

# The Corvid Crier

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*The Mission of the Eastside Audubon Society is to protect, preserve and enhance natural ecosystems and our communities for the benefit of birds, other wildlife and people.*

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Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, 308 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. and State). Take I-405 exit 18 (NE 85<sup>th</sup>, Kirkland). Drive west on Central Way to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. (stoplight). Turn left (south) on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and follow it as it bears left and changes name to State St. Turn left on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave S.

TAKE THE BUS! Routes 540, 230 and 255 serve State Street in Kirkland.



*Rob Sandelin Naturalist, Writer, Teacher*

The forests of the Pacific Northwest are a complex and fascinating web of relationships. Unseen and only recently discovered processes determine the distribution, health and ultimate survival of forest dwelling higher animals, including all the birds. The distribution of bird species such as winter wrens is keyed to forest structures and their effects upon temperature and light. Pileated Woodpeckers depend upon an interwoven

set of ecological processes involving fungi and insects. Naturalist, writer and teacher Rob Sandelin will share some of the interesting relationships in the forest you live in.

Please join us Thursday, October 28th. Refreshments and socializing start at 6:30 pm: the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. The presentation is FREE and open to the public.

## October Program

**Rob Sandelin**

*The Forest We Live in*

7:00 pm

October 28, 2010

## REGISTER NOW: FOUR-PART BIRDS OF PUGET SOUND CLASS WITH BRIAN BELL

Back by Popular Demand! Learn by doing! In this four-part course you will learn about basic principles, etiquette, field guides, equipment, and identification techniques for successful birding. For beginners, experienced birders, and people new to the area.

Fall is a great time to bird in the Puget Sound. New topic each session.

Instructor: Brian H. Bell, Master Birder, Author, Professional Guide

Class Dates, Time and Locations:

♦**SESSION 1: Sat, Oct. 30. Meet 7:30 AM at Marymoor Park, Parking Lot D.** Basic Principles and how to choose binoculars. Field Trip: Marymoor Park, over by noon.

♦**SESSION 2: Sat, Nov 6. Meet 8:00 AM at the Center for Urban Horticulture parking lot (UW campus).** Presentation: Field Guides, bird publications and CDs.

Field Trip: Union Bay Natural Area (also known as Montlake Fill), over by noon.

♦**SESSION 3: Sat, Nov 13. Meet 8:00 AM at Discovery Park Interpretive Center.** Presentation: Identification techniques. Field Trip: Discovery Park, over by noon

♦**SESSION 4: Sat, Nov 20. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Kingsgate P&R.** Presentation: Birding ethics and etiquette. Field Trip: To be determined, depending on birds of interest. Full day trip. Cost: \$80 members, \$90 non-members. To sign up contact Tricia Kishel at [tkishel@eastsideaudubon.org](mailto:tkishel@eastsideaudubon.org)

**EAS Offers  
College Scholarship**



Once again Eastside Audubon will award a \$500.00 college scholarship to a deserving high school senior. The student will be selected by the Education Committee based on the following criteria:

- Keen interest in the environment/nature
- Involvement in extra-curricular environmental/nature activities
- Academic record
- Teacher/counselor recommendation

Students from the following school districts are eligible to apply: Northshore, Lake Washington, Riverview, Bellevue, Issaquah, North Bend/Snoqualmie. The application may be obtained online at [eastsideaudubon.org](http://eastsideaudubon.org) or in the counseling centers of the various high schools. It is due by February 28, 2011. The winner will be chosen by mid-March.

In the past, we have received many outstanding applications and were delighted to award the scholarship to a deserving senior. If you have questions about the scholarship, e-mail: [mbritton1@earthlink.net](mailto:mbritton1@earthlink.net).



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**Harlequin Duck**

Variegated

Jester; bouncing surf rider

Meets the wind grinning.

Andrew McCormick  
Seattle, Nov 2009

## Meetings

### **Oct. 7 (Thurs) 10:30 a.m. Web Committee**

Meets first Thursday each month in EAS Office. All interested parties are invited. Questions? Email [webmaster@eastside-audubon.org](mailto:webmaster@eastside-audubon.org)

### **Oct. 14 (Thurs) 7:00 p.m. Photo Group**

Meets in large room upstairs from EAS Office. Questions? Email Tim Boyer at [tboyer@seanet.com](mailto:tboyer@seanet.com)

### **Oct. 12 (Tues) 7:00 p.m. Youth Education Committee**

We meet the second Tuesday of every month but December and August. All interested parties are invited. Questions? Email [education@eastsideaudubon.org](mailto:education@eastsideaudubon.org)

### **Oct. 13 (Weds) 7:00 p.m. Conservation Committee**

Meets second Wednesday each month in EAS Office. Questions? Email Andrew McCormick at [amccormick@eastside-audubon.org](mailto:amccormick@eastside-audubon.org)

### **Oct. 25 (Mons) 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting**

Meets fourth Monday of the month. Interested in attending? Please contact Cindy Balbuena at [cbalbuena@comcast.net](mailto:cbalbuena@comcast.net)

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## WELCOME

The following new members have joined Eastside Audubon over the summer months. This includes both local EAS and National Audubon Society members who have been assigned to our chapter. We hope to see you soon at our monthly Program Meeting, a class or on a field trip.

Welcome to: Robert Adams, Cole Ames, Helen Anderson, Gerri Armbruster, Jeann Balfour, Alan Bauer, Melissa Blair, T. Campbell, George Cavallo, Melissa Chamberlain, Elizabeth Copeland, Cheri Cornell, Diane Coughlin, Debra Crowe, Marcie Danne, Julie DiVerde, Cynthia Edmondson, Sue Ellis, John Farren,

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## Board Notes for August 2010

**Conservation Committee:** Andy McCormick, Conservation Chair, reported that we received a letter from governor's office in response to our letter regarding the pollution generated by TransAlta Corporation's power plant in Centralia. Andy reported that he contacted King County to submit Eastside Audubon's support of noise reduction regulations for the model airplane venue at the Marymoor Park. Andy also forwarded to Sound Transit our support of East Link Light Rail Option 4 along 112th Street NE in Bellevue.

**Education Committee:** Mary Britton-Simmons, Education Chair, reported that since January the Youth Education Committee has worked with 980 children and 371 adults. This summer Eastside Audubon scholarships sent five low-income middle-school students to summer environmental/science camps for a week. Students went to BOLD Mountain School, Passages Northwest, Pacific Science Center Camp, and Wilderness Awareness.

## Recycle

Just a reminder: people can bring their styrofoam to the Oct program and a volunteer will take it to be recycled. Don't forget to continue to recycle chunk styrofoam, styrofoam "peanuts" and foam coolers. The styrofoam recycle location is west of IKEA between SW 41st St. and

**Holiday Gift Wrap:** Helen LaBouy has agreed to coordinate this important fundraiser. Last year, we wrapped Christmas gifts at REI in both Redmond and Issaquah. It's never too early to plan your holiday volunteering. If you have questions or want more information, email Helen at [hlabouy@eastsideaudubon.org](mailto:hlabouy@eastsideaudubon.org)

**Eastside Audubon and Grant Administration:** The board passed a Eastside Audubon and Grant Administration: The board passed a resolution regarding grants that are submitted in the name of Eastside Audubon Society. Prior to a proposal being submitted in our name, the board will review the proposal and the rights and responsibilities of both parties. In addition, the board will determine administrative costs for the submitter on a case-by-case basis.

— Carmen Almodovar

SW 43rd St., Tuesday through Saturday. Check their website: [styrorecycle.com](http://styrorecycle.com) #6 styrofoam trays, "clam shells", plastic cups and glasses etc. can be recycled at King County's Bellevue and Mercer Island recycle events.

—Your compulsive recyclers  
Jill Keeney and Bev Jennings

## Vaux's Swift Festival

For the third annual Vaux's Swift Festival, the weather cooperated but the swifts did not. On September 11th hundreds of people turned out at Monroe's Frank Wagner Elementary School to visit informational booths, enjoy a spaghetti dinner and anxiously await the arrival of the Vaux's Swifts.



Eastside Audubon's Youth Education Committee sponsored a booth where children and adults learned more about the swifts, bought buttons with their images and took home information on EAS and safe ways to attract birds to their backyards. Unfortunately most of the Vaux's Swifts had other plans for the evening. Nevertheless, the crowd on the school's front yard marveled at the five hundred who circled overhead and finally dropped into the chimney as the sun set. For more information, check out: [monroeswifts.org](http://monroeswifts.org).



*Tora Roksvog, Jill Keeney and Cherri Mann*

— Mary Britton-Simmons,  
Education Chair

## Eastside Audubon Joins Global Work Party Day

Eastside Audubon has moved its monthly work party at Marymoor Park to the second Saturday, October 9 to join with people all over the world who are participating in the Global Work Party sponsored by 350.org the Web site created by Bill McKibben and his global warming organizing team. The work party idea takes a local approach to creating networks of communities to survive the changes on our planet due to warming temperatures.

Those who responded to the Eastside Audubon survey emphasized the chapter's local initiatives and especially our work at Marymoor Park. Our efforts have created bird loop trails with interpretive signage, and extended the boardwalk along the Sammamish River, built informational kiosks, and eliminated many

invasive plants which have been replaced with native plants. It has been a team effort for over three years. Now a global movement is developing and we are contributing to it.

Join the work party! Get out onto the earth!  
Meet some new friends!

Meet at the Meadow kiosk in parking lot G before 9:00 a.m. or when you can get there. A free parking pass will be provided. We will work to Noon or a little after. You do not need to be an Eastside Audubon member to participate, but you can join the chapter to support our work.

— Andy McCormick

## Marymoor Park Donor Event Saturday, October 9th

Eastside Audubon would like to take an opportunity to say thank you to all of our members who have donated \$100 or more over the past year. We'd like to invite you to participate in a private tour of all of the progress EAS had made on the Marymoor BirdLoop Trail. Come meet and mingle with other donors over hot drinks and breakfast treats, then head out with our Marymoor specialists to learn about the invasive species that have been removed, the native plants that have been planted and are filling in,

the boardwalk extension and kiosks that have been built, and the overall impact these improvements are making in this beloved habitat. And what would a trip to the BirdLoop be without a bird walk? Be sure to bring your binoculars for a bird walk led by our Marymoor experts. We look forward to seeing our valued donors for this fun and informative event. Meet at Parking Lot G at 9:30 am on October 9th. Dress for the weather.

— Cindy Balbuena

### Shopping at Amazon or REI? Use our Website!

Forget about the hassle and crowds of shopping in the store – shop online via our website and benefit EAS at the same time! Our online store has links to Amazon.com, REI, Powell's Books, and Eagle Optics, and when you enter their sites through our website, these organizations donate a percentage of your purchase to EAS. It's easy and requires no extra steps. Your already established accounts with these vendors are just a click away. So whether you're shopping for yourself or a gift for someone else, remember to enter these great sites through our online store. From our homepage at [www.eastsideaudubon.org](http://www.eastsideaudubon.org), simply click on the Online Store link on the left-hand side of the page.

## **SRA Boathouse Construction at Marymoor Park**

In mid-August construction on the Sammamish Rowing Association (SRA) boathouse began on the west side of the Sammamish River about 100 feet from the existing boat house. Tim McGruder and Andy McCormick met with an SRA board member, the wildlife biologist and the construction manager to review the construction site.

As of mid-September the following has occurred: a number of trees including six Cottonwood trees not in the original plan have been cut down, in exchange 60 other trees including one heritage tree will now remain, an old berm has been destroyed and replaced with topsoil, a firm pad has been constructed for the new boathouse, mitigation of an enlarged buffer zone has begun, mitigation of wetlands has been scheduled, and no wetlands have been filled in. The building has been sited in a wetland buffer because building in a wetland is illegal.

A cluster of six Cottonwood trees has been felled as required by the Redmond Fire Department. This was a late change to the original plan. The Fire Department would not issue a permit until the space in front of the new boathouse was large enough to turn around a fire engine. The road dead ends in front of the proposed boathouse and the engines will need a large area as a turnaround. This requirement pushed the paved area closer to the trees, and because of the expected damage to the root systems of the trees, the arborist required them to be cut. The arborist also recommended that 60 other trees including a large heritage tree near the entrance be allowed to remain. This area will be replanted with shrubs such as dogwood and roses to add to lower-story habitat, and the area behind it will be planted with new Cottonwoods and Western Red Cedars to add variety.

### **EAS Signs Agreement with Eastside Park Rangers**

On September 15th, after several months of planning and meetings, Eastside Audubon and the Eastside Park Rangers, EPR, (formerly known as the City of Kirkland Juanita Bay Park Rangers), signed a memorandum of understanding that puts into effect the partnership of the two groups. Ted Marx (EPR chair) and Cindy Balbuena (EAS President) met with Jill Keeney (EAS liaison with EPR), and Zoe Allen (EAS Office Assistant) to sign the agreement in which the Rangers remain an independent entity but have an official affiliation with EAS. The Rangers will use our EAS address and phone number for their operations and will have a link to their website from ours. The Ranger Chair and Co-Chair will be members of EAS and the Chair will attend EAS board meetings in a non-voting capacity at least once per quarter.

The Fire Department also required the existing road from the parking lot to the new boathouse to be widened slightly and trees along both sides of the road have been cut down. New water and sewer lines have been installed under the road.

Most of an old berm which ran parallel to the road to protect it from the sewage ponds has been removed. The removal of the berm is part of the mitigation plan to join two areas of wetlands which had been cut off from each other. Both areas will now be tied into the hydrology of the river allowing for some overflow space during high water and a healthier flow of water. This is expected to increase the functional habitat of the area.

The overall mitigation plan requires that the area be maintained for a period of 5 years. This includes removal of invasive species in very large areas of blackberry and Reed Canary Grass beyond the boathouse, thick plantings right away to anticipate die off of some of them, re-planting in the future, and ongoing watering. The SRA will need to continue to maintain the grounds around the boathouse to prevent re-growth of invasive plants which will remain bordering the mitigated area. The entire border along the road and around the boathouse will be fenced with split rail fencing.

The SRA agreed to send EAS a monthly report of the progress of the project. The biologist has sent us a copy of the mitigation planting plan. The representatives of the two organizations agreed to continue open communication for the life of the project.

— Andy McCormick

The Rangers will continue their great work at Juanita Bay Park that includes First Sunday tours and group tours of the park for schools, scouts, camps, etc. They will begin to partner with our Education Committee for classroom presentations as well.

Both EAS and EPR are excited about this new affiliation as it strengthens our partnership and will provide many great opportunities for synergy in our work in the community. Welcome, Eastside Park Rangers, to Eastside Audubon! We are excited about the possibilities this affiliation may bring!

— Cindy Balbuena

## FIELD TRIPS

Parents and children over 8 are welcome on all trips. \*\*FRS Radio owners, please consider bringing them on trips.\*\* See [www.eastsideaudubon.org/events/](http://www.eastsideaudubon.org/events/) for the latest information and for reports of last month's field trips.

### Meeting Places for Field Trips:

**Kingsgate Park and Ride:** I-405 exit 20B northbound or 20 southbound, N. E. 124th St. Go west to light at 116th Ave. N. E., then right (north) a few blocks to P&R lot (on the left). Meet in the S.E. corner. 1300 116th Way NE, Kingsgate.

**Newport Hills Park and Ride:** I-405, exit 9. 5115 113th PL NE, Newport Hills.

**South Kirkland Park and Ride:** 108th Ave. NE just north of hwy 520 and Northup Way. 10610 NE 38th Pl.

**Tibbetts Park and Ride:** Take exit 15 from I-90, turn right (south) and go past the new multistory Issaquah Park & Ride to the 3rd traffic light. Turn left (east) on Newport Way NW, go one block and turn right (south) into the Park & Ride. Meet at the west end of the parking lot (away from the entrance) to carpool. 1675 Newport Way NW, Issaquah

### October 12 Tuesday

#### 7 a.m. Marrowstone Island/ Port Townsend

We will explore parts of the Kitsap Olympic Peninsulas on our way to Marrowstone Island and then to Port Townsend. We'll be looking for loons, grebes, alcids, waterfowl, remaining shorebirds and raptors. October weather can be changeable, so come prepared for anything. Scopes helpful, bring lunch and money for ferry. Meet at 7 a.m. at the south end of the Kingsgate P&R. We will carpool as much as possible. Passenger cost per person \$14. Brian Bell 425-485-8058 (cell 206-619-0379 on morning of trip only).

### October 13 Wednesday

#### 8 a.m. to noon Lake Sammamish State Park

This urban park offers a wide assortment of birds and habitats due to its varied ecosystems. The trip will involve walking approximately 2-3 miles. Dress appropriately (rainproof in layers; some of the trails can be muddy if wet). Just inside the main entrance, take the first left into the large parking lot and meet at the northeast end. Co-led by Sharon Aagaard and Stan Wood. NO PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY. Call Sharon with any questions, 425-891-3460.

### October 9 Saturday

#### 9:00 to noon Marymoor Park (Bird- Loop) Habitat Restoration

Join us in restoring native habitat at the Marymoor Park interpretive area. Dress for the weather. Bring clippers, gloves, snacks and water. Meet at SE corner of Parking Lot G. Questions? Call office at 425-576-8805

### October 16 Saturday

#### 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Brightwater Waste Treatment Plant

Survey the North 40 of the new plant site before it opens. Meet at the Brightwater Operations Center north of Woodinville. Go east on SR 522, take the Snohomish/Arlington Exit. Go north to SR 9 then to 228th (about one mile to stop light) and turn right into the Brightwater Plant. At the T turn left and park near the large building. There are no bathroom facilities in the North 40, but limited access will be available at the BOC before and after the walk. It is still a construction site and participants will need to sign in and sign a waiver.

Call Jim Rettig at 425 402-1833.

### October 19 Tuesday 9:00 to noon

#### Juanita Bay Park Bird Walk

A relaxed walk in the Park, seeing what birds are in the area. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:00. Bring binoculars and meet in parking lot. No registration required. MaryFrances Mathis 425-803-3026

### October 25 Monday

#### 9:00 a.m. to noon Birding the Hot Spots of King County

Monthly field trip on fourth Monday of each month to wherever the birds are. Meet before 9:00 a.m. at north end of the Newport Hills Park-N-Ride (I-405, exit 9) and plan to be back by noon. Passenger cost/person \$2.00. Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351

### October 30 Saturday

#### 8 a.m. Purdy & Key Peninsula

Expect lots of saltwater waterfowl, cormorants and Great Blue Herons in the South Sound bays. We visit three state parks during the day. We will include Snake Lake in Tacoma if time permits. Meet before 8:00 a.m. at north end of Newport Hills P&R (I-405, exit 9) and bring a sack lunch. Passenger cost/person \$14.00. Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351

### November 2 Tuesday

#### 7:15a.m. Whidbey Island

Whidbey Island is always good for birds and we will be looking for waterfowl, loons, grebes, alcids, raptors, and passerines. We will take the ferry from Mukilteo and work our way north on the island, stopping at wetlands, lagoons and scanning the shoreline for interesting birds. Scopes very helpful, bring lunch and money for ferry. Meet at 7:15 a.m. at the north end of the Kingsgate P&R. Carpooling as much as possible. Passenger cost per person \$17 plus share ferry costs. Brian Bell 425-485-8058 (cell 206-619-0379 on morning of trip only).



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**See the birds better!**

**Sanderling *Calidris alba***

Length	8 in
Wingspan	17 in
Weight	2.1 oz (60 g)
AOU Band code	SAND

The Sanderling is the most widespread maritime shorebird wintering in North America. It is the common sandpiper of sandy beaches and is familiar to beach goers as it runs with whirring legs after waves and then retreats just as fast from the oncoming waves. It forages primarily for sand crabs which inhabit the intertidal zone (Kaufman). Marine worms, crustaceans, insects and small mollusks complete its diet (Bell & Kennedy).

The Sanderling is one of 18 North American shorebirds in the genus *Calidris*, from the Greek kalidris, used by Aristotle to describe a speckled waterbird (Holloway). *Alba*, Latin for white refers to its white under parts or its reputation as the palest of all shorebirds in winter (Alderfer).

It is larger than the “peeps” (other small *Calidris* sandpipers) and has a plumper profile. It has a short, black bill and black legs. In nonbreeding (Basic) plumage the Sanderling looks nearly white-headed with very pale gray upperparts and white below. In breeding (Alternative) plumage its head, breast and upperparts are coarsely mottled reddish brown. The Sanderling does not breed in Washington and is therefore difficult to see in breeding plumage since it spends little time here in Spring. Fall migration begins in late July and can extend through October.

Breeding is exclusive to the high arctic tundra. In North America the Sanderling’s territory includes the islands from Banks and Victoria Islands in the west to the Province of Nunavut and northern Hudson Bay in the east. The nest is a shallow scrape in the gravel lined with some grass



Photo: Raymond Parsons

and a few leaves. Typically four lightly spotted olive-green to pale brown eggs are deposited. Both sexes incubate the eggs for about four weeks. Sanderlings are known for serial polyandry and females sometimes have two clutches simultaneously, incubating one while a male incubates the other, or having two mates each tending a nest while the female departs (Kaufman). Young birds leave the nest soon after hatching and feed themselves. First flight occurs about 17 days after birth.

Sanderlings generally spread out along the beach when foraging and can be aggressive when defending a feeding area from other Sanderlings. They will however join in close flight formation when alarmed. They roost in a tight flock fairly close to the water’s edge and will be found sleeping while standing on one leg. They may also hop away on one leg from intruders.

The actual global population of Sanderlings is unknown but the North American population is thought to be around

300,000. There have been lower totals for Sanderlings on Christmas Bird Counts in California and Delaware Bay through the 1990s. Ongoing degradation of salt marsh and beach habitat may be the cause of some of the decline. Sanderlings are more vulnerable to oil spills than many species because they spend much more time in marine environments. Warming global temperatures could also affect Sanderlings adversely by making the water too warm for development of its invertebrate prey.

To see a video clip of the Sanderling’s mechanical walk visit the Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology <http://macaulaylibrary.org/video/flash-Player.do?id=54647>

Correction: The photo credit in our September issue should have read Gary Luhm. We regret the error. ♦

**Have You Seen Our Bird Gallery?**

Looking for more information on a specific bird than you can find in your field guide? Gorgeous photos and articles on all of our local bird species are at your fingertips on our website ([www.eastsideaudubon.org](http://www.eastsideaudubon.org)). From

the home page, click on Birds and Bird Gallery to search for your bird by family. Most of the birds featured in the Gallery have articles that discuss the bird’s habitat, behavior, nesting, migration, and more. And the photos and articles are all from EAS members. Check it out!