

The Corvid Crier

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November 15 General Meeting to Be Decisive for EAS

Board Openings Many, Candidates Few

With the annual chapter election coming up at the November general meeting, the board is still seeking candidates for all open positions.

Two officer positions and several committee chairs are among those that are vacant. (See box.) In addition to positions scheduled for election in even-numbered years, three positions normally elected in odd-numbered years are also available.

Andy McCormick is a candidate for re-election as president, and Tricia Kishel for re-election as Birding Chair.

No other candidates have come forward.

Board members will be happy to share thoughts about being on the board with anyone interested in becoming a candidate. To learn more about any of the open positions or put your name on the ballot, please contact any board member. (See page 2.)

The election will be part of the chapter meeting Thursday, November 15. (Story at right.)

Positions Up for Election in Even-Numbered Years

President (Andy McCormick, incumbent)
Vice President
At-large Member (two positions)
Birding Chair (Tricia Kishel, incumbent)
Communication Chair
Education Chair

Also Available

Financial Development Chair
Membership Chair
Secretary

Discussion Groups to Set Way Forward

This month's chapter meeting on November 15 will be an open house for members to plan for the future of Eastside Audubon. We'll also hold our annual board elections.

The focus of the evening will be to identify ideas for chapter activities and projects that chapter members will participate in implementing. The board will use the plans that come out of the meeting to guide the work of the chapter.

The meeting will begin with a short presentation on the chapter's activities and changes going on with National Audubon and Audubon in Washington state.

After that we'll divide into small groups for discussion on topics important for Eastside Audubon's future. Each group will have a moderator who will lead the discussion and then report the group's ideas back to the whole meeting.

Areas the board is considering for discussion include: our conservation work at Marymoor Park and in the region, leadership for birding walks and field trips, increasing the involvement of chapter members, the possibility of hosting a birding festival as part of Birdathon, and strategies for our community education programming.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, 308 4th Avenue South, Kirkland. Come at 6:30 for some social time to get to know one another. We'll serve refreshments, including wine and snacks.

Following the working group portion of the meeting, we'll vote to elect board members. (Story at left.)

We invite you to join us. We want to know what you want your chapter to be. Come and help plan your chapter's future.

National Audubon Head Talks Grassroots Strategy With State Chapter Leaders

By Andy McCormick

POUSLBO, WA — Leaders of Washington state's Audubon chapters responded enthusiastically to a recent speech here in which National Audubon Society Executive Director David Yarnold outlined plans to

mobilize a grassroots network for conservation action.

Eastside Audubon president Andy McCormick and Conservation Committee chair



EAS's Andy McCormick (right) talks with NAS's David Yarnold. Photo by Cathy Jaramillo.

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November Meetings

Unless noted, meetings are at Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church 308 4th Avenue South, Kirkland, downstairs entrance (State Street side).

Youth Education Committee

November 6 (Tuesday), 6:30 p.m.

Meets the first Tuesday of every month except December and August. Open to anyone who likes to share nature with youth. Email education@eastsideaudubon.org.

Photo Group

November 8 (Thursday), 7 p.m.

Meets the second Thursday of every month in the church sanctuary. All levels welcome; if you like, bring photos on a jump drive to share. Email Larry Engles: engles@ridesoft.com.

Conservation Committee

November 14 (Wednesday), 7 p.m.

Meets the second Wednesday of every month except July and August. An effective group engaged in activism and hands-on conservation projects. Email Peter Marshall: psmarshall@comcast.net.

Board Meeting

November 27 (Tuesday), 6 p.m.

Interested guests may attend the monthly board meeting. Email Andy McCormick: amccormick@eastsideaudubon.org.

Spot Jobs

Outdoors, Indoors, On the Road

If your style of volunteering is to do the jobs that have a definite start and end, you've come to the right place. To follow up on any of these opportunities, please email office@eastsideaudubon.org unless a different contact is indicated.

Salvage Native Plants for Marymoor Park (December 1)

A timely invitation has come to EAS to salvage native plants at the old Group Health campus in Redmond for reuse around the new viewing platform under construction at the Audubon BirdLoop at Marymoor Park. Instead of having our monthly work party at Marymoor on Saturday, December 1, we'll be digging up the plants and putting them into temporary pots for replanting at a later work party. Come out between 8 a.m. and noon, with gloves, a shovel, sturdy shoes, and weather-appropriate clothing. There will be coffee and snacks. Invite a friend! To sign up and get details, contact Tim McGruder: tmcgruder@gmail.com or 425-822-8580.

Wrap Gifts During the Holidays

Our annual holiday wrapping program at REI is a big fundraiser for Eastside Audubon. It's a fun way to contribute plus meet other EAS volunteers. And you don't need to know how to tie a bow! On the spot training and materials provided. We set up at eastside REIs beginning December 15, and we need numerous volunteers to fill three-hour shifts through December 24. Thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past. We need you back, plus as many new volunteers as we can get. Contact Leah Morris: preferably at leahmo@comcast.net (or by phone at 425-233-5548).

Take Styrofoam to Renton for Recycling

Do you drive a van, SUV, or covered truck? After we collect Styrofoam at every monthly chapter meeting, we need a volunteer to drive it all to Styro Recycle in Renton, near Ikea. If 10 people volunteer, that's only one trip a year for each one. Unload Styro, load up on furniture! To sign up for a turn during the 2012-2013 calendar, contact Jill Keeney: j.keeney@comcast.net.

Something Else in Mind?

If you have a skill you'd like to put to work for birds and the environment, send an email to the office noting what you'd like to do, and we'll do our best to match you to an EAS project you'll enjoy. That's office@eastsideaudubon.org. There's plenty to do!

Eastside Audubon Society

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Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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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Citizen Science Season Starts Now!



Dark-eyed Junco by Larry Engles

Christmas Bird Count Set for December 15

Whether you're new to birding or have lots of experience, there's a place for you on one of eight Eastside Audubon teams that will participate in this year's nationwide Christmas Bird Count.

EAS teams will go out on Saturday, December 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to survey the area assigned to our chapter for the annual survey of North American birds organized by National Audubon.

On a CBC team, you'll spend the day with an expert leader and see lots of birds, learn more about bird identification, and make a useful contribution to the statistical data that supports bird conservation work nationwide.

Afterward, you can join the other teams for the traditional EAS Christmas Bird Count dinner and tally of the day's results. (Details in the December *Corvid Crier*. Don't start cooking yet!)

Kits Available for Project FeederWatch

You and your family can become backyard scientists and contribute to bird conservation by taking part this season in the twenty-sixth annual Project FeederWatch.

By monitoring the birds that visit your yard during winter, you can help experts follow trends in bird populations and movements. Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada operate the program.

Counting starts November 10 and continues until early April. You can begin any time until the end of February. You set your own counting and reporting schedule, and if you take a winter vacation you can resume your count when you get back.

Veteran FeederWatchers often remark how much they learn by watching their backyard birds on a regular schedule and what an enjoyable pastime it is during the rainy months. It's not uncommon to begin to recognize individual birds and notice differences in their behavior.

You'll find all of the information you need to enroll and get started in the program at the Project FeederWatch website: www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/.

Once enrolled, you'll receive a kit containing instructions, information to help with bird feeding and identification, and reporting materials.

Christmas Bird Count Teams

Fall City – Preston Area

Kathy Andrich, 206-390-3159 or chukarbird@yahoo.com

Lake Sammamish State Park – Cougar Mountain – Issaquah

Martyn Stewart, 425-898-0462 or mstew@naturesound.org

Marymoor – Ames Lake

Brian Bell, 425-485-8058 or bellasoc@isomedia.com

Pine Lake Plateau

Jim Rettig, 425-402-1833 or jrettigtanager@frontier.com

West Lake Sammamish Parks

MaryFrances Mathis, 425-803-3026 or mf.mathis@comcast.net

East Snoqualmie Valley

Joyce Meyer, 425-868-7986 or meyer2j@aol.com

West Snoqualmie Valley

Hugh Jennings, 425-746-6351 or h2ouzel@comcast.net

East Lake Sammamish Trail (involves a 4.5-mile walk)

Tim McGruder, 425-822-8580 or tmcgruder@gmail.com

No longer required is the \$5 participation fee that National Audubon previously asked of count participants.

Now's the time to pick the area where you'd like to count and get in touch with a leader to join one of the EAS teams. (See box.)

Or, if you prefer, you can count in your back yard. For more information about contributing to the CBC data from home, contact Hugh Jennings: h2ouzel@comcast.net or 425-746-6351.



Hairy Woodpecker in the Britton-Simmons's back yard, by Mick Thompson

You'll also receive the Lab of Ornithology's newsletter, *BirdScope*.

Former EAS president Jim Rettig is a perennial FeederWatcher and welcomes questions from chapter members. Email jrettigtanager@frontier.com.



Beginning birders are welcome on our walks and trips, and so are non-members. Start time is trip departure; **please arrive earlier**. Binoculars advisable.

November 4 (Sunday), 1 – 2 p.m.

Juanita Bay Park Interpretive Tour

Eastside Park Rangers lead this easy, one-hour walk on the first Sunday of every month. Free. No pre-registration required. Tours for community schools and special interest groups also can be scheduled through the EAS office: 425-576-8805.

November 7 (Wednesday), 8 a.m. – noon

Marymoor Park

This regional park in Redmond provides home for resident birds, a wintering area for waterfowl, and a resting place for migrating birds. It is also home to the Audubon BirdLoop, where we will walk on level ground for about 2 miles along the Sammamish Slough and through the East Meadow, ending at the Clise Mansion area. Meet at Parking Lot D. (When entering the park from West Lake Sammamish Parkway, turn right at third stop sign.) Parking \$1. (Walk is free.) Bring binoculars and a snack, and dress for the weather. No pre-registration required. Leader: Andy McCormick, 425-518-0892.

November 19 (Monday), 8 a.m. – noon

Lake Sammamish State Park

This urban park offers a wide assortment of birds and habitats in its varied ecosystems. The trip involves walking 2 to 3 miles. Dress appropriately (rainproof in layers; some of the trails can be very muddy if wet). Just inside the main entrance, take the first left into the large parking lot and meet at the northeast end before 8 a.m. A Discover Pass* is required to park. (Walk is free.) No pre-registration required. Co-leaders: Sharon Aagaard, 425-891-3460, and Stan Wood.

November 20 (Tuesday), 9 a.m. – noon

Juanita Bay Park

See what birds are in the park and on the bay. Varied habitats within the park host a vast array of species, and the quiet of an early morning is one of the best times to explore. Meets the third Tuesday of each month. Bring binoculars and meet in the parking



Bald Eagle at Juanita Bay Park by Mick Thompson

lot. Free. No pre-registration required. Leader: MaryFrances Mathis, 425-803-3026.

November 26 (Monday), 9 a.m. – noon

Birding the Hot Spots of King County

Monthly field trip on the fourth Monday to wherever the birds are. Meet before 9 a.m. at the north end of the Newport Hills P&R and plan to be back by noon. Carpool \$2/passenger. No pre-registration required. Leader: Hugh Jennings, 425-746-6351.

December 1 (Saturday), 8 a.m. – 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 here. Meet by 7:25 a.m. at South Kirkland P&R near the bus stop to carpool, or meet at Green Lake at 8. We will park at the west end of Green Lake near the Bathhouse Theater and meet Martin on the lake side of the theater, between the brick building and the water. Carpool and toll share \$3/passenger. No pre-registration required. Hugh Jennings: (425) 746-6351.

November 3 (Saturday), 9 a.m. – noon

Marymoor Park Habitat Restoration

Monthly Work Party

All are welcome! Meet at the kiosk of the Audubon BirdLoop at Marymoor Park, Lot G. Parking pass provided. Bring water, snack, gloves, a shovel and/or a rake. We'll be doing pre-winter habitat maintenance and maybe some planting. Questions? Call the EAS office: 425-576-8805.

* Discover Pass: \$10 daily/\$30 annual. Can be purchased online at <http://discoverpass.wa.gov> or at a sporting goods store.

Children 8 and older are welcome on all trips; 17 and younger must have adult companion. FRS Radio owners: Please consider bringing them on trips. Find reports of last month's field trips at www.eastsideaudubon.org/events/.

Field Trip Meeting Places

Kingsgate Park & Ride

13001 116th Way NE, Kingsgate. I-405, Exit 20B northbound or 20 southbound, take NE 124th Street west to the light at 116th Avenue NE. Turn right a few blocks to the Park & Ride (on the left). Meet in the southeast corner.

Wilburton Park & Ride: I-405, Exit 12

Newport Hills Park & Ride

5115 113th Pl SE, Bellevue. I-405, Exit 9

South Kirkland Park & Ride

10610 NE 38th Place, Kirkland. SR 520, exit 108th Avenue. Travel north onto 108th Avenue NE. Take the second left onto NE 38th Place.

Tibbetts Lot

1675 Newport Way NW, Issaquah. I-90, Exit 15. Turn right (south). Go past the new multi-story Issaquah Park & Ride to the third traffic light. Turn left (east) on Newport Way NW. Go one block, then turn right (south) into the Park & Ride. Meet across the street from the large parking garage at the west end.

Updated Local Guide Invaluable for Newcomers and Experts

Reviewed by Mary Brisson

Are you wondering where and when you can get a look at a loon for your life list?

Are you wondering how — or why — to keep a life list?

Or are you a longtime lister wondering whether it's just you who hasn't seen as many Western Screech-Owls lately?

Your answers are in the second edition of *Birding in Seattle and King County: Site Guide and Annotated Bird List*, updated and considerably expanded by Eugene S. Hunn, the author of the 1982 original.

The book had just landed in the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop when I stopped in recently, and I reflexively bought it to find out more about where to go birding. On that score alone, it more than satisfies.

A complete chapter of site accounts gives how-to detail and rich context for productive birding at many locations I've wanted to explore and others I hadn't heard of. The accounts are supported by clear maps and in some cases with crisp aerial photos that give me hope I may someday learn to find where the birds are in complex places like Discovery Park.

There's even a section on birding by bus, with 15 suggested itineraries for reaching prime spots. Mr. Hunn included it to encourage "green birding." As a freeway-phobe I have my own reasons to thank him.

But to call the heart of the book a site guide is to understate its impact. By grouping the sites into 11 naturally cohesive areas and including a chapter that explains King County habitats from shoreline to

upland, Mr. Hunn has provided an education in natural history that will enrich not only my experience of birding in our region but that of living here.

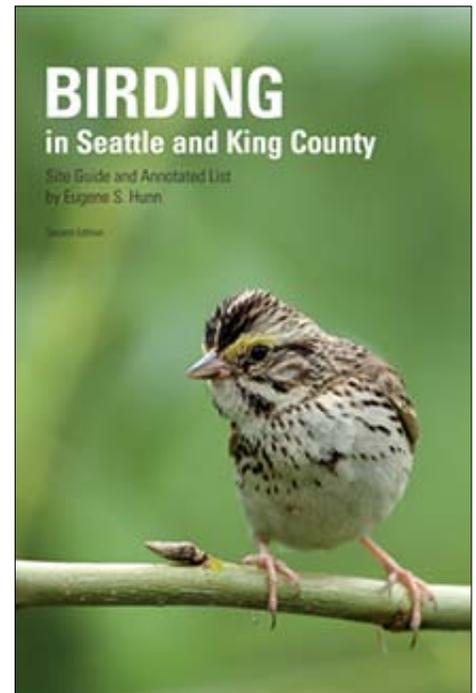
Building on the site section, a chapter on month-to-month species occurrence uses immediately self-explanatory graphs to show when to bird for what, with further useful text to suggest where. It's possible to imagine becoming a fairly successful birder with information this well organized in hand.

Similar graphs tell a thought-provoking story about species whose populations have been increasing or declining locally since the book's first edition.

As an EAS member, I appreciated seeing Mr. Hunn's acknowledgement of the data contributions the chapter has made through its Christmas Bird Counts, and I cheered his commendations of Hugh Jennings and MaryFrances Mathis for their stewardship at Lake Sammamish State Park and Juanita Bay Park, respectively.

As a perennial beginner, I found motivation and priceless tips in sections titled "Getting Started in Birding" and "Keeping Notes and Sharing Your Discoveries," and I delighted in the dozens of fine photographs with informative captions. (Another treat: half-a-dozen credits for EAS Photo Group member Ollie Oliver.)

Published by Seattle Audubon, *Birding in Seattle and King County* costs \$21.95 and is available at the Seattle Audubon Nature Shop and online at www.seattleaudubon.org, in the Nature Shop section under books about birding destinations.



Eugene S. Hunn's new guide is published by Seattle Audubon. The Savannah Sparrow on the cover is by Katherine Lloyd.

Special Thanks for Marymoor Work on Day of Caring



Common Goldeneye by Mick Thompson

Eastside Audubon sends special thanks to the 63 AT&T employees who came out to the Audubon BirdLoop at Marymoor Park on Day of Caring in September.

The AT&T crew did a complete sweep of the meadow for emerging scotch broom, pretty much eliminated the blackberries coming back along the gravel road, and did major damage to the blackberries along the trail south of the shed.

And they brought lunch for the EAS volunteers who organized the work: Glenn Eades, Leslie Waters, Ella Ellman, Patricia Clarke, and Jim Rettig. Special thanks to these Marymoor stalwarts as well.

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National Audubon Head Talks Strategy

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Pete Marshall were in the audience at the annual Audubon Council of Washington (ACOW) general meeting in October when Mr. Yarnold received a standing ovation for his presentation on a plan to join national and local conservation efforts around the four North American bird migration flyways.

There are 471 Audubon chapters and 50 Audubon education centers along the Pacific Flyway, which includes Washington, Alaska, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and the eastern Pacific Ocean. "No other conservation organization has this kind of network," Mr. Yarnold said. "We will whittle down the things that are not important so we can focus on the activities that are effective."

Mr. Yarnold said the 2012 National Audubon (NAS) annual report will be titled *Passion Action Network*, underscoring the concept that Audubon has a passion for birds and will take action using a network that can be mobilized.

NAS also plans to collaborate with BirdLife International and other conservation organizations, he said.

The national organization's new strategic plan will build on three recent victories that NAS played a part in achieving, Mr. Yarnold said. First, the Department of the Interior agreed to protect 98 percent

of the area within the National Petroleum Reserve on the North Slope of Alaska that NAS had recommended for preservation. Second, Audubon made an agreement with the wind power industry so that future wind farms will be installed with bird protection in mind. Third, Congress has passed the Restore Act as advocated by NAS, requiring that a large portion of BP's reparations for the 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill will go to rebuild wetlands in five Gulf states: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

NAS plans to publish a series of online information packages to raise awareness of certain at-risk bird species and the work that Audubon organizations are doing to preserve them. The first package, *A Year in the Life of a Piping Plover*, can be seen at <http://birds.audubon.org/beating-odds-year-life-piping-plover>. It includes articles about Audubon work on the west coast in support of other plover species.

In another new program, NAS recently joined with the Republican group



The Piping Plover is the first subject in a new series of conservation awareness campaigns by National Audubon. Photo by Gene Nieminen, USFWS.

ConservAmerica in a campaign to urge people to sign the American Eagle Compact, a pledge of nonpartisan support for conservation action that can be found online at www.EagleCompactUSA.org. The campaign ends this month.

Changes to State Audubon Structure for Chapters

Also at the October meeting, ACOW voted to reorganize the 26 Washington chapters into five regions. Each region will select a representative to serve on the Audubon Washington board.

The chapters also agreed to hire a part-time Chapter Associate to coordinate chapter activities with an emphasis on conservation. The associate will work out of the Seward Park Audubon Center in Seattle. Audubon Washington will fund half of the salary; the chapters, including EAS, have pledged to fund the other half.

ACOW comprises representatives of the Washington chapters. About 300 people attended the Poulsbo meeting.

Spread the Word

College Scholarship, Teacher Grant Applications Available Now

By Mary Britton-Simmons

Do you know a high school senior dedicated to conservation? A teacher who needs reusable classroom materials?

Once again the Youth Education Committee is offering a \$500 scholarship to a college-bound high school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to the environment and nature.

In addition, the committee will award grants of up to \$200 to teachers for non-

consumable materials which support Eastside Audubon's mission statement.

If your answer was "yes" to either of the questions above, please let candidates know they can find links to the scholarship and grant applications on the Eastside Audubon home page at www.eastsideaudubon.org. Applications are due in February.

Questions may be directed to Mary Britton-Simmons: mbritton1@earthlink.net.



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Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)

Length	23 inches
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Weight	2.3 pounds (1,060 grams)
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Looking a bit like “a casual, unkempt teenager with a spiky ‘punk cut’ crest,” (Dunne, 2006), the male Red-breasted Merganser strikes a bold appearance when in its alternate, breeding plumage. The crest is finely feathered and two-pointed and seems to disappear at a distance because it is so thin. Overall the Red-breasted is a more spindly-looking bird than the Common Merganser (*M. merganser*). It is also found in different habitat.

On the Pacific Coast it winters in protected coastal waters, often near jetties, boat channels and other shallow areas (Bell & Kennedy). Wintering Red-breasted Mergansers can be found all along the Pacific Coast, including around Baja California and the northern Mexico mainland. They arrive in Washington waters in October, and larger numbers appear in November. Although most often found in marine waters, during migration they can gather in large flocks in the Great Lakes as they pass along the Central Flyway.

The bird is in the genus *Mergus*, a common Latin name given to several seabirds, from *mergo*, to plunge or dive. The Red-breasted Merganser has a serrated bill — hence the species name *serrator* (Latin): one who saws (Holloway). The fine-toothed bill aids in capturing fish underwater. Red-breasteds often feed in flocks in a cooperative line, moving fish ahead of them. They have a varied diet of aquatic animals, and an individual bird will eat the most available item in its area. Foods include culpin, herring and salmon and the eggs of both, crayfish, and shrimp.



Red-breasted Merganser by Mick Thompson

Red-breasted Mergansers begin northerly migration in March and arrive on the high arctic breeding grounds in May. They are a holarctic species that nests across North America, Greenland, northern Europe, and Asia. About 237,000 birds populate the North American Pacific Rim area (Titman). The males display in a remarkable courtship ritual described by Titman:

“In Salute-Curtsy, crest is suddenly depressed, and head is dropped with bill just above water, then jerked up into salute, neck forming a straight line 80 degrees above water; chest and neck are then abruptly dropped into water and tail is bent under in a pivoting movement; sometimes associated with a kick. Head returned so bill is parallel to water at either a low-median or elevated position relative to normal body. When head is fully forward in Salute Posture, white of neck and anterior pattern are most conspicuous. During Salute, a nasal whining catlike *yeow* call is produced with bill open, and with dip into Curtsy, bill is opened again and a second soft *yeow* can be heard. Several males display in synchrony or near synchrony swimming ahead of Inciting female. Often males Turn-the-Back-of-the-Head to courted female to end display sequence.”

The female selects a simple depression or shallow burrow and lines it with down. Usually seven to ten olive-buff colored eggs are deposited and then incubated by only the female for about a month. A day after the young hatch, the female leads them to water, where they feed themselves. First flight occurs about two months after hatching.

Worldwide Red-breasted Merganser populations have been dropping steadily, but they have increased in the Pacific Rim region. More study of this elusive species is needed.

References available upon request from
amccormick@eastsideaudubon.org.

Environmentalist of the Year Nominations Open Until November 30

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for unique work to protect birds and their habitat?

Through November 30, the Conservation Committee will be taking nominations for the 2012 Environmentalist of the Year Award.

Each year the award recognizes an individual or group for contributions made through advocacy, education, or work with Eastside Audubon or another environmental organization.

If you have a candidate in mind, please read the award criteria in the October *Corvid Crier* or at www.eastsideaudubon.org (there's a link on the home page). Then email your letter of nomination to Conservation Committee Chair Pete Marshall, pmarshall@comcast.net, or to office@eastsideaudubon.org.

The committee will vote on the nominations at its December meeting and present the award at the Volunteer Dinner in January.

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- Please add me to your email lists for:
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