

2010 Environmentalist of the Year and... Volunteer Dinner



Martyn Stewart

At the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner held on January 27, 2011 Eastside Audubon presented **Martyn Stewart** with the 2010 Environmentalist of the Year Award. The award was presented by Andy McCormick chair of the Conservation Committee which chose Martyn based on his work in recording bird song,

locating birds in the Gulf of Mexico following the BP oil well blowout, and protesting the killing of dolphins in Taiji, Japan.

A total of 143 volunteers were also recognized for the contributions to the chapter. Special recognition was given to Margaret Lie who is stepping down after 5 years on the board, and Cindy Balbuena for her service as President of the board. Cindy will remain on the board in an Ex-Officio position reserved for the Past President.

Martyn Stewart was recognized for actions on several fronts to protect the environment. In April of 2010 he traveled to Louisiana in the wake of the BP oil gusher and worked with boat teams to locate oil-soaked birds for cleaning. He also recorded sounds to document the bird life there. For two weeks in December

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An Appreciation Celebration "Keep The Birds Singing!"

At the chapter's monthly meeting in January, 65 chapter members enjoyed an evening of levity as we celebrated together and gave thanks to all the volunteers who donated so many hours in 2010 to keep the chapter alive and to keep the birds singing. After sating ourselves with a potluck dinner (delicious in every way!), proper thanks were given to committee chairs: Trisha Kishel (birding), Andy McCormick (Conservation), Jim Rettig (Audubon BirdLoop), Tim McGruder (Development), Mary Britton-Simmons (Education), and Jim Kenney (Treasurer).

This was followed by the presentation of the 2010 Environmentalist of the Year Award, awarded to Martyn Stewart for his work on behalf of all living things. A standing ovation followed the award and Martyn later showed a video of some of his work in the

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Michael Hobbs Speaks on Habitats for Birds

~ March 24th Program Meeting ~
7:00 p.m.

Michael Hobbs will draw on his more than two decades of birding to give insights into the notion of habitats for birds. He will discuss the role that structure plays in the bird species that will use a site; the characteristics that, for example, distinguish a marsh suitable for Virginia Rail from one that is home to Sora; and even get down to the individual tree and shrub species every birder should know.

Michael discovered the hobby of birding on an Audubon field trip in 1988, but he had had an interest in birds that began while watching Evening Grosbeaks at the feeders in his yard when he was four. In 1994, he started birding at Marymoor Park in Redmond one morning each week. April, 2011, will mark the start of the 18th year of his surveys there. Michael is a Seattle Audubon Master Birder. While Michael will frame this discussion in terms of bird watching, there are important implications for conservation as well.

Michael will speak at the Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church in Kirkland. Directions are on page 7. A 15-minute informational meeting will precede the talk. Arrive early! Social time is at 6:30.



Birdathon in May 2011 Needs You to Help

Spring is coming and so is *Birdathon*. Last year Eastside Audubon raised \$17,617 which made up 34% of the income for the chapter. So, you can see Birdathon is important. Our goal this year is to top \$18,000. **EASTSIDE AUDUBON CAN DO IT WITH YOUR HELP.**

Birdathon funds support our staff person, office rent, 10 newsletters per year, 8 monthly programs, Christmas Bird Count, Volunteer Dinner, insurance for field trips, and many education and conservation programs. Here is what you can do. Choose one or more activities.

_____ Recruit people to sponsor a Birdathon Team. EAS will provide birders to help you

_____ Join or sponsor a Birdathon Team. Ask other people to sponsor the team

_____ Go on a scheduled field trip and make the requested donation.

_____ Make a Birdathon donation.

A complete list of Birdathon activities is being prepared and we will talk about it at the Program Meeting and in future *Corvid Criers*. If you want to help email the Birdathon Chair Andy McCormick at amccormick@eastsideaudubon.org

Make May a Big Month for birds

— Andy McCormick

OLYMPIC BIRDFEST & SAN JUAN CRUISE 2011

OLYMPIC PENINSULA AUDUBON SOCIETY'S SPRING EVENTS ARE COMING SOON. THE BIRDFEST IS APRIL 8-10, 2011 & THE SAN JUAN CRUISE IS APRIL 10-12, 2011. EAS HAS AGREED TO PARTNER WITH OPAS BY ADVERTISING THEIR EVENTS. OPAS WILL REIMBURSE EAS \$50 FOR ANY OF OUR MEMBERS THAT MAKE A CRUISE BOOKING. ALL PASSENGERS ON THE CRUISE WILL BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE HOW THEY LEARNED OF THE CRUISE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.OLYMPICPENINSULAUDUBON.ORG. WHEN AN OPAS FLIER IS AVAILABLE, WE WILL EMAIL TO THOSE ON THE EAS ANNOUNCEMENTS EMAIL LIST.

Bird Surveys

Why count birds? For the pleasure to be sure; to hone our skills at identification; to tell our friends and fellow birdwatchers about the wealth of bird species or lack thereof in our own backyards; and perhaps, to help the scientific community answer questions about the health of our environment.

It comes as no surprise that Eastside Audubon (ESA) members have been counting birds for years and that our dedicated volunteers participate in surveys of all types. Probably the oldest ongoing wildlife survey in the world, and the best known, is Audubon's **Christmas Bird Count (CBC)**. The CBC was initiated in 1900 and has run continuously for 111 years. Today, the scientific community is still looking at trends in bird populations and distribution based on these data. ESA is a part of this effort. This year alone, 55 volunteers participated. 94 species were seen within a total of 13,035 birds. The data was compiled into a national database and a snapshot of bird numbers, distribution and health will be used for years to come in efforts to understand, protect and enhance bird populations.

Another invaluable bird survey is the **North American Breeding Bird Survey (BBS)** usually conducted in June of each year. Responding to the threat of DDT in the 1960's, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center began this study of breeding birds that looked at populations throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico. The goal was to monitor breeding bird populations in North America and respond quickly to identify threats and develop remediation policies. The BBS continues to serve this goal and one day each year, participants spend 5 hours to survey one of the 4100 assigned routes along a 24.5 miles road. This program offers on-line training and web resources to help the volunteer. More information can be found at their website: www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs..

A third survey is **Project FeederWatch** which is operated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada. The 2010-11 survey started on November 13th and runs through April 8th. This year, fifteen ESA members registered for the program and they are actively counting birds and sending their data to Cornell. How rewarding it will be for these folks to see their data used in scientific journals; regional newsletters like *Birdscope* and *BirdWatch Canada*; national magazines like *Audubon* and *Birder's World*; and tons of newspapers around North America. Perhaps we can grow our Eastside Audubon participation in the 2011-2012 survey – think about it.

As you read this, the 2011 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) will have just ended. ***The GBBC led by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, takes place over a four day period in February.*** Anyone can participate, even novice bird watchers, and it's free. A minimal commitment is required. The participant may count for as little as 15 minutes a day, for one or more days. The data is easily input online. The compiled result gives a snapshot of where a particular species is at any one time in the nation. It also helps to answer such local questions as:

- Are the local birds affected by disease vectors?
- Did the winter climate affect the bird populations in my area?
- Are there migratory birds present already?

There is a system in place for each survey for volunteers to enter their observations. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society launched a database system called **eBird**. It developed from a need to centralize the different surveys. The database is only nine years old yet, the result is one of the largest data sources for biodiversity in existence. According to the eBird website, www.ebird.org, in "January 2010, participants reported more than 1.5 million bird observations across North America! The observations are joined with those of others in an international network of eBird users." This is only a one month example of what can be accomplished. The data is available to educators, land planners, biologists and citizen scientists - like you. Join the global community of citizen scientists and do your part. The Carnation Bird Survey of 2009 to 2010 will be featured in a future *Corvid Crier*. — Maureen Sunn

Owls and Pellets at The Little School



"Inspired by EAS volunteers, this student built her own owl nesting box."

Rain didn't dampen the excitement among fourth graders at The Little School in Bellevue. In fact, one little girl proudly sported an owl t-shirt. Mid-morning three volunteers from the EAS Education Committee arrived carrying owl mounts, pellets and even a Great Horned Owl skull. During the presentation students listened attentively, participated actively and were fascinated by the owl mounts and tapes of owl calls. They laughed when we held up oranges over the eyes of one boy to demonstrate the size of owl eyes on their faces.

Then came the most exciting part: an opportunity to examine a sanitized owl pellet. Carefully students broke apart their pellets and using tweezers, extracted teeth, skulls, legs, etc., from the fur and feathers. With the help of a chart, they sorted their finds into categories. The discovery of a skull created great excitement. Even though they worked diligently for a long time, most students took home their projects to continue working on the pellets with their parents.

Students left for recess proudly wearing bracelets proclaiming: "Keep the birds singing." Thanks to Jim Hall and his stamp collection, they were also given bookmarks with birds from around the world. And most importantly, they took home a letter to their parents/guardians with information on EAS and on attracting and keeping birds safe in their backyards.

If you're interested in creating in children, a love of nature, especially of birds; please consider volunteering with the Education Committee. We're looking for people willing to be helpers in our classrooms, science fairs and community outreach events. We also need volunteers to serve on the Education Committee. Either way, we want YOU!

— Mary Britton-Simmons

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Appreciation Celebration

Gulf and in Japan.

The work of the chapter was sorted into eleven categories and all those working in each of those areas were asked to stand. It was exciting and energizing to see the numbers of people engaged in the variety of work done by the chapter.

Much of the evening was spent handing out certificates of appreciation to 143 volunteers who logged in over 6500 volunteer hours for the chapter in 2010! What a sight to see all these folks come forward to receive their due thanks for work done to keep the birds singing.

The full Board of Directors was then introduced and special thanks were given to Cindy Balbuena for her good work as President for the last two years, and to Margaret Lie, retiring board member, for her years of work in keeping its members on the straight and narrow (and for her delicious banana bread!).

A short comment was made about the passing of our good friend, Sunny Walter, who died last February. And the evening

ended with a spectacular set of six short video presentations by the Photography Club (Sunny was instrumental in giving this group wings!) highlighting the wonder and beauty of the natural world. The Club's presentations reminds us all of why we work so hard to keep the birds singing.

— Jim Rettig

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Environmentalist of the Year

2010 Martyn was in Taiji, Japan helping to organize resistance to the slaughter of several species of cetaceans including Bottle-nose Dolphins, Pacific-striped Dolphin, Risso's Dolphins and Pilot Whales.

In their statements supporting his nomination, those who nominated him cited Martyn's work, "in gathering sounds of birds and other wildlife and educating the Eastside Audubon membership, in recording Northwest birds, in volunteering to help birds caught in the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and producing an audio documentary of the disaster, in recording and educating the public about the dolphin massacre in Taiji, Japan and protecting these dolphins as well as other ocean life

from human greed. He is described in one nomination as, "a fearless and compassionate defender of wildlife."

— Andy McCormick

SAVE THE DATE!



EAS PNW Native Plant Sale

April 30, 9 a.m. –
4 p.m.

Kirkland Children's School
5311 108th Avenue
Northeast

Northern Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

<i>Length</i>	10 in
<i>Wingspan</i>	14.5 in
<i>Weight</i>	.2.3 oz (65 g)
<i>AOU Band code</i>	NSHR

Like a sentinel, as described by its species name *excubitor*, Latin for watchman or guard, the Northern Shrike surveys its territory from a low perch on a shrub or post. With precision it hunts using a direct flight toward its prey—a small rodent or another bird—and dispatches it quickly by “pounding its bill into the base or back of the skull and the using its hooked bill severing the spinal cord between the neck vertebrae as falcons do” (Sibley). It will eat a large insect where it catches it, but will take larger prey to its larder and impale it on part of a fence, a branch or twig to be eaten later. This practice helps a shrike survive when there is heavy snow cover. Shrikes are in the genus *Lanius*, from the Latin *lanio*, to butcher referencing this method of eating impaled prey. Shrike is from the Old English *scric*, a thrush, or in Anglo-Saxon, a shrieker (Holloway).

The Northern Shrike is gray on the head and back with black wings and a black mask below the eye tapering toward the bill, which is black, long, heavy and hooked. It is closely related to the Loggerhead Shrike *L. ludovicianus* which is found mostly in the central and southern United States. In flight the Northern Shrike can be confused with the Northern



Mockingbird where they are present. The white wing patches on the shrike are smaller than the mockingbird’s and are restricted to the primary feathers.

The shrike is a unique combination of songbird and hawk. In spring it will sing melodiously from a perch in a manner similar to a catbird including mimicking other songbirds. It is not a friend to other birds, however. The list of birds included in the diet of shrikes forms an impressive list including American Goldfinch, Pine Siskin, redpolls, crossbills, Evening Grosbeak, American Robin, chickadees, swallows, Blue and Gray Jays, Northern Cardinal, Downey and Hairy Woodpeckers, Mourning Doves, titmice, Bushtit, kinglets, European Starling,

Yellow-rumped Warbler, Savannah, Fox, Song, White-throated and Golden-crowned Sparrows (Cade & Atkinson). Its behavior of impaling birds on twigs probably evolved because unlike a raptor its feet are very weak and not suitable for catching or holding prey once caught.

The Northern Shrike breeds in the tundra and migrates to southern Canada and the northern United States where it can be found in open fields and wooded areas. It will head north in March where it will make an open cup nest of twigs, grass, moss and feathers. A clutch of 4-7 pale gray or greenish-white eggs with spots of varying colors is deposited and incubated for about two weeks. Both parents feed the young and first flight occurs about three weeks after hatching (Kaufman).

Worldwide there are 100 species of birds in the Lanidae Family but only about 30 are “true shrikes” (Alderfer). Global populations of shrikes are suffering as open fields are developed for agriculture and insect populations are reduced by spraying. The North American population has not been studied well.

A video of the Northern Shrike can be seen at the Macaulay Library of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at <http://macaulaylibrary.org/video/48934> Photo credit Larry Engles. References available upon request from amccormick@eastsideaudubon.org

Meetings

Feb 3 (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

Feb 10 (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

Feb 8 (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

Feb 9 (Weds) 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Committee
 Meets second Wednesday each month in EAS Office. Questions? Email Andrew McCormick: amccormick@eastside-audubon.org

Feb 28 (Mon) 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting
 Meets fourth Monday of the month. Interested in attending? Please contact the office (425-576-8805)



Native Plant Group Walks for Spring 2011

Eastside Audubon has made an informal arrangement with the Washington Native Plant Society, Central Puget Sound Chapter, to share information on outings to enjoy native plants. Trips will be organized jointly and announced in both organizations their newsletters and websites. Compensation for carpools will be determined by the organizing group or leader. EAS members joining WNPS carpools will pay their rates of \$0.25/mile/car, divided amongst passengers. Tolls, ferry fares and parking fees will also be divided. EAS carpool expenses are the same except the rate is \$0.10/mile/car.

March 12 (Saturday)

Seahurst Park, Burien

Early Spring Wake-Robin Display

The Washington Native Plant Society will organize a trip to Seahurst Park in Burien

to see the display of trilliums (wake-robins). This park is on the waterfront, which will provide the opportunity to enjoy birding both on land and at sea. For trip details and signup information; check the WNPS www.wnps.org or the EAS website in late February or early March.

April 30 (Saturday)

Ohme Gardens, Wenatchee

This *proposed* joint trip with WNPS to Ohme Gardens will be an all day excursion. The focus is primarily on plants. The Gardens are closed for the winter. Details have yet to be finalized. Other stops along the way may include the Tumwater Canyon Swiftwater picnic area where we'll scout for native plants. This site is known for it's ecological diversity. For trip details and signup information please check the WNPS or the EAS

website in late March or early April. www.wnps.org.

May 2011

Twin Falls State Park, North Bend.

This short trail to magnificent waterfalls offers a selection of infrequently seen natives such as the showy Scouler's Corydalis; a relative of the native bleeding heart. The three mile round trip trail follows the north fork of the Snoqualmie River and offers some good birding as well. American Dippers nest along the river and are frequently seen from the trail.

Trip leaders needed; your choice of day and date. To volunteer call: Melinda at 425-827-5708.



SPRING BIRDING CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

Join us for 4 class sessions and 2 fieldtrips in a relaxed, informal setting.

Classroom sessions cover the basics of bird identification, equipment and field guides, and the etiquette and ethics of bird watching.

On field trips you'll learn about habitat types and best places to look for birds.



Classroom Sessions

Tuesdays, March 29 and April 5, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Thursdays, March 31 and April 7, 6:30 to 9:00 pm

Fieldtrips:

Saturday, April 2. A local trip from 8:00 to noon.

Saturday, April 9. An all-day trip to Eastern Washington from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Registration: Call Eastside Audubon to sign up: 425-576-8805

Cost: \$80 for Members \$100 for Non-members (includes one-year Chapter membership – a \$25 value)

Location: Northlake Unitarian Church, 308 Fourth Avenue South, Kirkland - Classroom on lower Level

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/ for the latest information and for reports of last month's field trips.

Meeting Places for Field Trip

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.

March 4 (Friday) 11:00 a.m.

Kenmore P&R and Library

EAS members will have spotting scopes available at 11:00 a.m. for the public to watch the Great Blue Heron colony at the north end of the Kenmore P&R (Bothell Way and 73rd Ave. NE). There will be a slide presentation about the herons and other birds at the nearby Fire Station about noon. This will be published as an event in the Kenmore Senior Center newsletter. EAS members are invited to come & bring a scope, if they have one. Mike West and Joyce Meyer, 425-868-7986

March 5 (Saturday) 9:00 a.m. to noon

Marymoor Birdloop Restoration

Come and Join Us! We meet the first Saturday of each month at 9 am. *All* are welcome to meet at the Marymoor Park BirdLoop Kiosk - parking lot G. A free parking pass will be provided. Bring water and a snack; gloves, a shovel and a rake if you can.

March 12 (Saturday) 10:00 to noon

Family Nature Walk

(Join us for part or all of the walk.) Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 12, and join Eastside Audubon's Education Committee on a nature walk at Juanita Bay Park. Bring your children, grandchildren and the neighborhood kids to explore the wonderful world of birds, wetlands and wildlife. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars (if you have them) to get a closer look at migratory and year-round

birds. Like our feathered friends, we will be there—rain or shine. Meet at the informational board located at the lower end of the Juanita Bay parking lot (across from the fire station) Mary Britton-Simmons, Education Chair. Contact: mbrittonsimmons@eastsideaudubon.org.

March 15 (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.

March 15 (Tuesday) 7:15 a.m.

Whidbey Island

We'll search out the interesting spots on Whidbey looking for remaining winter birds and arriving spring ones. We should still see some waterfowl, and hopefully some loons, grebes and alcids. We'll keep an eye out for songbirds. Raptors will be of interest. March is a time of variable weather, so dress for any conditions and warmly. Waterproof footwear is a good idea. Scopes helpful. Bring a lunch, ferry money and prepare to carpool. We'll meet at 7:15 a.m. at the south end of the Kingsgate P&R. If the south end is full we will meet at the north end. Limited to 11 in three cars. Passenger cost/person \$20. Brian Bell 425-485-8058 (206-619-0379 cell morning of trip only).

March 19 (Saturday)

7:30 a.m. - late afternoon

Camano Island/Stanwood

Prepare for a full day of birding and explore Camano Island's shoreline, salt-water marshes, grasslands, and forest habitats for seabirds, raptors, and songbirds. Specific areas include Livingston Bay, English Boom, Utsalady, and Iverson Spit. The Stanwood Sewage Treatment

Ponds offer a variety of waterfowl and the occasional avian surprise. Bring a lunch, dress for weather and meet before 7:30 a.m. at south end of Kingsgate P&R. Passenger cost/person \$14.00. Joyce Meyer 425-868-7986.

March 23 (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.

March 26 (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.

Nisqually NWR

The Nisqually NWR offers a diverse combination of habitats and birds. The new boardwalk is a mile walk from the visitor center. The boardwalk is another mile walk from which you can observe the tidal flow. The total distance from the visitor center to the end of the boardwalk and back is 4 miles. Early spring migrants should be arriving to join regulars such as woodpeckers and Great Horned owls. A variety of still wintering waterfowl and raptors should be present as well. Admission is free if you have a National Golden Pass or Federal Duck Stamp. Meet before 8:00 a.m. at north end of the Wilburton Park-N-Ride (I-405, exit 12) to carpool. Bring a lunch. Passenger cost/person \$12.00. Hugh Jennings 425-746-6351.

March 28 (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



17320 135th Ave NE, # D
Woodinville, WA 98072
(425) 398-1862

See the birds better!

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.

**April 5 (Tuesday)
6:30 a.m. Vantage**

We will start out at Vantage and work the area over for sage birds, returning songbirds and scan the Columbia River. We will then make our way back east hitting a number of good spots to search out raptors and woodpeckers. Scopes helpful. Bring lunch and we will carpool. We will meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Tibbetts P&R in Issaquah (across the street from the large parking garage). Limited to 11 in three cars. Passenger cost/person \$28. Brian Bell 425-485-8058 (206-619-0379 cell, *morning of trip only*).

After January's Volunteer Dinner, 50 cubic feet of Styrofoam was taken to be recycled saving that much landfill space! We needed a volunteer with a truck to get it all to the plant next to IKEA!

—Jill Keeney

The Shrike



Hark—hark—from out the thickest fog
Warbles with might and main
The fearless shrike, as all agog
To find in fog his gain.

His steady sail he never furls
At any time o' year,
And perched now on winter's curls,
He whistles in his ear.

—Henry David Thoreau
Submitted by Mary Britten-Simmons

“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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Directions to **Eastside Audubon** located at: Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, 308 4th Avenue South, Kirkland [corner of 4th Ave. S. and State St.] Take I-405 exit 18 [NE 85th, Kirkland]. Drive west on Central Way to 3rd St. (stoplight). Turn left [south] onto 3rd St. and follow it as it bears left and changes name to State Street. Turn left onto 4th Ave South. TAKE THE BUS! Routes 540, 230 and 255 serve State Street in Kirkland.

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