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Rainier Audubon Presents:

Birds of the Hylebos and Federal Way

Program by Photographer Seth Bynum

Monday, May 19, 2008, 7:00 PM



OPEN WATER AT HYLEBOS PARK ©HILLARY AT "FRIENDS OF HYLEBOS"

May is Birdathon Month!

BIRDATHON is Audubon's largest annual fundraising event, and the world's largest bird-watching competition. Every year, thousands of people across the U.S. participate in Birdathon, counting birds, having fun, and raising funds for this worthy cause. Here's how the Rainier Birdathon works: people count

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BY MAY 19, spring should finally be here and we are fortunate to have a wonderful program for that night which will highlight the birds and natural settings of the Hylebos

Wetlands Park in Federal Way. Seth Bynum is a North Carolina native who grew up birding with his parents. He moved to Montana at age 22, where he took up bird photography as a full-time passion. Seth relocated to Tacoma in 2004 and since then, has been photographing birds all over the Puget Sound. As a reporter and photographer for the Federal Way News, he spends a lot of his time shooting photos in Federal Way, particularly at the West Hylebos

Wetlands Park. Seth's work can be seen at his website at www.sethbynum.com.

As Rainier Audubon closes out another season, we invite everyone to come and enjoy the birds and habitat of the Hylebos Park through the eyes and lens of Seth Bynum. Complimentary refreshments and good conversation before and after the program.

*Free
and open to the public*

**May Program
Monday, May 19**

7:00 PM
(doors open at 6:30)

**Federal Way
United Methodist Church**

**29645 51ST AVE SO
Auburn, 98001**

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RAS Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

RAS Board Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 19

RAS Program: Birds of the Hylebos and Federal Way

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MONTH OF MAY

BIRDATHON Annual Fundraiser

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Tukwila Backyard Wildlife Festival

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RAS-Led Field Trip Along Green River

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SATURDAY, MAY 17

RAS Field Trip: Eastern Washington (Birdathon Field Trip)

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FRIDAY THRU MONDAY, MAY 23 - 26

Audubon Campout at Wenas

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SATURDAY, MAY 31

RAS Field Trip: Soos Creek and Shadow Lake

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FRIDAY THRU MONDAY, JULY 18 - 20

Enumclaw Fair

Rainier will have a booth!

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Rainier's Annual Summer Garage Sale

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH:

COMING FROM THE WEST: Take 320th St. heading east, past SeaTac Mall (now called The Commons). Cross I-5 and keep going east down towards Peasley Canyon Rd. At the first light after Military Rd. (321st St.), turn left. Stay on 321st St. as it winds up and around and becomes 51st Ave. So. The church will be on your left at 296th.

COMING FROM THE EAST: Take Peasley Canyon Rd. going west towards Federal Way. At the light at 321st St, take a right. Stay on 321st St. as it winds up and around and becomes 51st Ave. So. The church will be on your left at 296th.

From Your President

I'd like to share a positive story. I was on Kauai recently, and we birders in the group took half a day to indulge our passion. When our guide took us into a single family neighborhood to look for birds, I thought we were going to see the finchy, sparrowish suburban species, but no. We were after Laysan Albatrosses. The Albatrosses nest in this neighborhood, and the homeowners work together to protect "their" birds. The adults return to the neighborhood nest sites in October, but the chicks don't leave until July. During this nine to ten months of vulnerability, people monitor their pets, watch for strays, and put out cones to alert drivers to the huge, silly-looking balls of fluff resting near their driveways. As we drove through the cul-de-sac, I kept thinking, "What remarkable people!"

But then I thought—we really don't have to travel to see people making a positive difference. Our very own ivy-pullers, led by Bernedine Lund, have made wonderful progress giving the trees in Dash Point State Park a chance to grow and thrive. The Auburn Environmental Park that Merlin Wiese and Steve Feldman have worked on will establish and protect habitat for many kinds of critters. At Rainier Audubon, we've enjoyed exciting programs arranged month after month by our Program Chair Dale Meland, who also, along with Mark Freeland, installed and continues to monitor Purple Martin boxes in the Hylebos waterway; we have enjoyed splendid food at our monthly meetings thanks to Bernedine Lund; a marvelous

new "home" for our meetings thanks to Ross and Annette Tabor and the good people at Federal Way United Methodist Church; financial security because of Jim Tooley's sharp pencil; great birding adventures with Carol Schulz and all of her wonderful field trip leaders; fine monthly reading from the award-winning Heron Herald staff, Nancy Hertzell and Rebecca Westby; conservation updates from Dan Streiffert; the ongoing compilation of keen and careful data on birds in the south King County area by Charlie Wright; and the behind-the-scenes organization work that keeps Rainier going from Pat Toth, Nancy Streiffert, Deb Russell, Thais Bock, Stacy Colombel, Adele and Mark Freeland.

What remarkable people!

Appreciatively,

Carol Stoner

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Volunteer Opportunity

West Hylebos Wetlands Park

JUNE 14, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Join the Hylebos Stream Team



as we remove blackberry and enhance the beauty of the West Hylebos Wetlands Park in Federal

Way! Afterward, stroll along the new boardwalk amid blooming flowers. Please RSVP to Hillary Kleeb by email at streamteam@hylebos.org. or by phone at (253) 874-2005.

Birdathon...

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birds and collect pledges from sponsors based on the number of species they see. All you have to do is choose a date and time (any time in the month of May) and start counting. You can do it alone, with a group, or join our Birdathon field trip (see page 4). You don't have to be an expert – some people even do Birdathons from their couch, counting the visitors to their feeder. Others cover dozens of miles in a day, racking up over 200 species in some areas. The key is to have fun! We hope you'll join those of us at Rainier Audubon who are committed to making Birdathon a success and having fun birding at the same time. For more information or to sign up for Birdathon, contact Ross Tabor at (253) 927-3208 or by email at rarailfan@aol.com

Events

Tukwila Backyard Wildlife Fair

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TUKWILA COMMUNITY CENTER

12424 - 42ND AVE. SO. (206) 768-2822

This is a free, all-day event to educate and inspire people to welcome wildlife—such as birds, butterflies, and other wildlife—into their backyards, gardens, and communities. The event will host a variety of activities and educational opportunities on how to attract and support wildlife through garden and landscape practices, and creating and preserving wildlife habitat in our region.

Event Highlights

Keynote Speaker David Mizejewski – This host of the Animal Planet show “Backyard Habitat” will speak about wildlife!

Guided Birding Walk on the Duwamish River by Carol Schulz of the Rainier Audubon Society

Procession of the Species Costume Parade – a procession of children of all ages dancing and marching in costumes that mimic their favorite northwest wildlife creature

Native Plant Sales – Talk to the experts about what plants will thrive on your property, ask about drought-tolerant plants and have your questions answered while you purchase the plants that will make your property a wildlife-paradise.

Arts and Crafts Marketplace – Browse gardening and nature related product booths including plant sales, fresh produce, birdhouses and more.

Bird Show of North America – The musical group will be performing their trademark bird songs live while painting scenes of birds.

Garden Tour – Take a self-guided tour or the shuttle to certified wildlife habitat gardens in the area.

Recycled Art Show – A showcase of local art create by recycled materials. The Recycled Art Show even includes prizes for the best!

Woodland Park Zoo SOAR Program – Catch a peak at a live raptor!



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Field Trips

By Carol Schulz

Weekly Bird Walks at Nisqually

NEW DAY & TIME: Wednesdays,
7:30 AM to NOON

Leader: Phil Kelley

Please note: These midweek Nisqually trips have changed to WEDNESDAYS.

Join Phil on his weekly bird walk as he counts the birds at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. On the first Wednesday of the month, the group walks fairly quickly around the full loop, a distance of over five miles (this longer trip gets back in mid-afternoon). Other weeks, the trip is shorter; walking out to McAllister Creek, back to the visitor center, then out to the Twin Barns and the Ring Dike Trail, totaling about four miles.

BRING: Good walking shoes or boots, raingear, water, snacks, and \$3 entry fee unless you have a pass. Scopes are welcome.

MEET: At the Visitor Center.

Directions: Take I-5 south from Tacoma and exit to Nisqually NWR at exit 114. Take a right at the light.

SIGN-UP: Call or email Phil Kelley to confirm details: (360) 459-1499, scrubjay323@aol.com.

Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival

Friday - Sunday, May 2-4, 2008

Many field trips long and short are offered at this festival in Hoquiam. More details at 800-303-8498, or www.shorebirdfestival.com

Tukwila Backyard Wildlife Festival—Bird Walk in the Park and Along the Green River

Saturday, May 10, 2008

A bird walk in the park and along the river will be offered during this festival on Migratory Bird Day. Programs and activities will also be presented by several groups at this festival. Rainier Audubon, Seattle Audubon, retail stores, and nature groups will be there. This is a fun, local festival! Birdwalk starts near Audubon Booth at 9:45. More info and directions at www.backyard-wildlifefair.org.

6th Annual Leavenworth Bird Festival

Friday - Sunday, May 16 -18

Three days of field trips and birding activities are offered at this superb spring festival. There will be owling trips, raft trips, trips to the mountains and to sagebrush country, and even a wheel-chair accessible trip. Last year 129 bird species were seen! There were 11 species of warbler, including Blackburnian Warbler. Other species included White-headed and Black-backed woodpeckers, and much more. This is the bird festival to see migrants! Some trips require advanced registration. For more information, visit www.leavenworthspring-birdfest.com

Snoqualmie Pass to Vantage BIRDATHON Field Trip

Sat, May 17 - 6:00 AM to Evening

Leader: Jim Tooley

This has been a very popular Birdathon trip in the past at a perfect time of year to see many migrant birds. On this big Eastern Washington trip, we will target as many bird species as possible at Snoqualmie Pass, Cle Elum, Teanaway, and Vantage. Sponsor Jim, get your own sponsors, or sponsor yourself to help our RAS Birdathon. This will also be an "accessible trip" for folks who can't walk far; viewing will be near cars and along level roads, and participants don't have to walk far if they don't want to. We will be visiting at many stops where there are restrooms. After looking for songbirds at the Pass, we will head east along the I-90 corridor searching for warblers, flycatchers, and dippers. In the Cle Elum area, we will seek out migrant songbirds, and near the ponds, we hope to find many bird species. We will search for bluebirds and raptors near Teanaway, and then stop at the Teanaway River bridge to look for swallows, ducks, dippers, and other songbirds. In the afternoon, we'll go down the old highway toward Vantage, watching for birds of the sagebrush country. We'll scope the Columbia River and its cliffs before heading for home in late afternoon. People doing Birdathon trips are invited as we hope to get a large trip list! Non-Birdathoners are also welcome, but it is customary to

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Snoqualmie Pass to Vantage BIRDATHON Field Trip

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sponsor the leader for \$5 (or more).

BRING: Warm clothes, lunches (maybe two), drinks and plenty of snacks, insect repellent, and sunscreen.

MEET: Auburn Safeway at Auburn Way So. & Main St. Take Hwy. 18 to Auburn and exit at Auburn Ave (hwy 164). Turn north (right) on Auburn Way and drive three blocks north. Safeway sign and gas station is on the left. Park in the lot just beyond the gas station before 6:00 AM. We will meet and carpool (promptly at 6:00) from there.

SIGN-UP: Call (before 8:30 PM) or email Jim Tooley, (253) 854-3070, actjct@aol.com.

Wenas Campout

Wenas Creek in Eastern WA

Friday, May 23 to Monday, May 26,
Memorial Day Weekend

For more information, call or email Carol Schulz, (206) 824-7618, linusq@att.net. A trip to Wenas southwest of Ellensburg is sure to lead to a large bird list including bluebirds, White-headed Woodpecker, Calliope Hummingbird, warblers, and more. Some folks like to camp out, and some like to just visit for a day. Organized events include FIELD TRIPS, classes, and campfire programs starting Friday evening. Field trips will be led by advanced birders and naturalists.

Many people enjoy hiking, botanizing, and birding on their own. This huge bird sanctuary and other habitats feature the special birds of the Eastern Washington forests, lakes, mountains, and valleys. Bring your own water. Sanicans are provided.

MEET: At the camp. See new website, www.wenasaudubon.org. Road is rough. Drive last 10 miles slow. Last year, two of us stayed at a motel in Ellensburg, and drove into the camp. It takes about an hour to travel on a gravel road from Ellensburg.

Soos Creek and Shadow Lake

Saturday, May 31

8:00 AM to Mid-afternoon

Leader: Carol Schulz

It will be the perfect time of year to look for spring migrant birds along trails and at wetlands, feeder areas, and lakes. Some of these areas will be new to most folks. Who knows what we will hear or find, but we could have a large trip list of breeding and migrating birds. It's a great time of year to learn birdsong. We might walk a mile or two, but birding should also be very good near parking lots for those who don't want to walk far. Come for all day or part of the day. Birdathoners, and non-Birdathoners are welcome. Bring your friends.

BRING: Lunch, snacks, and drinks.

MEET: 8:00 AM at Gary Grant Park, 13700 SE 208th St. in Kent.

Directions: From I-167, take the So. 212th exit in north Kent. Travel east (up the hill) three miles on 212th which becomes 208th. The park is on the left. From I-5, take exit 152, Orillia Rd, and turn east toward the Kent Valley. Orillia Rd becomes So. 212th in the valley. Continue across the valley on 212th, staying on 212th as you cross over I-167.

Follow directions above.

SIGN-UP: Call or email Carol Schulz, (206) 824-7618, linusq@att.net. Email is preferred.





This month was a good reminder of how unpredictable the seasons are. As I wrote in my last column, I had already resigned

myself to spring's arrival one month ago. Now here in the middle of April, the feeling of spring is anything but universal, with forecasts for freezing night-time temperatures and the chance of snow! Storms at this time of year can have bad effects on neotropical migrants, which time their arrival more by the length of daylight than by the weather they encounter (which they presumably can't foresee!). Their life cycles are dependant on cooperative weather, and all we can do is wait for it to settle back to normal. Keep in mind that early—and mid—May present the best local opportunities to see migrant songbirds in gorgeous plumage, and don't forget to share what you see.

A leucistic male **Mallard** was near Lake Holm 3/30 (KS). A "**Eurasian**" **Green-winged Teal** was at Boeing Ponds in Kent 4/3 (GM). A **Redhead** was at Weyerhaeuser HQ Pond on 3/21 (GM). Up to sixty **Ruddy Ducks** were on Eastern Lake in Federal Way 3/23 (TB). A **Green Heron** was sneaking fish under the nets at the Voight's Creek Hatchery 4/3 (CW/NW). A **Cooper's Hawk** pair was observed at a nest at Kent Ponds 4/17 (AS). Two

Ospreys over Algona-Pacific on 3/28 (CW/NW). Twelve **Caspian Terns** at Des Moines were new arrivals on 4/12 (Twtrs). A **Lesser Yellowlegs** was found with a few **Greater**s at the 204th Street flooded field 4/1 (KA). A **Northern Pygmy-Owl** was calling again at the Green River Comm. College 3/31 (MV). A **Short-eared Owl** was at Kent Ponds (GRNRA) on 4/14 (RO). A



WHITE CROWNED SPARROW

Red-naped Sapsucker appeared at Green River CC on 4/3 (MV). A **Red-breasted Sapsucker** was in Thais Bock's Federal Way yard for only the 2nd time 3/17. A **Vaux's Swift** over the Soos Creek Trail 4/17 was the first of the year (CSt).

A **Say's Phoebe** appeared at Boeing Ponds 4/15 (KA). A late **Northern Shrike** was at Emerald Downs 4/3 (MV). The **Northern Mockingbird** found in early

March was still singing along 400th at 244th Ave on the Enumclaw Plateau through at least 4/11 (m.obs). Two **Mountain Bluebirds** were feeding on the beach at Des Moines 4/16 (Twtrs) and another was in the field where Frager Road turns to 204th Street (CP). Five **Savannah Sparrows** were singing at Boeing Ponds on 3/29, the first territorial birds of the year (CW). Puget Sound **White-crowned Sparrows** were singing in territory on 4/3 (MV/AF). A "**Slate-colored**" **Junco** was at 204th Street in Kent 3/29 (CW), and one was in Federal Way 4/1 (BP). A male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was singing at Boeing Ponds 4/17 (GM).

OBSERVERS: KA-KATHY ANDRICH; TB-THAIS BOCK; FB-FRED BOESCHE; AF-ADELE FREELAND; SD-SANDY DANIELS; GM-GUY MCWETHY; CP-CURTIS PEARSON; BP-BARBARA PETERSEN; AS-AMY SCHILLINGER; KS-KEN SCHROEDER; CSC-CAROL SCHULZ; CST-CAROL STONER; MV-MARK VERNON; CW-CHARLIE WRIGHT; NW-NICK WRIGHT; TWTRS-TWEETERS; M.OBS-MANY OBSERVERS.

Going Birding?

Report your sightings to Charlie at (253) 862-0520 or email c.wright7@comcast.net.

Events

Lake Wilderness Arboretum

ARBORETUM NURSERY

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2008 - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

SPRING PLANT SALE

Good deals and good advice are available at our plant sale! Our plant sales are the Arboretum's



principal fund raising events and offer the public a unique assortment of beautiful and unusual plants seldom found at local garden

centers. All plants are reasonably priced and are suitable for the Pacific Northwest. They include a diverse selection of trees, shrubs, perennials, rhododendrons, grasses, natives, ferns, ground covers, and many others. This is a wonderful opportunity for gardeners, experienced and novice alike, to learn about and purchase plants from our outstanding selection. You can also purchase items from our specialty plant, garden art and craft vendors who have an impressive inventory of rare plants and one of a kind creations.

Knowledgeable arboretum staff members and Master Gardeners will also be on hand to help with your selections and answer any of your gardening questions.

Arboretum Nursery Address:
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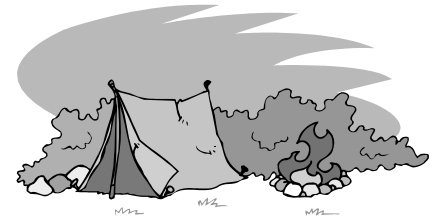
Washington State Audubon Campout

THE HAZEL WOLF BIRD SANCTUARY AT THE WENAS CREEK CAMPGROUND

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

MAY 23 - 26, 2008

Every Memorial Day weekend, members of Washington State's Audubon Chapters and their friends gather in the Wenas Valley, located on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains between Ellensburg and Yakima. With a variety of natural history and recreation opportunities, the Wenas Valley is a beautiful area that supports a fascinating assortment of spring flora and fauna, and offers the spiritual fulfillment of simply being outdoors in the spring. Whether you are a member of an Audubon chapter or not, you are welcome to join



us for this outing, which is attended each year by around 200 men, women, and children, and a large number of birds which, we like to think, enjoy being watched ever as much as we enjoy watching them.

The gathering is held in the vicinity of the Larrison Tree along Wenas Creek within the Wenas Creek Campground. Camping is primitive, but it's about as nice a place for group camping as there could be. There are campfire programs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, and field trips (both birding trips and wildflower trips) scheduled Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Love of nature of all varieties means there may be insect hunts or bat watching as well. And best of all, the entire event is open to all and is FREE. For more information, visit www.wenasaudubon.org

2008 Great Backyard Bird Count	
State of Washington Results	
Top 24 Species	
American Robin	258,654
European Starling	65,545
American Crow	29,997
Mallard	16,421
Dark-eyed Junco	13,660
Dunlin	13,552
American Wigeon	12,495
Canada Goose	12,491
Pine Siskin	11,016
American Coot	7,269
House Finch	6,839
House Sparrow	6,727
Red-winged Blackbird	5,431
Northern Pintail	5,288
American Goldfinch	5,199
Black-capped Chickadee	5,062
Surf Scoter	4,366
California Quail	4,068
Bufflehead	3,866
Bushtit	2,980
Rock Pigeon	2,589
Trumpeter Swan	2,589
Mourning Dove	2,541
Steller's Jay	2,460

See page 8 for another upcoming event



The Quizzical Owl

by *Thais Bock*

1. Which is the largest North American egret or heron?
2. In south Texas what species of Whistling Duck can be found perching in trees?
3. The straight part of a bird's foot immediately above its toes is called the _____.
4. While storm petrels live in the North Pacific which species remains all year in the Gulf of California off Monterey?
5. Where is the location of the most famous migratory stopover on the East Coast?

ANSWERS ARE UPSIDE DOWN BELOW

King County's Northwest Natural Yard Days

APRIL 15 - MAY 15, 2008

An incentive that encourages residents of King County and surrounding areas to change the way they care for their yards.

King County's Northwest Natural Yard Days encourages residents of King County and surrounding areas to practice natural yard care by offering discounts on natural yard care products. This year, 64 retail locations offer discounts on natural yard care products, such as non-polluting mulch mowers

(external), grass cycling, least toxic pest and weed control, and water conserving tools. Electric mulch-mowers (which can be recycled) are especially popular because of their quiet operation, lack of air pollution (external), and because they deposit the grass clippings back on the lawn where they help fertilize the grass.

Since Yard Days began, Puget Sound region residents have purchased:



- 32,360 MULCH-MOWERS
- 12,932 WEED PULLERS
- 27,874 SOAKER HOSES
- 9,483 WATER TIMERS AND WATER WANDS
- 412,886 BAGS OF COMPOST
- 45,141 BAGS OF ORGANIC FERTILIZER
- 13,600 CONTAINERS OF INSECTICIDAL SOAP AND
- 189,501 BAGS OF BARK MULCH



Bug of the Month: Fly



It's warm again, and the flies are back! There may be almost a quarter of a million different kinds of flies. Many may seem like pests to people or animals, but flies perform valuable services by pollinating plants and cleaning up our world. (Thank you, maggots!) Flies are eaten by a variety of birds, including leaf-gleaners such as chickadees and kinglets, aerialists such as swallows and martins, and the well-named flycatchers.

To view a list of this year's participating vendors, visit www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/naturalyardcare/retail.asp

**BIRDWATCHING AND NATURE PHOTO TOURS
TO ECUADOR AND THAILAND**

Wildlife photographer Nate Chappell and his Ecuadorian wife Angie are leading 3 wonderful tours this winter through their company, Trogon Tours, Inc. The trips will get you close to a lot of beautiful birds for both observation and photography. The cost quoted includes all lodging, food, guiding, park fees and transportation within the destination country. For more information on these tours please visit our website, www.trogon-tours.net or call Nate Chappell at 253-512-1060

**TROGON TOURS TRIP TO EASTERN ECUADOR
NOVEMBER 10-23, 2008**

This tour that will cover the eastern slope of the Andes mountains and the Western edge of the Amazon lowland forests. Spectacular species that we have a good chance of seeing and/or photographing include Harpy Eagle, 3 species of Antpittas, Andean Condor, Sword-billed Hummingbird, Crested Owl, Torrent Duck Great, Andean and Rufous Potoos and dozens of species of beautiful tanagers and dazzling hummingbirds. Additionally, there is a large owl at that feeds most nights on the moths at San Isidro lodge. This large black and white owl is quite possibly a new species. This trip will take in a wide variety of habitats from high Andean grassland, to foothill cloud forest to rain forest. Extensions to the Galapagos or another Amazonian lodge are available. Cost \$2,900, single supplement \$300

**TROGON TOURS TRIP TO WESTERN ECUADOR
DECEMBER 6-14, 2008**

This tour that will cover the Western slope of the Andes and some of the Western lowlands. Spectacular species that we have a good chance of seeing and/or photographing include Andean Cock of the Rock, Giant and Yellow-breasted Antpittas, Andean Condor, Sword-billed Hummingbird and many species of dazzling tanagers and beautiful hummingbirds. This trip will take in a variety of habitats from high Andean grassland, to foothill cloud forest to lowland tropical forest. Extensions to the Galapagos or Amazonian lodges are available. Cost \$1,800., single supplement \$200.

**TROGON TOURS TRIP TO THAILAND
JANUARY 4-18, 2009**

Wildlife photographer Nate Chappell will lead a wonderful trip to Central and Northern Thailand next January. We will see and photograph a wide variety of both birds and mammals and experience Thai culture as well by visiting ruins and temples. Spectacular species and families that we have a good chance of seeing and photographing include hornbills, sunbirds, both Blue and Green Magpies, Asian Fairy Bluebird, gibbons and giant flying squirrel. Habitats will range from lowland tropical rainforest and savannah to swamp forest to the highest mountain in Thailand.. Cost \$3,600, single supplement \$500.

Rainier Audubon Society

Rainier Audubon Society is the Washington State South King County Chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, and to protect birds and other wildlife for the benefit of humanity and biological diversity in South King County and the world we live in.

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