the Heron Herald



Rainier Audubon Society January 2013

January General Membership Meeting Monday January 21, 2013 7:00 p.m. Federal Way United Methodist Church

The World of Small

Jay Galvin

ome explore The World of Small with nature photographer Jay Galvin. Mr. Galvin will share techniques he has developed to open

hidden landscape as close as your own backyard and beyond. Through the use of macro photography and binoculars you will learn to see flora and fauna in a new light. Mr. Galvin will also cover insects and plants and their relevance to birds.

Jay has been photographing nature for 8 years. When he first

picked up a camera, Jay gravitated towards birds, because they were the easiest subjects to find and study. Gradually it became apparent that his macro lenses

RAS Mission Statement

To conserve and restore natural ecosystems and protect birds and other wildlife for the benefit of humanity and biological diversity in South King County and the world we live in.

opened up another dimension usually skipped over by nature photographers. Starting in his backyard, Jay became more aware of the true world of nature, starting at a much closer scale than with telephoto lenses on his camera. Several inches from a subject became just as meaningful as several feet. A flower attracting a bee to it was just as powerful as a robin on the ground being lured to a worm.

Mr. Galvin hopes to give you a greater appreciation of all creatures who visit and inhabit our yards. They are all

interrelated and important in understanding Mother Nature's design.

Join us at 6:30 for refreshments and conversation.



Rainier Audubon programs are held at

Federal Way United Methodist Church, 29645 - 51st Ave. So. 98001 (in unincorporated Auburn)

Directions: In Federal Way, take 320th St. EAST past The Commons, crossing over I-5 and Military Rd.

At 321st St, turn left. Stay on 321st as it becomes 51st Ave. So. Follow 51st Ave. to 296th. Church will be on your left.

President's Message by Dan Streiffert

e start the new year with yet another photographer! This makes three in a row now but all the comments I hear sound like folks are enjoying the entertainment. In fact a few folks have asked about the possibility of doing a photography workshop of some sort. I'm thinking that we could do something covering basic image editing (e.g. Photoshop Elements), and perhaps a short discussion on bird photography. Let me know if you are interested.



Dan Streiffert

Snowy Owl at Damon Point—Dan Streiffert

RAINIER AUDUBON OFFICERS		
President	Dan Streiffert*	253-796-2203
Vice President	Steve Feldman*	360-802-5211
Treasurer	Jim Tooley*	253-854-3070
Secretary	Heather Gibson*	253-856-9812
Program Chair	Dale Meland*	253-946-1637
Field Trip Chair	Carol Schulz	206-824-7618
Membership Chair	Pat Toth*	206-767-4944
Backyard Habitat Chair	Open	253-854-3207
Conservation Chair	Dan Streiffert*	253-796-2203
Mailing Chair	Debra Russel	425-271-0682
Hospitality	Sandra Embry	
Newsletter Editor	Dan Streiffert	253-796-2203
Webmaster	Treesa Hertzel	253-255-1808
Ivy Eradication Coordinator	Bernedine Lund	253-839-3729
Education Chair	Annette Tabor*	253-927-3208
Christmas Bird Count Coordinator	Nancy Streiffert	253-796-2203
Board Member	Max Prinsen	425-432-9965
Board Member	Erin Wojewodski-Prinsen	425-432-9965
Board Member	Alex Juchems	253-529-8996
Board Member	Lisa Mesplay	
Board Member	Ed Stanton	206-870-3107
Board Member	Terry Thurber	206-450-5446
Publicity	Tom Sernka	253-529-8970
*Also serves as Board Member.		
Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the		

Upcoming Programs

- 2/18/2013—Woody Wheeler Conservation Catalyst Program ?
- 3/18/2013—Dennis Paulson Butterflies and Birds of Costa Rica
- 5/20/2013—Elena Fox Crows (West Sound Wildlife Center)

Volunteers Needed!

Please contact a Board Member

- Assistant Treasurer—need someone familiar with Quick Books to work with Jim Tooley.
- Door Greeters for Membership Meetings
- Articles for Heron Herald—send to dan_streiffert@hotmail.com

church conference room and are open to all members.

The Environmental Priorities Coalition

The Environmental Priorities Coalition is a network of 25 leading environmental groups in Washington state that influence policy at the state level. We know that you support protections for people's health and this place we call home, and our elected leaders are starting to respond. Working together, we can create a model for the nation and a true legacy for generations to come. Every year,, we choose three specific priorities to focus on. These become the primary issues for our annual Lobby Day in Olympia.

2013 Environmental Priorities:

Clean Energy Solutions

By accelerating our clean energy transition, we can drive job growth and build healthier, more prosperous communities. And by sending less of our paychecks to oil and coal companies, we can keep those energy dollars circulating through our state's economy. This priority would drive Washington forward by developing a climate policy that accelerates clean energy investment and helps free consumers from the economic dead weight of fossil fuel dependence.

Toxic-Free Kids and Families

Our children deserve to inherit a safe and healthy world. But today, our children's future is threatened by a chemical industry that values its own profits over the health of people and the

environment. It doesn't have to be this way. We have the opportunity to protect these things by passing the Toxic-Free Kids and Families Act. This commonsense legislation will remove unnecessary flame retardants from children's products and furniture in our homes and prevent chemicals identified by the state as a concern for kids health from being used as replacements. Passing this bill puts us one step closer to securing a healthier and safer future for the next generation.

Conservation Works

For decades, Washingtonians have supported environmental protections that ensure we have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a high quality of life that attracts talent from around the world. As we move forward in our economic recovery, the state must commit capital funding to win-win projects. This Priority promotes fiscally-responsible projects that benefit the entire state by protecting Puget Sound, reducing toxic runoff, expanding recreation opportunities, and improving habitat and forest health. These projects preserve the incredible natural resources that make our state a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Editor's Note: Both the Washington State Audubon and the Sierra Club are active members in this group/

2013 LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday, January 12th, 1-5pm

WHERE: Bellevue College - 3000 Landerholm Circle SE **COST**: \$10 for adults - students get in free with ID!

This annual event is your opportunity to be involved as the state's leading conservation groups prepare for the upcoming legislative session. You'll hear from legislators, environmental lobbyists, and others regarding the community's Environmental Priorities.

The afternoon will start off with learning about this year's Priorities, next we'll break for workshops where you'll learn how to become a citizen activist or take your activism to the next level. After the workshops we'll regroup to meet our invited legislators and finally end the afternoon with a social hour where participants can network and ask any additional questions.

2013 Lobby Day

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 from 8:30 am -4:00

pm

WHERE: United Churches of Olympia, 110 10th Ave SE,

Olympia

REGISTRATION: \$15 for adults | \$10 for students **LUNCH OPTION:** \$12 | lunch by **EZ Foods Olympia**

BUS TRANSPORTATION: \$25

This year, join 24 of the state's leading conservation groups and hundreds of citizen advocates to push for the passage of the Environmental Priorities Coalition's 2013 legislative agenda. We need you in Olympia on February 19, 2013, to garner the support of all three of your state legislators by using your power of persuasion as you meet face-to-face with them.

To register, go to http://environmentalpriorities.org/

Field Trips by Carol Schulz



There are no trips being offered yet during late January. Watch for a posting of a possible field trip on our website at www.rainieraudubon.org

Weekly Birdwalks at Nisqually

Wednesdays 8:00 am to Noon Leader: Phil Kelley

Join Phil Kelley on his weekly bird walks as he counts the birds at Nisqually NWR. The group walks over to an area near the visitor's center to view the entry road estuary, and then takes the boardwalk/ trail loop out to the Twin Barns, and the Nisqually overlook area. From there, the group walks the dike, and back to the Riparian Forest. Some may choose to continue on the new estuary boardwalk extension which goes out toward the mouth of McAlister Creek. It has benches and covered viewing areas. The walk totals 2.0 miles roundtrip to the estuary boardwalk extension. In winter the estuary boardwalk will add an additional 1 3/4 miles total, so the whole walk including the boardwalk extension is up to 3 3/4 miles.

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

Meet: At the Visitor's Center Pond Overlook.

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

Sign-up is not necessary. Call or email Phil Kelley if you have questions. Phil Kelley, Lacey, (360) 459-1499, scrubjay323@aol.com.

Raptors of the Auburn/Kent Valley

Sunday, **Feb 10, 2013** 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Leader: Roger Orness

Roger Orness will take us to prime raptor viewing spots in the valley during this very -popular field trip. Past trips have been productive for falcons, accipiters and many red-tails to compare the different color morphs. Eagles could be occupying their nest and there is a chance for an early nesting red-tail, if we are lucky.



Meet: We will meet at the Auburn Super Mall parking lot north of McDonalds on 15th SW off I-167 at 08:00 and start at 08:30. We will carpool and return by 2 PM.

Bring: Bring your lunch, drinks and snacks, dress warm for the weather and be prepared for a short walk on a level gravel road inside a closed area of the Kent ponds. Space is limited, so email or call Roger soon to reserve your spot.

Roger Orness, <u>r.orness41@gmail.com</u>, 253-922-7516, 253-312-6561(cell)

Owl Prowls in Feb and March

Soos Creek Owl Prowls Saturday Night, Feb 23 or Sat. Night, Mar 23 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Leaders: Joe and Liz Miles

Join Friends of Soos Creek Park volunteers Joe and Liz Miles for this late night program and walk exploring the world of owls. We'll start indoors for the first hour learning calls, ID, and info about our local owls, then venture outdoors to prowl for owls. There is limited space for this program. Reservations are required. Best for adults and children over 13 years. Group size is limited to 15. The owls program is sponsored by Kent City Recreation Dept.

Meet: Meet at the Soos Creek Park Maintenance Shop. Soos Creek Park/Trail 24810 148th Avenue SE, Kent.

Directions: Take James Street east from Kent. To reach James St, exit I-167 at Willis, turn east to Central, and North to James. Travel east on James as it becomes SE 240th St. Travel about 4 miles, as 240th dips and turns downhill. Turn right (south) on 148th Ave near the bottom of the hill. The Soos Creek maintenance yard will be down the road about 1/4 mile on the left at a barn and chainlink-fenced parking lot.

Sign-up: Call Kent Commons, Kent City Parks and Recreation, 253-856-5000. This trip FILLS EARLY. Please register in advance. For further info: E-mail or call Joe Miles,

friendsofsooscreekpark@q.com, (253) 639-0123. Joe can answer your questions but cannot arrange the sign-ups.

Seen and Heard by Calen Randall

As I flip through the notes of my birding adventures of 2012, I am amazed by the number of bird sightings I have had and by how many incredible outings I have been able to go on. What stands out most is that every trip or outing that I went on was made special because of a special moment or connection with nature. It is these serendipitous moments that I love. They make me want to get back out on another adventure to seek more incredible connections with nature.

Most recently in my adventures, I went birding in the Stanwood area—Big Ditch, Thomle Road and Boe Road, in particular. I had been caught up in the task of spotting

Snowy Owls and Trumpeter Swans. It was exciting to see the vast number of Trumpeter Swans and their many young. I could not help but notice the contrast between the Skagit and Kent Trumpeter populations-the Kent population is made up of mainly adult swans, whereas

the Skagit population has a large number of young. My quest on this trip, like so many others, was to spot some Snowy Owls and amazingly I was able to watch five of them—two at Big Ditch and three at Thomle Road. However, the most memorable moment was watching the Short-Eared Owls and observing their flight patterns. I was amazed by how well

the Short-Eared Owls hunted, quartering the field and covering such a large range so quickly and effortlessly. Their wings rose way above their backs as they flapped. Some people compare their flying strikes again! patterns to that of a moth or a bat's, floppy; though to me, they looked majestic and light. With a single shift of their wings they could swerve upwards, or come to a sudden halt and hover above the ground before diving down along the grass. One thing for sure, I was glad that I wasn't a mouse!

Moving along in my notes, I found another meaningful page which included a report from Etta Cosey. Etta had written that she

an unexpected surprise!" The work of Serendipity

January Challenge

What unexpected surprises are in store for us in 2013? What will be the your First of the Year (FOY) in 2013?

Your challenge is to send in your FOY sightings. Let's find out what the most common bird is this year. Based on recent bird sightings, my vote is going to be for the Varied Thrush!

Recent Bird Sightings:

Thanks to this month's reporters Ralph and Sandra Embrey, Barbara Peterson, Alex and Sara Juchems, Annette Tabor, and Jane Gardner!

Nov 17th The Embreys saw a Cooper's Hawk dive into their backyard bushes twice, squirreling! —Ralph and Sandra Embrey

Nov 17th Early in

the morning, Sara Juchems spotted a Barn Owl swoop over her neighbor's house. Sara commented that, "I knew it was a Barn Owl by the white shaped face and the large wing span." Later that evening, I got a report from an ecstatic Doreen Deaver saying that she had seen a Barn Owl dive in front of her picture window.

(Continued on page 9)



and a group of others had gone to Ocean Shores to find snowy owls. While everyone was in search of Snowy Owls, Etta had spotted her own surprise, a Snow Bunting. Etta commented, "While nearly everyone was focused on the Snowy Owls, this little fellow was ignored as it skittered along the beach into the tall grasses. Finding a Snow Bunting on the beach was

Bio: Calen is a 13 year old birder. He enjoys birding around Lake Fenwick and Boeing Ponds—especially with Charlie Wright. Calen is thrilled to revive Charlie's 'Seen and Heard'. When not birding, Calen can be seen flying up and down the ice at Kent Valley Ice Center

Fun Facts about Pine Siskins

Reprint Courtesy of Wild Birds Unlimited, Burien

- Pine Siskins become considerably plumper through accumulation of fat with the onset of winter. Each bird can pack enough seeds into its expandable esophagus to support itself through five hours of rest at -4° F temperatures.
- Pine Siskins have difficulty opening the large seeds of striped sunflower but enjoy black-oil sunflower seed, chips and Nyjer.
- A siskin may take up a position near an Evening Grosbeak that is eating larger seeds like striped sunflower to pick up dropped particles and will even defend the position against other siskins.
- Pine Siskins may nest in loose colonies and will tolerate the occasional visit to one another's nests after their young are hatched.
- The Pine Siskin is the most common of the "winter finches" to be found at your feeders...but not every year. An "irruption" migration usually takes place every two or three years that can bring large numbers of Siskins to your backyard.
- The Pine Siskin irruption
 migrations mainly occur when the seed crop has
 failed in the boreal forests. In some years large
 flocks may appear as far south as Florida.
- Some "irruptive" Siskins may stay near a dependable food source and nest far south of the normal breeding range.
- The primary natural foods of Pine Siskins are the

seeds of hemlocks, alders, birches, and cedars.

- Pine Siskins, like most northern finches, are fond of salt. They seek out natural salt licks and in the winter they can be found along highways eating the salt used to melt ice and snow.
- Siskins, crossbills and other finches have been observed eating flaking mortar as a source of sodium and calcium.





Mewsings from Millie

People often comment about how hungry their little birds seem to be and how they are going through seed and suet like it's nobody's business.

This got me wondering about some of the most common backyard birds and what feeder foods they like to eat.

Everybody's favorite, the Blackcapped Chickadee, absolutely loves black oil sunflower seed but will also eat sunflower chips, safflower seed, shelled peanuts and suet.

Finches in general like black oil sunflower but American Goldfinches in particular like hulled sunflower chips. This is because their beaks are relatively weak and it's difficult for them to crack open the shells on black oil sunflower. Goldfinches also love nyjer thistle as do the Pine Siskins.

House Finches, chickadees and Red-Breasted Nuthatches will eat safflower seed but squirrels, starlings and blackbirds will not because it tastes bitter to them. If you have issues with any of these potential pests, safflower seed in your feeders may be the answer.

Steller's Jays relish whole peanuts in the shell. Don't put too many out for them, however, because they will keep coming back until every last nut is gone.

Red-breasted Nuthatches, Downy Woodpeckers and Hairy Woodpeckers are attracted to shelled peanuts. Oregon Juncos and American Robins will munch on the pieces that fall to the ground.

Oregon Juncos will also eat sunflower seed, nyjer thistle and suet but white

millet is a favorite treat. Other common birds that will eat white millet include House Sparrows, Song Sparrows, Pine Siskins, Red-winged Blackbirds, Whitecrowned Sparrows, House Finches, Evening Grosbeaks and Black-headed Grosbeaks but grosbeaks by and far prefer black-oil sunflower.

Suet is a preferred food of many birds particularly during the colder months when they are needing the fat content to help their bodies generate warmth.

Some common feeder birds that love to munch on suet include the Northern Flicker, Bushtits, House Wrens, chickadees, Pine Siskins, House Finches, Red-breasted Nuthatches, grosbeaks, the Downy and Hairy Woodpecker and the grand-daddy of them all, the Pileated Woodpecker.

All this talk of food has gotten me rather famished. I think I'll go find something to snack on.



Until next time,

Millie

The Muse of Mews

Birding Trail's Puget Loop For Sale \$4.95

Delight your favorite birders with the newest – the seventh and final – map of the Great Washington State Birding Trail: the Puget Loop. Hot off the press, this signature route features 220 of our 346 annually recorded bird species around Puget Sound from Seattle to Mt. Rainier, plus Lake Washington, Kitsap Peninsula; and Vashon, Bainbridge, Whidbey and San Juan islands.

On Sale at our Membership Meeting and at Wild Birds Unlimited (Burien Store http://www.southseattle.wbu.com/).

All proceeds go to Rainier Audubon.

Field Trip Report

Carol Schulz

Il our RAS fall 2012 field trips were very fun, and the weather was good. We had nice size groups for all the trips. In September, Carol Schulz led a group to Kent Ponds and Boeing Ponds. Up until

then the weather had been very hot, with slow birding. We were happy that the weather was pleasant but cooler that day, and the birds were quite active. We saw 4 spp of warblers, 2 kinds of shorebirds, and quite a few ducks. It was really good birding for that time of year. In Oct, Steve Johnson led a wonderful trip with a big group of enthusiastic people to many local sites. We started at Lk. Fenwick where we got warbler neck looking a small birds. It was exciting. We visited many sites (8 sites in all !) including Gog-Le-Hi-Te in Tacoma. We dipped on the Slaty-backed Gull there, but one of our participants went back the next day, and saw it then. We all thanked Steve for that very-neat field trip.

In Nov, Carol led the after-Thanksgiving trip to West Seattle. The weather had been bad, but that day it was very nice. Some sun, and no wind. There were 8 participants. A highlight was a late Brown Pelican in Elliot Bay, many sea birds and small birds, close-up Black Turnstones and Surfbirds, distant views of veryactive ORCA's, Red Crossbills at Schmitz Park, and a Merlin chasing little birds at Camp Long. Wow! We had some great birders on that trip. The leader tallied 49 bird species that day thanks to the good birding help. There were 20 or 25 Orcas which were blowing and leaping out of the water, as we viewed them with our scopes!

Roger O and Charlie's trip to Kittitas had a large group of participants for their popular trip to E WA on Dec 2. Roger reported that raptor numbers were down from previous years, but they had the weather going for them to make it a great trip. They had Red-tailed Hawks 31, N. Harriers 14, Rough-legged Hawks 14, Amer. Kestrels 12, Bald Eagles 8, and one Cooper's

Hawk. They also saw a Redtail-Harlan's Hawk, and a Rock

Wren. The weather was sunny on the trip.

We were quite lucky this fall to have such good weather for all our trips!

Audubon President and CEO David Yarnold Comments on Election Night 2012

As 2012 election results are tallied across the nation, National Audubon Society President and CEO <u>David Yarnold</u> issued the following statement:

"The October surprise was a wake-up call on climate change. Period. Americans are yet again ahead of their leaders: They're worried and they want someone to trust," said National Audubon Society President and CEO David Yarnold. "One thing we learned this election season is that conservation is a deeply held value for Americans of all political parties. Americans don't want conservation held hostage to partisan politics, and we look forward to working with the White House and Congress to make real progress on climate, energy, and conservation solutions."

More from Yarnold in an op-ed published today: http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/
http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/
http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/
http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/
http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/
http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2012/11/06/
http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/

FREE DISCOVER PASSES FOR MEMBERS OF RAINIER AUDUBON SOCIETY

To support our state parks – and to boost membership - the local chapter of the Audubon Society, called the Rainier Audubon Society, is giving away free Discover Passes to any new member who joins Rainier Audubon during 2012.

All you have to do is come to a meeting, join up and get your free Discover Pass. The cost of joining is \$20.00/individual and \$25/family. The cost of a Discover Pass is normally \$35.00 dollars so you've just saved \$15.00 and you have a year's membership in the Audubon Society and a year's free access to all of the state parks in Washington.

Each Discover Pass can be used for any two vehicles you own. Just fill out two license plate numbers on the Pass, hang it from the rear view mirror of whichever car you're taking, and you're good to go for a full year of state park recreation.

The Rainier Audubon Society meets monthly at the United Methodist Church in Federal Way, and presents programs on all aspects of nature, birding, conservation, outdoor photography, and many other topics that adults and children who love the outdoors enjoy. For more information go to www.RainierAudubon.org.

2012 Christmas Bird Count

aving to write this 2 weeks BEFORE the actual count makes for an odd sort of article with those fancy verb tenses one might have learned and then promptly forgot the names of! I hope that it will have been great weather and a lovely day on December 30th and that all participants will have enjoyed the day and will have seen lots of awesome birds with maybe a few surprises! Thank you to our intrepid leaders, our potluck MC Charlie Wright and our compiler Mark Freeland for their faithful, annual contributions. Look for the final statistics of our count in the February Heron Herald.

Nancy Streiffert

Seen and Heard (Continued from page 5)

Ironically, Doreen and the Juchems live only a couple blocks away from each other. Could the sightings possibly be the same barn owl? Could this possible be the explanation for the decreased number of song birds in their neighborhood? Stay tuned. --Sara Juchems, Auburn, Doreen Deaver, Auburn

Nov 18th-26th Barbara Peterson's backyard was a birding hot spot over the Thanksgiving holidays. On the 18th, Barbara "enjoyed watching a Hermit Thrush eating the evergreen huckleberries". On the 24th, Barbara watched an Anna's Hummingbird bathing in the top level of her water feature, when a **Brown Creeper** stopped to rinse off in the lower level of her water feature! The next day, she spotted **Townsend's** Warblers "foraging in the greenbelt". She also found out that her huckleberries were a hit! Three Varied Thrushes were gobbling them up. Barbara also discovered a male Pileated Woodpecker feeding at her seed cylinder. It eventually flew off stopping at her fir tree once. A couple of minutes later, Barbara looked out to find a female pileated on the Suet log. The female woodpecker then flew to the seed cylinder and then to the same fir tree as the male had been on. Barbara exclaimed "Very exciting to think that we might have a pair of pileateds visiting regularly this winter"!—Barbara Peterson,

Covington

Nov. 18th I went to Juanita Bay and saw the Bewick's Tundra Swan. All of Puget Sound's **Ring Necked Ducks** must have been having a pre-Thanksgiving party in the Bay. Surprisingly, the **Bald Eagle** left them 'in piece'; I suppose the eagle had its eye on the flotilla of **American Coots** -- Calen Randall, Auburn

Nov 25th Not only did Barbara Peterson have busy action at her backyard, she was birding at Redondo Beach. Some highlights of her trip were Rhinoceros Auklets, Western Grebes, Surf Scoters, and a Merlin. Barbara's thoughts, "Not bad for a two mile walk."—Barbara Peterson, Covington

Nov 27th, Dec 8th Jane Gardner discovered two Hooded Mergansers in a pond behind her house. Later that day she saw some first of the year Evening Grosbeaks. A week afterwards, Jane discovered a First of the Year, Varied Thrush! —Jane Gardner, Covington

Dec 3rd Annette Tabor saw a **Yellow-Shafted Northern Flicker** in her yard!—Annette Tabor, Federal Way

Dec 13th Alex and Sara Juchems spotted a Varied Thrush in their backyard. Is snow on its way to Auburn?

Mystery Bird of the Month

Barbara Peterson saw one of these bathing in her water feature. Here are the

clues:

I am from the family *Troglodytidae*

My former scientific name meant "cavedweller" referring to my habit of disappearing into crevices while hunting spiders

A group of me is called a "chime", "flight", "flock" or a "Herd" of Wrens

I am the only wren to be found in the Old World, where I am known as the 'wren'

I don't belong to Bewick, I'm not from Carolina, the house, or the marsh

I was formerly known as a Winter Wren

Note: I am known to nest in large groups in cold weather. On a chilly day In December 1924, 31 of me were found snuggled together in a Western Washington nesting box

Who am I?

Send your sightings/hearings to calenbirds@hotmail.com I love reading your reports!

Answer: Pacific Wren



Rainier Audubon Society PO Box 778 Aubum, WA 98071 Nonprofit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Kent, WA 98031 Permit No. 441

"When the well's dry, we know the worth of water."

- Benjamin Franklin

Rainier Audubon Membership Subscription or Renewal Form

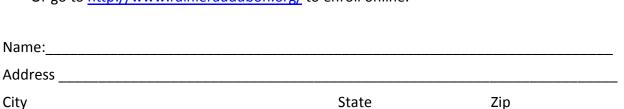
One-year Membership in Rainier Audubon

- ♦ \$20—Individual Membership
- ♦ \$25—Family Membership

To join or renew, mail this application with your payment to:
Rainier Audubon Society - Membership
PO Box 778
Auburn, WA 98071



Email



RAS Chapter membership includes 9 issues of the Heron Herald annually but does not include AUDUBON magazine.