few miles to I-90 exit 84 turn north at the South Cle Elum Way stoplight. Travel gravel trail from Cle Elum to Ronald with 4 trailheads. ± # R

8. STREAM "C" CORRIDOR. Wetlands and riparian streamside. Birds: warblers, tanager, vireo, crossbills, and hummimgbirds. Directions: From downtown Cle Elum go west on SR 903 toward SR 9006. Turn left on Pennsylvania Ave., follow the signs to the cemetery winding through a residential neighborhood. At the intersection of Park Ave. and Chestnut St., turn right. ± #}

9. ROCK/HANEY MEADOWS. The pavement ends in about 9 miles. Continued on. ± #