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# 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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## Christmas Bird Count

“From December 14 through January 5 each year, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas will take part in an adventure that has become a family tradition among generations. Families and students, birders and scientists, armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists will head out on an annual mission - often before dawn. For over one hundred years, the desire to both make a difference and to experience the beauty of nature has driven dedicated people to leave the comfort of a warm house in the middle of winter...

*(...National Audubon. To participate see December 18th in Field Trips page 6)*

## Eastside Audubon Honors Its Volunteers



On Thursday, January 27, EAS will host a dinner to honor all of our dedicated volunteers. Without your generous contributions of time and talent, EAS would not exist. You do amazing work: staffing the office, teaching children, leading field trips, gift wrapping, writing and getting out the Corvid Crier, fund raising, working at Marymoor Park. This night honors all of you.

Please join us at 6:30 for a potluck dinner at the Northlake Unitarian Church (308 Fourth Ave S, Kirkland). At 7:30 we will honor volunteer groups, give individual awards, and recognize the board. At 8:00 the Photography Club will end our evening with another visual extravaganza. This is a celebration you will not want to miss so mark your calendar for January 27. **Everyone is welcome.** Please bring a dish that serves six, corresponding to the first letter of your last name: **A-G...Dessert**      **H-P...Hot dish**      **Q-Z...Salad**  
BYOB: Please bring your own beverage.

— Mary Britton-Simmons

## Directions to Eastside Audubon

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.

## Eastside Audubon

### Receives \$5000 Conservation Grant from REI

On October 13 REI presented a check for \$5000 to Eastside Audubon to fund the proposal to improve the Forest Trail at Marymoor Park. Conservation Committee members are now working to secure permits for laying the gravel and work will begin on the Forest Trail this fall.

The money from REI will be used to restore the Forest Trail which winds for a quarter of a mile from a small footbridge south-west through a mixed woods forest of alder, cottonwood

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## Board Notes

**Grants:** Tim McGruder discussed the \$20,000 grant received from King County to continue our work at Marymoor Park. Grant money has been allocated for interpretive signs, native plants, watering, tools, and other similar expenses. Tim also noted that we received a \$5,000 grant from REI to refurbish the park forest trail at (Members should be aware of the fact that grant money is restricted use. No grant money can be used for operational expenses.)

**American Alps Legacy Project:** The board passed a resolution to support the American Alps Legacy Project in their efforts to expand the current boundaries of the North Cascades National Park. They're hoping to include areas near State Route 20 and the Methow Valley. By adding these areas, the project hopes to protect critical ecosystems and prevent these added areas from being logged or exploited.

**Support for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP):** The board voted to join the Seattle chapter to support continued funding for the WWRP. They distribute grant money to conservation and recreation programs around Washington State. The Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM), unfortunately, recommends a suspension for the WWRP 2011 fiscal year.

**ACOW Report:** Cindy Balbuena and Mary Britton-Simmons attended the one day meeting of the Audubon Council of Washington. The dissolution of Audubon Washington reorganized the 26 statewide chapters into five regions. EAS is now part of the Urban Puget Sound region, including Seattle, Rainer, and Vashon chapters.

**Treasurer's Report:** Donations and membership renewals are still down significantly. If your membership has lapsed, please bring your renewal to the next meeting, or send to: Eastside Audubon office: P.O. Box 3115, Kirkland, WA 98083.

[www.eastsideaudubon.org](http://www.eastsideaudubon.org)

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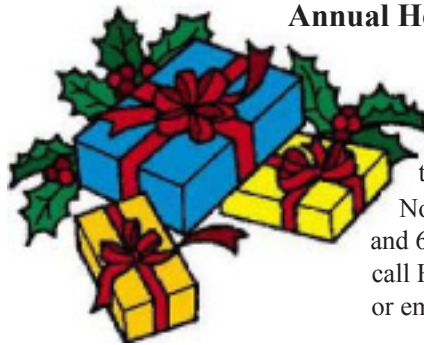
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## Annual Holiday Gift Wrap



**Sign Up Now** to wrap at the REI Issaquah and/or the Redmond location; Saturday, December 18th through Friday, December 24th. Noon to 3:00pm, 3:00pm to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 8:00pm. To sign up call Helen La Bouy at 206.915.1345 or email [helenlabouy@mac.com](mailto:helenlabouy@mac.com).

## Meetings

**Dec 2/Jan 6 (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)

**Dec 9/Jan 13 (Thurs) 7:00 p.m.**

### **Photo Group**

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

**Dec 14/Jan 11 (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)

**Dec 8/Jan 12 (Weds) 7:00 p.m.**

### **Conservation Committee**

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

**(Mon) 6:00 p.m.**

### **Board Meeting**

Meets fourth Monday of the month. Interested in attending? Please contact the office (425-576-8805)

## **A Statement from our New National Audubon President –**

**David Yarnold**

“Americans may have voted for change in Congress, but no one voted to increase pollution.

Senators should use their lame duck session to dedicate Clean Water Act fines paid by BP to the immediate restoration of America’s Gulf Coast. After reporting a 1.8 billion dollar profit for the last quarter, BP cannot be allowed to stick taxpayers with the bill for its disaster. Senators can also ensure that the Land and Water Conservation Fund receives full funding. These vital steps will demonstrate bipartisan cooperation at a time when it is needed more than ever.

The new Congress can also realistically defend America from the risk of diminished air quality by opposing efforts to block EPA enforcement of the Clean Air Act.

Passage of a nationwide renewable energy standard can still fuel new cooperation after the new Congress convenes in January. Other climate legislation may face a tough road ahead, but a nationwide renewable energy standard that puts us on a clean energy path can still make a dent in our energy use and climate-altering emissions.

Audubon stands ready to respond by focusing conservation and environmental protection efforts at the state, community and individual level. The election of 2010 brought a sea change to Congress, but our grassroots supporters are committed to ensuring it doesn’t swamp the chances for progress toward a healthy planet for birds, wildlife and people everywhere.”

### *Volunteer Spotlight:*



**Brian H. Bell**



When we look for an expert in our group, we often look to Brian H. Bell. A man with thousands of bird facts and identification skills, Brian kindly shares his wealth of information with EAS members.

Brian was born in Southern California and raised in the Santa Monica Mountains where he attended college at California State Northridge and where he and his wife, Penn, were married. In 1969, they moved to Louisiana, where Brian started his PhD program in Geography at Louisiana State University (LSU). Three years later, they moved to Sacramento, California, where Brian worked for the California Energy Commission. Both he and his wife periodically traveled to Washington for work and came to love the area. They

agreed to move whenever the first one got a job in Washington. His wife was first and he followed in 1994.

Brian first joined Audubon in Sacramento; he led field trips and served on the Board of Directors. Brian said, “It was a natural transition to join Audubon” in Seattle where he volunteered as the Field Trip Chairperson for eight years.

Six years ago, he joined EAS. For EAS, Brian leads field trips, teaches classes, and participates on a number of bird surveys with Hugh Jennings and was on the Board as Birding Chair for two years. Brian said, “I am often a leader for the Christmas bird count and I usually head a Birdathon Team.”

Brian is also a member of the Washington Ornithological Society and was an officer of the Board for nine years. He has written a birding book, titled *Birds of Washington State*, which is for sale in the EAS office. So, what does this talented person enjoy about Audubon? Brian enjoys the people of and likes introducing members to birds. What about his favorite bird? Brian says, “I enjoy whatever bird I am currently looking at; but I especially like the

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## New bird names in the 51st AOU Checklist supplement

The following is the best summary I have found of the bird name changes recently published by the American Ornithological Union. David Sibley has kindly granted us permission to reprint this article from his Web site. You may want to make the changes in your own field guide, Sibley's or not.

The North American Checklist Committee of the AOU has published the 51st supplement to the AOU Checklist of North American Birds, which includes two major splits, some name changes (mostly from the creation of new genera), and some

big changes in higher-level taxonomy. Below is a summary of the changes to English and Scientific names of species in the Sibley Guide. Major changes were also made to the sequence of species, with a few new families and orders being created and moved around in the list. While these changes and the studies behind them are always enlightening, this post is confined to species-level changes of names and taxonomic status. When combined with a previous post about name changes since 2000, this updates all species and names in the Sibley Guide.

— Andy McCormick

### Splits (no lumps) affecting species counts:

- Eastern Whip-poor-will *Caprimulgus vociferus*
- Mexican Whip-poor-will *Caprimulgus arizonae*

Formerly considered a single species – Whip-poor-will *C. vociferus* – these are now split based on differences in vocalizations, DNA, etc. Identification is fully covered in the Sibley Guide

- Winter Wren *Troglodytes hiemali*
- Pacific Wren *Troglodytes pacificus*

Formerly considered a single species – Winter Wren *T. hiemalis* – and now two species based on differences in songs and calls, plumage, and lack of hybridization. Identification is covered in the Sibley Guide. I think continuing to use the name “Winter Wren” with a new meaning will lead to confusion, and would encourage birders to use “Eastern Winter Wren” and “Pacific/Western Winter Wren” for clarity

### Changes to species names:

Black Scoter *Melanitta americana*  
Formerly *Melanitta nigra*. This is now considered a separate species from Common Scoter (*M. nigra*) of Europe, which has not yet been recorded in North America. The published 51st supplement shows the English name of the North American species changed to American Scoter, but this is apparently in error. The English name remains Black Scoter.

Northern Waterthrush *Parkesia noveboracensis*  
Formerly *Seiurus noveboracensis*

Louisiana Waterthrush *Parkesia motacilla*  
Formerly *Seiurus motacilla*

Canyon Towhee *Melospiza fusca*  
Formerly *Pipilo fusca*

Great Shearwater *Puffinus gravis*  
Formerly *Greater Shearwater*

California Towhee *Melospiza crissalis*  
Formerly *Pipilo crissalis*

Brown Jay *Psittorhinus morio*  
Formerly *Cyanocorax morio*

Abert's Towhee *Melospiza aberti*  
Formerly *Pipilo aberti*

Blue-winged Warbler *Vermivora cyanoptera*  
Formerly *Vermivora pinus*

Rufous-winged Sparrow *Peucaea carpalis*  
Formerly *Aimophila carpalis*

Tennessee Warbler *Oreothlypis peregrina*  
Formerly *Vermivora peregrina*

Botteri's Sparrow *Peucaea botterii*  
Formerly *Aimophila botterii*

Orange-crowned Warbler *Oreothlypis celata*  
Formerly *Vermivora celata*

Nashville Warbler *Oreothlypis ruficapilla*  
Formerly *Vermivora ruficapilla*

Cassin's Sparrow *Peucaea cassinii*  
Formerly *Aimophila cassinii*

Virginia's Warbler *Oreothlypis virginiae*  
Formerly *Vermivora virginiae*

Bachman's Sparrow *Peucaea aestivalis*  
Formerly *Aimophila aestivalis*

Colima Warbler *Oreothlypis crissalis*  
Formerly *Vermivora crissalis*

Five-striped Sparrow *Amphispiza quinquestrata*  
Formerly *Aimophila quinquestrata*

Lucy's Warbler *Oreothlypis luciae*  
Formerly *Vermivora luciae*

McCown's Longspur *Rhynchophanes mccownii*  
Formerly *Calcarius mccownii*

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Length	13 in
Wingspan	16 in
Weight	11 oz (300 g)
AOU Band code	EAGR

The Eared Grebe is the most abundant member of its family in both North America and the world. Gregarious by nature it breeds in large colonies in south-western Canada and central and western United States. After breeding, grebes congregate at the highly saline Great Salt Lake and Mono Lake and feed on brine shrimp (Cullen, et al). In general it prefers invertebrates and small crustaceans to fish and most of the time it forages by deep dives lasting around 20-30 seconds.

The Eared Grebe shares the *Podiceps* genus with the Horned Grebe (*P. auritus*) and the larger Red-necked Grebe (*P. grisigena*). *Podiceps* is from the Latin *podex*, the anal orifice, and *pes*, foot, referring to the fact that when swimming its feet appear to be coming out of its rump. *Nigricollis*, black-necked is from the Latin *niger*, black, and *collum*, neck (Holloway). The bird was once called the Blacknecked Grebe (Pough). Grebe is the French name for this type of bird. Eared refers to the wispy golden plumes of the breeding plumage near where ears would be.

As an uncommon visitor to Washington marine waters in winter, the Eared Grebe can be missed because of its similarity to the Horned Grebe which is close in size, shape and coloration. In basic (non-breeding) plumage the Eared Grebe has a grayer front of the neck and face, while the Horned Grebe has a white neck and face with the black crown sharply separated along a line extending straight back

**Brian Bell** (Continued)

Peregrine Falcon,” as his website name indicates: www.peregrinenorthwest.com.. What about his favorite birding site? It’s Whidbey Island. And, his most interesting

**Eared Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis***



from the bill (Cullen, et al). The Eared Grebe has a steeper slope to its forehead with its head peaked above the eye.

In alternative (breeding) plumage the Eared Grebe has a black head and neck and yellow-orange fan-like feathers behind the eyes. Its eyes are red in all plumages except juveniles which have a yellowish eye. The bill is black and the neck and sides are chestnut. Like other grebes Eared Grebes have a complex courtship ritual that includes swimming side by side while calling loudly, facing each other and raising up chest to chest, and at the climax of the display rearing up and rushing across the water together (Kaufman).

Eared Grebes nest in large colonies on marshy lakes where both parents contribute to building a nest consisting of a floating platform of weeds. Three to five white eggs are incubated by both sexes for about three weeks. When the young can swim the adults may separate with

birding experience? After birding at Marymoor Park for 15 years, Brian said he saw a strange bird—a Smith’s Longspur. It was the first state record of seeing this species.

each taking part of the brood. At times young grebes will ride on the back of an adult and remain there during underwater foraging. Their age at first flight is not well known (Kaufman).

In 1997 the population of Eared Grebes in North America was estimated at 4.1 Million individuals and the species is considered secure. Because they congregate in such large numbers they can be susceptible to large die-offs from food scarcity. The cause of a die-off estimated at 150,000 grebes at the Salton Sea in 1991 has not been explained.

A video of the Eared Grebe with young on its back being fed by another can be seen at the Macaulay Library of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at:

<http://macaulaylibrary.org/video/flashplayer.do?id=21225>

Photo credit Tim Boyer.

References available upon request from [amccormick@eastsideadubon.org](mailto:amccormick@eastsideadubon.org)

Kudos! We thank Brian for all his volunteering and for sharing his wealth of bird information. We hope he continues keeping us informed and enjoying the birds!

— Marlene Meyer

## 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.

### December 1/ January 11th (Wednesay)

7:30 AM to 5/6 PM

#### Samish/Skagit Flats

#### Registration required

The Samish and Skagit Flats are always interesting in early December. We will be watching for waterfowl; including swans, raptors, hawks, eagles, falcons and perhaps Short-eared Owls. We will also look for other waterbirds and small songbirds in the treed areas. Scopes very helpful. Dress for possible wet weather and maybe wind. Waterproof footwear advisable. Bring lunch and money for carpool. Limited to 11 in three cars. Meet at the south end of the Kingsgate P&R before 7:30 (if full, go to the north end of the P&R). Passenger cost/person \$20. Brian H. Bell 425-485-8058 (Morning of trip only 206-619-0379)

### December 4 (Saturday)

8:00 a.m. to noon Green Lake

Walk Green Lake with expert birder Martin Muller who has acquired intimate knowledge of this lake and the 150 bird species found there. Meet by 7:25 a.m. at South Kirkland P&R near the bus stop to carpool, or meet at Green Lake. We will park at the west end of Green Lake near the Bathhouse Theater and meet Martin on the lake side of the theatre, between the brick building and the water. No sign-up, just show up. Passenger cost/person \$2.00. Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351

### December 11 (Saturday)

9:30 to noon

#### Pioneer Park, Mercer Island

Enjoy a great opportunity to identify and learn medicinal uses of native plants and conifers. We'll also do some birding. Led by native plant steward Rita Moore of the Washington Native Plant Society and expert birder Judy Roan. Dress for the weather. Walk is less than 2 miles with minimal elevation gain. Meet at Island Crest Way/68th St. at the park kiosk See map: [www.mercergov.org/files/pioneer-parktrails.pdf](http://www.mercergov.org/files/pioneer-parktrails.pdf). -email Rita: [rmoore@eds.org](mailto:rmoore@eds.org) or call 206-275-3883 to register/carpool from Seattle.

### December 18 (Saturday)

8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Annual Christmas Bird Count and Dinner

Come and join one of the 8 teams of bird counters in the Eastside Audubon Annual CBC. We welcome anyone who wants to help - from beginner to expert. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes/boots, warm clothes and bring lunch. The fee for participating in the CBC is \$5.00/person (backyard bird counters are not required to pay the fees).

-All those interested in going on one of the counts should call or email the leader for more info and/or to signup for that count. Everyone is encouraged to support the CBC by donating the \$5.00 fee. The fees collected will help to cover the cost of generating materials for compilers, producing the annual CBC summary issue, and to maintain the CBC Web site/database. Only those paying the \$5.00 are reported as participants in the National Audubon CBC. The count leaders are responsible for collecting this money. Tallies from our annual CBC will be combined with counts taken throughout the nation to help determine bird distribution and population trends. Birds will also be counted in

Central America to keep track of migrants. You can also stay at home and count birds in your backyard, be sure to count for at least two hours. - email Hugh Jennings at [h2ouzel@comcast.net](mailto:h2ouzel@comcast.net) or phone 425-746-6351 and leave a message with your results before 5 p.m. on Dec. 19. All results will be tallied at the dinner following the count. After the bird count - whether you are a counter or not - All are invited to join the Eastside Audubon for a warm, wholesome meal. Dinner will be a potluck. For details please see the website or call the EAS office (425-576-8805).

The 8 count areas and leaders are:

**Fall City - Preston Area** -- Kathy Andrich, 206-390-3159 or

[chukarbird@yahoo.com](mailto:chukarbird@yahoo.com)

**L. Samm. SP-Cougar Mt-Issaquah** - Martyn Stewart, 425-836-3849 or [mstew@naturesound.org](mailto:mstew@naturesound.org)

**Marymoor - Ames L.** - Brian Bell, 425-485-8058 or [bellasoc@isomedia.com](mailto:bellasoc@isomedia.com)

**Pine Lake Plateau** - Jim Rettig, 425-402-1833 or [jrettigtanager@frontier.com](mailto:jrettigtanager@frontier.com)

**W. Lake Sammamish Parks** - Mary-Frances Mathis, 425-803-3026 or [mfmathis@frontier.com](mailto:mfmathis@frontier.com)

**East Snoqualmie Valley** - Joyce Meyer, 425-868-7986 or [meyer2j@aol.com](mailto:meyer2j@aol.com)

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**E. Lake Sammamish Trail** - Involves a 4.5 mile walk. Tim McGruder, 425-822-8580 or [tmcgruder@gmail.com](mailto:tmcgruder@gmail.com)

### December 20/January 24 (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. Plan to be back by noon.



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**December 21/January 18 (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 **third Tuesday** of each month at 9:00. Bring binoculars and meet in parking lot. No registration required. **Please note: Walks begin 8am April-September inclusive.** MaryFrances Mathis 425-803-3026

**January 29 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m. to noon  
West Seattle Shoreline**

Explore the shores and waters of West

Seattle along Elliot Bay and Puget Sound to Lincoln Park. Numerous viewpoints overlook the water, freighters, ferries and sea birds. Expectations include: golden-eyes, scoters, gulls, Harlequin Ducks and shorebirds. Should be done by noon. Meet before 8:00 a.m. at north end of the Wilburton P&R. Passenger cost/person \$4.00. Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351

**February 5th (Saturday)  
7:15 AM to 6 PM Sequim**

**Registration required.** The Kitsap and Olympic Peninsula around Sequim can be fascinating in the winter. We will look for waterfowl, loons, grebes, alcids, raptors and passerines. We will likely stop at Port

Gambel, Salsbury Point, and will work the Sequim area over thoroughly (John Wayne Marina, Railroad Bridge Park, Kitchen Dick Rd, Dungeness area, Three Crabs). Scopes most helpful. Dress for possible wet weather and maybe wind. Bring lunch and money for carpool and ferry. Limited to 11 in three cars. Meet at the south end of the Kingsgate P&R before 7:15 AM (if full, go to the north end of the P&R). Passenger cost/person \$20.

Brian H. Bell 425-485-8058

(Morning of trip only 206-619-0379).

**December 4/January 8, 2011  
Marymoor Birdloop Restoration**

See below Marymoor Grant.

**Marymoor Grant (continued)**

and willow trees. The Forest Trail has been neglected and is overgrown. The walking surface is uneven, degraded and very wet in some areas. A portion of the trail close to the river gets especially wet in winter.

Shrubbery and some trees will be pruned to allow clearance for walking and construction of the trail. High-quality compacting 5/8" Minus crushed stone gravel will be used to build up low areas and resurface the length of the trail to a width of four feet. This gravel will compact to a firm surface that will meet ADA specifications for wheelchair use and make walking easier and safer for anyone needing a smooth surface.

Approximately halfway along the trail is a naturally occurring open area where the trail will be widened to construct a by-pass area to allow two wheelchairs to pass and the installation of a bench and a new Folio interpretive sign. Forest birds will be highlighted on the proposed sign  
— Andy McCormick

**Join us** in restoring native habitat at the Marymoor Park the first Saturday of each month. All are Welcome! 9am Parking Lot G. Meet at the SE corner Bird Kiosk.

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