

The Corvid Crier

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The Mission of the East Lake Washington 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 4th Ave. S. (corner of 4th Ave. S. and State). Take I-405 exit 18 (NE 85th, Kirkland). Drive west on Central Way to 3rd St. (stoplight). Turn left (south) on 3rd St. and follow it as it bears left and changes name to State St. Turn left on 4th Ave S.

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

Birding the Gulf Coast – Warblers to Herons Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 pm (after the social hour) Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church (ELWAS Headquarters)

An evening of pure birding pleasure. We are pleased to have Jim Kenney, a retired radiologist from Gig Harbor, join us for our final program before the summer break. Jim has been photographing birds and wildlife of the new world (western hemisphere) for 20 years, with a special emphasis on herons. He has given programs twice previously for ELWAS, as well as many other Audubon Societies, and is always enthusiastically received.

Jim will show us beautiful photographs of birds all along the Texas Coast to the Rio Grand Valley. He will include everything from songbirds of the High Island Bird Sanctuary (a legend in birding for "fallouts" of warblers during spring migration) to waterbirds in the meandering bays of Anahuac



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New Name, New Logo for Chapter



For the last few months, the ELWAS Board has been discussing the issue of our chapter name. For many people, the name seems a bit long and cumbersome. It is also prone to mangling. Is it Eastlake Audubon? East Washington Audubon? Or what?

During the business meeting on June 26, members will be asked to formally vote on the new name proposed by the board: **Eastside Audubon Society (EAS)**. A two-thirds majority is required to legally change our name, so a proxy ballot will be mailed soon,

for those who can't make it to the meeting

If the name change is approved, we plan to introduce both the new name and our wonderful new logo on July 1. The logo was designed by Deb Choat and features a beautiful Steller's Jay.

Our chapter has many exciting birding, conservation, and education programs planned for the summer. With a new name and logo, we will be ready for all the great things to come. — *Patrick Kelley, Communications Chair*

Nature At Your Service

By Christy Anderson, ELWAS President



We bird lovers tend to think of natural landscapes in terms of habitat. Preserving and restoring these special places gives birds and other wildlife their homes and indeed is necessary for their very survival. And for us, we love to walk through as visitors and observers, hoping for that rarity, but

always appreciating a special window into the everyday lives of birds.

Preserving natural habitat has always been an uphill battle. Traditionally, economists and business people have viewed “vacant” land as having no value. The value was only added when human beings found a use for it. That viewpoint has been slowly changing over the last ten years or so. Some people, including ecologists and some natural resource managers, have known that unaltered landscapes do have a value beyond wildlife, hiking and pleasant views. More people, including developers, are recognizing ecosystem services that would have to be replaced by a human-built system if they were not functioning. These services do have tangible benefits to human communities and a dollar value can be placed on them.

What are these services? Filtering drinking water, controlling rainwater runoff after storms, flood control, air purification, cooling surrounding areas on hot days, and pollination, just to name a few.

In 2005, the UN announced that 60% of these services provided to us by nature are being degraded faster than they can be replaced. As pointed out in the publication *Conscious Choice*, as human population is increasing, the number of ecosystems available to provide these services is decreasing. As the land is converted to human use or polluted, the problem continues to worsen. And replacing these services with mechanized or other built systems would cost an unfathomable amount of money, if it could even be done.

Locally, some steps are being taken as the recognition of ecosystem services grows. The city of Bellevue found that maintaining open streams for elements of the storm drainage system ranged from four to ten times less costly than traditional “built” improvements. In addition to open streams, ecological services were tapped by purchasing and maintaining wetlands for flood storage, establishing sensitive areas ordinances to preserve vegetation, and rules for clearing for development. King County has embarked on a plan to restore floodplains rather than relying on aging and expensive to maintain levees for flood control. Developers are leaving more open space on their projects, even when it is not required, to capture these benefits for their buildings.

The next time you run into someone who feels preserving natural landscapes is a nicety we can’t afford, you might point out to them the services we can’t afford to be without.

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ELWAS June Meetings

June 4 (Weds) 6:00 pm

Web Committee

Meets first Wednesday each month in ELWAS Office. All interested parties are invited. Questions? Email Nancy Nicklas at webmaster@elwas.org

June 10 (Tues) 7:00 pm

Youth Education Committee

Meets in the ELWAS Office. All interested parties are invited. Questions? Email education@elwas.org

June 12 (Thurs) 7:00 pm

Photo Group

Meets in large room upstairs from ELWAS Office. Questions? Email Tim Boyer at tboyer@seanet.com

June 26 (Thurs) 7:00 pm

Monthly Program and meeting

See article on page 1.

ELWAS Office/ Audubon Center

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Our Volunteers Have Sure Been Busy!

April and May are busy months for the Chapter. Earth Day, plant sales, fairs and festivals give us lots of opportunities to reach out to our Eastside communities and let them know about all the activities we have to offer.

In April we had two Marymoor work parties, one was an REI Day of Caring. Thank you to **Jim Rettig, Therese Eby** and **Ella Elman** for heading up this work party. Thank you to all who came and worked on one or both days. **Glenn Eades, Therese Eby, Ella Elman, Mary Holt, Bev Jennings, Hugh Jennings, Erin Koeppen, Chris Lonowski, Andy McCormick, Jim Rettig, Jim Roberts, Nancy Roberts, and Jessoca Tubber.**

A Big thank you to those who come in and staff our office, helping to get all the important stuff done that takes a lot of time and effort; **Hugh and Bev Jennings, Len Steiner, Jan Loux, Helen LaBouy, Pat Vernie and Jill Keeney**

On April 26 we had a booth at the Northshore Garden Fair in Redmond. This has always been a great event for ELWAS and this year thanks go to **Bev Jennings, Carolyn Kishel, Jim and Nancy Roberts and Barbara Spargo** for volunteering.

We also had our annual Plant Sale that day, which was a great success for the Chapter. **Krista Rave-Perkins** is our fearless leader and we couldn't have done

Board Notes

Want to know what your board is up to? Check here each month for recent board decisions and activities.

In conjunction with our chapter name change, the board is working on a major update of our website. In August, look for improved access to information along with our new logo, new chapter colors, and a lot more photos.

Chapter bylaws will be updated to reflect our name change. The board is also considering other miscellaneous changes. The revised bylaws will be presented to the general membership at a future meeting.

it without her. We're grateful for the many volunteers who helped that weekend, including: **Carmen Almodovar, Kay Barrett, Barbara Dietrich, Marge Dolecal, Ella Elman, Helen LaBouy, Margaret Lie, Jim Rettig, Jim and Nancy Roberts, and Sunny Walter.**

Our final Spring event was the Washington Native Plant Society plant sale on May 10. This sale is always well attended, and a great place to publicize the Chapter. Thanks to **Kay Barrett, Dan Fischer, Juliana and Keith Pickrell, Patricia Clarke and Lea Knapp** volunteers for manning our booth.

Now we're on to our Summer events and we're planning a festival at the Marymoor BirdLoop. **Mary Holt** is heading up this planning committee. Thanks to all those who attended the last planning meeting: **Brian Bell, Cindy Balbuena, Michael Hobbs, Jill Keeney, Tricia Kishel, Helen LaBouy, and Sunny Walter.** There's lots to do and if you would like to help with this event, contact Mary at 425-788-6376

Thank you to those who came and labeled and organized our Newsletter Labeling; **Lea Knapp, Jim Roberts, Nancy Roberts, Marge Dolecal and India Arnold.**

Thank you to **Lea Knapp** for spending a few hours cleaning up the Kirkland Marina Beach.

ELWAS is partnering with Seattle Audubon Society (SAS) and Pilchuck to protect the Vaux swifts that are currently roosting in a chimney at a school in Monroe. Volunteers are monitoring the populations as they migrate through.

Following the lead of SAS, ELWAS voted to nominate Marina Skumanich, current president of SAS, for a position on the board of the National Audubon Society.

Volunteers!

Whether you want to be in front of a crowd, or work behind the scene, we need you! With your help and expertise, and a little of your time, we can grow the Chapter and do even more in our community - we can do more classroom presentations, more habitat improvement, more advocacy, more education, and more birding. Some of our volunteer opportunities are:

Events Coordinator – Work with various organizations and ELWAS volunteers for outreach events at various venues on the Eastside, and organize display and materials for each event. These events are our biggest outreach opportunities to get the word out about ELWAS. (4 hours a month)

Program Meeting Greeter – Set up the nametags and supplies before each program meeting, and greet guests and

members as they come in. (1.5 hours a month)

Website Volunteer - Work with the Web Committee to update or add new content to the ELWAS website. You don't need to know anything about working on a website. All content may be written in Word, Excel or other similar programs, and then uploaded to the site. The website is our first impression to the public at large, and the more thorough and professional the website, the better it will represent the chapter. We also aim to make the website a resource for members and the general public, and that type of information takes time to accumulate and post. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Adult Education Chair – Recruit instructors, arrange for classroom and

hosts, draft publicity and evaluations (6 hours a month)

ELWAS E-Mail List Moderator – Moderate the ELWAS e-mail lists from the comfort of your own home. (5 hours a month)

Bird List Organizer – Using field trip records, create bird lists for the website Birding Hot Spots

We will work with each volunteer, and give them as much training and support as they need to be successful. You may read a thorough description for each opportunity on our website, or contact Jan McGruder at (425) 822-8580 or jan@elwas.org for further details.

If you believe ELWAS is a cause worthy of your time, give a little of yourself. The birds will thank you!

Use Your Skills, Have Fun, Make A Difference

Does the Communications Committee have the interesting, fulfilling activities you're looking for? To find out, just take this simple test:

- _ I like to have stimulating conversations and meet new people.
- _ I consider myself a good writer.
- _ I love talking to groups about things that interest me.
- _ I have lots of connections in the local community (businesses, commu-

nity colleges, service clubs).

_ I (or a friend, or a friend of a friend) have experience in radio, TV, newspapers, or magazines.

If you answered yes to any of these questions—or if you would like to answer yes at some point in the future—then please contact me to find out more.

Opportunities to get involved range from a few hours a week to as much as you want to put into it. With a new web site,

the grand opening of our BirdLoop Nature Trail, and our upcoming sustainability workshops, there are plenty of ways to make a difference in the next few months.

If you're not able to participate right now, perhaps you know someone else who can help. Give me a call (206-618-9674), tell me about your interests, skills, and availability—and become part of the solution!

For the birds, Patrick Kelley.

Plant Sale Another Success!

April 26th was our annual Spring Plant Sale, and it was another great success! Traffic was a little lighter than usual, presumably because of the economy. Customers were a little more cautious with their money. With that said, we raised over \$400 for the Chapter!

So many people helped this year, and I want to thank each and every one of them for their assistance. It couldn't have been done without them!

The 2009 Plant Sale is set for Saturday, May 2nd and I hope to see you all there.

We'll have new and different plants and, hopefully, something for everyone!

Birdathon Reminder

To all Birdathoners and Birdathon Sponsors, this is just a reminder to get your pledges/gifts into the ELWAS office by mid-June.

Thanks to all who counted birds. Thanks to all who sponsored those who counted. Thanks to all who participated in any way.

The Chapter depends heavily on the success of this annual fund raiser.

Green Heron, *Butorides virescens*

Length	18-25 in
Wingspan	26 in
Weight	7.0 oz
AOU Band code	GRHE

Green Herons belong to the genus *Butorides*, which refers to being “bittern-like” and derives from *Butor*, an Old English word for bittern. They are the species *virescens*, from the Latin *viresco*, to become green (Holloway, 2003). In field guides of the 1970s and 1980s these birds were grouped with the Striated Heron of Central and South America and called the Green-backed Heron (*Butorides striates*). However they were separated out again in the 1990s. The juvenile birds are heavily streaked on the face, neck and breast. The adults are similar and have a dark greenish-black crown and the back and wings are an iridescent green mixed with grey-blue. The back and sides of the adult’s neck is deep chestnut. The bill is mixed yellow and black and the legs are yellow. In breeding plumage the bill will become all black and the legs will flush bright orange. Overall, it is a small, stocky heron.

Primarily found in eastern North American, Green Herons are also found in the American southwest and along the Pacific coast. The discovery of a Green Heron on a field trip is often met with excitement and surprise since they tend to be a bit secretive. These birds are often solitary and can be found along the edges of ponds, marshes, sloughs, and slow moving streams especially if there are grasses, shrubs and trees around. They like to be close to cover and can often be found crouched in branches along or overhanging the water. Scan-



ning with binoculars along the edges of waterways can help a birder pick one out of dark areas. They feed primarily on small fish, frogs, tadpoles, some crustaceans, and sometimes insects. They are skillful fishers and are one of our few birds that use tools to forage. They will drop a leaf, feather or other small object onto the surface of the water as “bait” and then grab fish that come to investigate.

Green Herons migrate to the very south of the United States during October, but there can be vagrants into the early winter. They return to their Northwest breeding area in May. The male initiates nest building with twigs and once paired will bring material to the female. Four to five pale blue-green eggs are incubated for about 20 days. The first eggs get a head start, resulting in asynchronous

hatching and chicks of different sizes (Sibley, 2001). The parents provide food by regurgitating into the mouths of the young and often the smallest chick is outcompeted and does not survive. Unlike other herons whose populations are suffering due to wetland drainage and urbanization, Green Herons have a stable population and may be expanding their range in our area. They are colorful and unique and we are fortunate to have them as part of the Pacific Northwest avifauna.

To hear the voice of the Green Heron follow this URL: http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/32/overview/Green_Heron.aspx

(Photo credit: Marc Hoffman. References available on request, andy_mcc@hotmail.com).

Monthly Program

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National Wildlife Refuge.

He will also take us from the Florida Keys through the Everglades, Venice, Sanibel Island, and across the state to St Augustine Alligator Farm and Bird Rookery. He will show us where and when (November to May) to find birds of the

Gulf Coast and what to expect at each refuge or sanctuary.

Please join us **Thursday, June 26**, for this inspiring program that will motivate you to get out there and go birding. Come at 6:30 for the social hour. Enjoy a brief monthly meeting and refreshments from 7:00 to 7:45, followed by Jim’s stunning presentation.

The social hour, meeting, and presentation are **free and open to the public**. Invite a friend or anyone who loves good bird photography and wants to know where to see birds along the Gulf Coast. Directions to ELWAS office / Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church are on Page 1 of this newsletter (lower left).

FIELD TRIPS

Parents and children over 8 are welcome on all trips. **FRS Radio owners, please consider bringing them on trips.
Check our website at <http://www.elwas.org/events/> for the latest information and for reports of last month's field trips.**

Increase in carpool costs – Effective in June the carpool cost for passengers on field trips will increase to reflect higher fuel costs. Carpool cost will be **10 cents/mile for each passenger** based on estimated mileage for the trip; eg., a 100 mile trip is \$10/person.

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.
- **Wilburton Park and Ride:** I-405, exit 12. 720 114th Ave, Bellevue.

June 6 (Fri) – 8:00 to noon — Marymoor Park

Join us for a morning walk along the nature trail, seeing what birds are in the area. Meets the **1st Friday of each month at 8:00**. Bring binoculars and meet at the SW corner of the Dog Area parking lot (Parking Lot D). No registration is required. To reach Marymoor Park, take SR 520 east from Seattle to the West Lake Sammamish Parkway exit and follow the signs. The entrance to the park is one block south of the exit. Turn right at third stop sign, to Dog Area parking lot. Parking is \$1.

June 7 (Sat) 9:00 to noon

Marymoor Park Habitat Restoration

Join us in restoring native habitat at the Marymoor Park interpretive area on the 1st Saturday of every month. Dress for the weather and bring clippers, gloves, snacks and water. Park in Lot G and follow the signs to work parties. Free parking passes are provided. **Glenn Eades 425-885-3842**

June 14 (Sat) 6am to June 16 (Mon) 6 pm Eastern Washington Mountain trip - Limited to 8 in three cars - call to register

This will be three full days of birding in Eastern Washington mountains. Areas we will likely cover can include Harts Pass, parts of the Methow Valley, the Okanogan Mts., the Okanogan Highlands and the Cameron Lake Rd/Timentwa Flats areas. We will be looking for such birds as Spruce and Dusky Grouse, Boreal Chickadee, Pine Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill, Northern Goshawk, breeding waterfowl and perhaps owls, as well as many of the other early summer breeding birds of the area. We will plan on staying in motels (probably near Winthrop the first night and Omak the second). Bring plenty of snacks and water. Dress for changeable weather conditions, it can be cool

in the mountains. Scopes helpful. Meet before 6 am at the Kingsgate P&R. The passenger cost per person is estimated to be about \$60/person, assuming a 600 mile trip, but may vary depending on actual miles traveled. Leader: Brian Bell. **Call Brian at 425-485-8058 to register.**

June 17 (Tues) - 6:30 am to Evening

Eastern Washington - Limited to 10 - Call to Register
Prepare for a full day of birding from Snoqualmie Pass to Yakima canyon including Umtanum Creek Recreation Area. Anticipate seeing warblers, bluebirds, sparrows, hawks, and falcons. Bring snacks, lunch and fluids. Meet before 6:30 am at the Issaquah/Tibbetts Park-n-Ride to carpool (I-90 exit 15). **Passenger cost/person \$28.** Leaders - Mike West and Joyce Meyer. **Call Joyce at 425-868-7986 to register.**

June 17 (Tues) 8:00 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 8:00**. Bring binoculars and meet in parking lot. No registration required. **MaryFrances Mathis 425-803-3026**

June 23 (Mon) 9:00 am 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 am 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**

June 28 (Sat) 8:30 am - Federation Forest State Park

Join us for a leisurely exploration of Federation Forest State Park east of Enumclaw along the White River. We will walk the interpretive trails, then along the river to a picnic spot, and back through the old growth forest.

The park contains virgin forest with trees of majestic proportions (Douglas fir, western hemlock, Sitka spruce, and western red cedar). Snags, nurse logs, and abundant mosses and lichens give a dramatic feel to the trails. There is a visitor center with displays on habitat, a native plant garden, and 12 miles of mostly level trails through various habitats.

Depending on how far along the season is this year, we will see Star-flowered Solomon seal, Bunchberry and

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Twinflower, orchids, Rattlesnake plantain, Heart-leaf twayblade and various wintergreens including Single delight, Pipsissewa, Prince's pine and saprophytes Indian pipes and Pinedrops. Ferns, liverworts and mosses abound.

We will also see many birds typical of the forest habitat, including chickadees, nuthatches, kinglets, creepers, thrushes, warblers, wrens, juncos, flickers, and woodpeckers. American Dipper, Spotted Sandpiper, and Belted Kingfisher are frequently seen along the White River.

Please bring native plant books, binoculars, walking shoes, raingear, beverages, and a sack lunch. Meet before 8:30 am at the Wilburton P&R (I-405 and SE 8th St.). **To register for the trip, please contact Kate Conant at conantk@hotmail.com or 425-828-6594.** Please let Kate know you are coming so we don't leave you behind. We plan on being home by 3:00 pm.

July 5 (Sat) 9:00 to noon Marymoor Park Habitat Restoration

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**July 12-13 (Saturday-Sunday) 11:00 am
Amy McQuade Hurricane Ridge Wildflower Walk**
Our annual Olympic Peninsula wildflower trip featuring views, birds, and varied wildlife. On Saturday, at 11:00 am we will meet at the picnic table across the street from the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center for a snack lunch. (This is the center at the base of the foothills, the one before you actually enter the park.) Look for the ELWAS sign. After lunch, we will head for the main visitor center at the top of Hurricane Ridge, making one stop to check out wildflowers along the way. If you miss the lunch, look for us at the trailhead of Hurricane Hill, about a quarter mile beyond the main visitor center. Again look for the ELWAS sign. Motels and campsites are available if you want to stay overnight. For anyone staying overnight, Hugh Jennings will lead a trip to Ediz Hook, Dungeness Spit and the Sequim area on Sunday. **Bill Schmidt 425-881-6037**

Summer Festivities Planned for BirdLoop Trail at Marymoor

Ready to celebrate? Thanks to two-plus years of committed volunteer effort the trail and meadow at the BirdLoop are looking wonderful and we're ready to invite everyone to come and check it out.

We're planning a celebration in mid-July to officially 'open' the trail and

showcase the improvements as well as promote Eastside Audubon and introduce the public to our new name, who we are and what we do.

The festivities will include speakers, exhibits, guided walks along the interpretive trail, learning activities for kids and adults and, of course, refresh-

ments.
If you're interested in helping with any phase of this event please contact Tricia Kishel at natureisoutside@gmail.com or call the office at 425-576-8805.

Audubon BirdLoop at Marymoor Park

Hey Everyone, the Grand Opening of this new bird loop is set for early August, which means we have only two regularly scheduled work parties left: June 7 and July 5, from 9 to noon. There is still much work to be done and we need your help. Specifically, we plan to continue clearing out the invasive species near the River kiosk and some blackberry vines where the Forest Trail meets the main BirdLoop

at the Sammamish River.

Further, in the near future we will begin to construct an extension to the current boardwalk. This will require more work parties than the two mentioned above, so if you want to help in this task, please contact me (Jim Rettig) at 425-402-1833. We will need people to transport materials, build forms, mix and pour concrete, set

beams, lay decking, build rails. If you can help, give me a call.

Wouldn't it be great if we had all the above finished before the Grand Opening? For that to happen, we need your help! Thanks.

By-laws Changes

As you have probably heard by now, our chapter is changing its name! We are becoming Eastside Audubon. To do that, the by-laws need to be updated. We took advantage of this opportunity to update some other language in this document as well.

One of the requirements of our by-laws is that our membership has the opportunity to vote on the changes. The following is a summary of the major changes being made. (For a complete copy, visit the website at www.elwas.org.)

Voting will take place at the June program meeting.

- East Lake Washington Audubon and ELWAS changed to Eastside Audubon and EAS.
- A sentence stating chapter territory extends to the Pacific Crest Trail was removed.
- The following language in italics was added: Article V, Section I: *. The Board of Directors is responsible for overall policy and direction of the Chapter. The Board shall delegate responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Chapter's Executive Director and committees. Each Board director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy. Fifty percent (50%) of the members of the*

Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than 10 and no more than 20 members,. Any position on the Board of Directors may be held jointly by two persons, each of whom will be a voting member of the Board. The Board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

- Article V, Section 7 sentence added: *A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal, as determined by three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.*
- Article VII, Section 1 sentence added: *There are no terms limits for these committee chairs.*
- Article VII, Section 5g duties clarified: Membership: Is responsible for ... *assisting Events Chair in organizing volunteers and materials for fairs and exhibits to promote membership. Membership Chair will promote membership by working with the Board to advertise EAS in a variety of ways in the community.*
- Article VIII, Section 1 added *Executive Director. The Executive Director is hired by the Board. The Executive Director has day-to-day responsibility for the Chapter, including carrying out the Chapter's goals and*

Board policy. The Executive Director will attend all Board meetings, report on the progress of the Chapter, answer questions of Board members and carry out the duties described in the job description. The Board can designate other duties as necessary.

- Article XIV, Section 1 Any proposed amendments to these By-laws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting of the chapter. Such proposed amendments must be signed by four (4) members, and shall be read or made available in writing at the meeting. **Replaced by:** *These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, then submitted to the membership for a vote as outlined below.*



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Water Droplets —by Jim Rettig



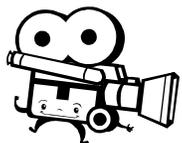
(A Quiz submitted by Jim Rettig that appeared in a recent Sierra Club Newsletter and whose information source was the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, 4/21/07)

1. In the 1970s, the annual volume of water bottled and traded around the world was around 1 billion liters. By 2000, annual sales in bottled water had skyrocketed to:
 - a. 12 billion liters
 - b. 35 billion liters
 - c. 56 billion liters
 - d. 84 billion liters
2. Priced at a minimum, bottled water is how many times more expensive on average than water taken from the tap?
 - a. 200
 - b. 650
 - c. 790
 - d. 1100
3. How many plastic water bottles do we empty in an hour in the U.S.?
 - a. 1.0 million
 - b. 2.5 million
 - c. 3.1 million
 - d. 4.3 million
4. The average U.S. citizen consumes 28 gallons of bottled water every year. How many barrels of oil (enough to power 100,000 cars for a year) are estimated to be burned to make the plastic for these bottles?
 - a. 1.5 million
 - b. 2.3 million
 - c. 3.1 million
 - d. 5.2 million
5. Making the plastic bottle uses how much more water as fits inside the bottle?
 - a. 0x
 - b. 2x
 - c. 3x
 - d. 4x

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www.stopcorporateabuse.org/campaign/think_outside_the_bottle_pledge

Answers: 1(d); 2(d); 3(b); 4(a); 5(b)

Conservation Movie Night – June 9 (Monday) – 7:00 pm



Join Audubon members and other environmentally-friendly people as we view our June movie, **In the Valley of the Wolves**. This epic film follows the three-year struggle for the dominance of the coveted Lamar Valley in Yellowstone National Park. The druids are one of the largest wolf packs ever documented, once numbering 37 strong. But when their alpha female is killed by another pack and their patriarch is found dead, their reign over the spectacular Lamar Val-

ley comes to a sudden end – at least for a time. Lots of great video footage of a diversity of wildlife and landscapes in the park.

There will be a discussion after the movie about the current status of wolves. At least 39 of the Northern Rockies' (Wyoming, Idaho and Montana) 1,500 gray wolves have been killed since they lost federal protection in March, 2008. Find out what we can do to stop this. Also find out more about our own Washington State wolf management plan.

Mark these future movie dates on your calendar now:

July 14,

August 11.

This event will be held at the ELWAS office in Kirkland (Directions on page 1).