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# The Pygmy Owl

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Spokane Audubon Society



January 8th Program:  
**Hot Spot: Point Reyes, California**  
with Kim Thorburn



**P**oint Reyes, California is one of the nation's birding hot spots. More than 400 species of birds have been recorded. Located in Marin County just north of the Golden Gate, thousands of acres of open space provide a great variety of habitats for breeding, migrating, and wintering birds. Kim Thorburn will discuss some natural history of this geologically and biologically diverse area to explain why it supports such a bird-watching paradise.

Kim is the immediate past president of Spokane Audubon Society. She has led a birding field trip to Point Reyes for several years. (*See page 3 for a description for this year's trip! ~ Ed.*)

*Point Reyes and Wrentit photos courtesy of Kim Thorburn.*

*Spokane Audubon's January program will be held at the Riverview Retirement Community, Village Community Building (see page 8 for directions),*

*Please join us at 7 p.m. for refreshments and friendly conversation.*

*The program will begin at about 7:30 p.m., after announcements.*

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## Spokane Audubon Society

### Field Trips

The following list shows field trips planned by the Spokane Audubon Society. Trips may be added with short notice, so check the website often. Trips also may be canceled at any time due to bad weather, too few participants, or the lack of a leader. Contact the leader for more information and to reserve a spot. If you are unable to register before the scheduled deadline yet want to attend, be sure that you check with the leader to ensure that the trip is still on. Leaders are club volunteers and are not compensated. Field trips are free. However, if you carpool with somebody, you will be expected to compensate the driver for your share of gas and vehicle use. You are also responsible for any park entry fees, camping fees, or motel bills. Starting times published below are when we leave, so arrive earlier than the posted hour. Participants must provide their own binoculars, adequate clothing, food and drink, as well as transportation, unless arrangements are made to carpool.

### Field Trip Levels

We provide a variety of trips that accommodate many birding skill levels. Birders of all levels are welcome on all trips. However, please bear in mind that some beginners may get frustrated or bored on trips designed for advanced birders, where much of the birding is done by ear and the pace is very fast. Some advanced birders might find the trips geared toward beginning birders too basic and slow-paced. Some trips last five or six hours; some, 12 hours or longer. Read the trip descriptions carefully to see if a trip is right for you.

### 2014 Field Trip Schedule

(1) January 25, 2014, Saturday

LC Valley Banana Belt Trip

Leader: Mike Clarke

Limit: 3 vehicles

This trip is geared toward all levels of birders, but expect an all-day trip. The Lewiston/Clarkston (LC) Valley often has slightly more moderate temperatures in winter, which can make for some great winter birding. We will meet at Walmart in Pullman at 8:00 am. Come prepared for winter weather, bring snacks, water, and lunch. Contact Mike at [redeyegravy@gmail.com](mailto:redeyegravy@gmail.com) by January 18 to register for the trip.

Note: This trip will be dependent on weather and road conditions.

Target Species: A variety of waterfowl (hopeful target: Long-tailed Duck), winter gulls including possible Lesser Black-backed and Thayer's, Black-crowned Night-Herons, chaseable Snowy Owl and/or Gyrfalcon (if reported), wintering warblers, sparrows, and finches.

**(2) February 8, 2014, Saturday  
Snowy Owl Trip  
Leaders: Joyce Alonso and  
Fran Haywood**

This trip is geared toward all levels of birders. We'll spend most of the day exploring the area around Reardan and Davenport. We will meet at Spokane's Coeur d'Alene Park at 7:30 am. Contact Joyce Alonso (448-2447) by February 1 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Rough-legged and Red-tailed Hawks, Prairie Falcon, Snowy Owl, Short-eared Owl, Northern Shrike, Snow Buntings, Lapland Longspur

**(3) March 22, 2014, Saturday  
Bluebird Trip  
Leader: Marian Frobe**

This is a family-friendly, half-day trip and a great way to greet spring. We will drive a route on Paradise Prairie to see returning favorite birds. We'll probably end up at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge. The trip usually ends around 2 pm. We will meet at Spokane's Coeur d'Alene Park at 7:00 am. Call leader Marian Frobe at 328-0621 by March 15 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Migrant ducks and geese, raptors, woodpeckers, Say's Phoebe, Western Bluebird

**(4) March 29, 2014, Saturday  
Turnbull NWR Beginning Birder  
Basics Trip  
Leader: Fran Haywood**

This is a half-day driving and walking trip for all levels of birders. Meet at the refuge headquarters near Cheney at

7 am. Contact leader Fran Haywood, 484-8666, [birders13@aol.com](mailto:birders13@aol.com) by March 16 if you plan to attend.

Note: A small refuge entrance fee is required.

Target Species: Breeding waterfowl; Tundra and Trumpeter Swans; Great Blue Heron; Red-tailed Hawk; woodpeckers; Pygmy, Red-breasted, and White-breasted Nuthatch; Western Bluebird; Song Sparrow; Red-winged and Yellow-headed Blackbird; Red Crossbill

**(5) April 19, 2014, Saturday  
Sprague Lake Field Trip  
Leader: Fran Haywood**

This is an all-day trip to the Sprague Lake area, open to all birders. We will look for migrating and early resident species, especially ducks. We hope to find Swainson's Hawks, American White Pelicans, and if we get lucky, Long-billed Curlew. We will meet at Spokane's Coeur d'Alene Park at 6:30 am. Contact Fran Haywood (484-8666, [birders13@aol.com](mailto:birders13@aol.com))

Target Species: Migrant ducks and geese, American White Pelican, Swainson's Hawk, American Avocet, Black-necked Stilt, Caspian Tern, Say's Phoebe, Yellow-rumped Warbler, White-crowned and Savannah Sparrows

**(6) April 24-29, 2014,  
Thursday-Tuesday  
Point Reyes, California Field Trip  
Leader: Kim Thorburn  
Limit: 6 Birders**

This six-day trip is for intermediate and advanced birders. Kim Thorburn will provide lodging for up to six participants and lead field trips on Bolinas Lagoon and beach, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Point Reyes National Seashore, Mt. Tamalpais State Park, and the Marin Headlands. This region is a year-round birding hot spot, site of the filming of Alfred Hitchcock's "The

Birds," and home of elite birder and artist Keith Hansen. There is a variety of pelagic and other waterfowl, migrating shorebirds and warblers, and lots of land natives that we don't often see here. Participants will be responsible for their own air travel to Oakland and we'll split the cost of a land transportation and food. We'll need to coordinate arrival and departure in Oakland. Contact Kim Thorburn by April 1 if you're interested in learning more. 465-3025, [kthorburn@msn.com](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com).

Target Species (examples): Acorn Woodpecker, Nuttall's Woodpecker, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Wren-tit, Allen's Hummingbird, Whimbrel, Snowy Plover, Western Gull, Common Murre, Red-throated Loon, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Rufous-crowned Sparrow.

**(7) April 27, 2014, Sunday  
West Plains Early Migrant Trip  
Leader: Alan McCoy  
Limit: 15 Birders**

This all-day trip is for all levels of birders. We'll stop at Reardan's Audubon Lake where we will look for waterfowl and shorebirds. We will check out the Davenport Cemetery, which can be great for migrants. Then we will go north to the Little Falls Dam and follow the Spokane River upstream and finish up at the Indian Canyon Springs area. We will meet at 6:00 am at the Rosauer's parking lot in Browne's Addition (near 2nd Avenue and Sunset Highway) and plan to return about 6:00 pm. Contact leader Alan McCoy at 448-3123, 448-8861 or [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com) by April 20 to reserve your place.

Target Species: Migrant ducks, raptors, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Bewick's Wren, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Red-necked Grebe, Calliope Hummingbird, Orange-crowned, Nashville and Yellow warblers, Say's Phoebe, Western and Mountain Bluebirds

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**(8) May 5, 7, 9  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
Bird Identification Workshops  
Leaders: Gary Blevins and  
Kim Thorburn**

OK, novices and beginners, this is your chance. Two instructors will teach a series of three classes on beginning birding and bird identification by sight and sound. Workshops will be held at a site to be determined from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Slides and computer programs will be used to introduce you to many of the bird species commonly observed in the Spokane area. A \$20 donation to Spokane Audubon is requested. A field trip for workshop participants to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge will be held on International Migratory Bird Day, May 10. For more information or to reserve your place for the workshop, contact Gary Blevins at (533-3661 or [GaryB@spokanefalls.edu](mailto:GaryB@spokanefalls.edu)) by May 1.

**(9) May 10, 2014, Saturday  
Bird Identification Workshop Field  
Trip to Turnbull NWR  
Leaders: Gary Blevins and  
Kim Thorburn**

Come celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by birding. Although the trip is specifically designed for the Bird Identification Workshop participants, other birders are welcome. We will meet at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge, near Cheney, in the parking lot across from Pine Lake at 7:00 am and bird the refuge until 2:00 pm. Contact leader Gary Blevins at (533-3661 or [garyb@spokanefalls.edu](mailto:garyb@spokanefalls.edu)) by May 3 to register for the trip.

Target Species: Wilson's Snipe, Yellow-headed and Red-winged Blackbirds, Virginia Rail, Marsh Wren, American Bittern, various waterfowl, Great Horned Owl, Osprey, Northern Harrier, Cassin's Finches

**(10) May 11, 2014, Sunday  
Slavin Ranch Wetland Trip  
Leader: Alan McCoy**

This is an annual trip to Slavin Ranch for Spokane Audubon. It is a half-day walking trip along a primitive trail through open Ponderosa Pine scab rock country with many views of seasonal wetlands. All levels of birders are welcome. The Slavin Ranch is a Conservation Futures acquisition located about 10 miles south of downtown Spokane and a mile west of Hwy 195. We will start at the Slavin Ranch parking lot at 7:00 am and end about 1:00 pm. Please call leader Alan McCoy at 448-3123 or 448-8861, [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com) by May 4 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Breeding ducks and geese, Sora, Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, breeding Black Tern, woodpeckers, six swallow species, Western Wood Pewee, Eastern and Western Kingbird, Marsh Wren, Song Sparrow, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat

**(11) May 25, 2014, Sunday  
Mosquito Springs Trip  
Leader: Kim Thorburn**

This trip is for birders of all levels. It is a half-day walking trip over rough terrain. Experience this little-known BLM shrub-steppe riparian area brimming with arriving breeding birds. We will also check for sagebrush and grassland species. Contact Kim Thorburn, 465-3025 or [kthorburn@msn.com](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com) by May 18 if you're interested.

Target species: Willow Flycatcher, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Warbling Vireo, Bullock's Oriole, Grasshopper Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, Sage Thrasher

**(12) June 1, 2014, Sunday  
Little Spokane Natural Area Trip  
Leader: Lindell Haggin**

All levels of birders are welcome to join us for a half-day walking trip along the Little Spokane River Natural Area. This is the peak of breeding season. Over 80 species have been recorded in this rich riparian, forest, and rock habitat. Meet at the Spokane River Boat Launch parking lot less than one mile north of Nine-Mile Dam on Rt. 291 at 6:30 am. Contact Lindell Haggin, 466-4118 or [lindell4118@comcast.net](mailto:lindell4118@comcast.net) by May 25 if you plan to attend.

Note: A WA Discover Pass is required for parking on this trip. Purchase online or at REI.

Target Species: Common and Hooded Merganser; Osprey; woodpeckers; Pacific-slope and Willow Flycatchers; Warbling, Cassin's and Red-eyed Vireos; White-breasted Nuthatch; Bewick's and House Wrens; Gray Catbird; Black-headed Grosbeak; Bullock's Oriole

**(13) June 7, 2014, Saturday  
Liberty Lake Trip  
Leaders: Joyce Alonso and  
Brian Miller**

This is a mostly easy, walking half-day trip. Liberty Lake hosts some of the best habitat diversity in Spokane County, with extensive wetlands and prairie, old second-growth Ponderosa Pine, and some of the best wetbelt mixed conifer forest in the area. We'll meet at the Liberty Lake Albertson's parking lot, time to be determined. Guided by Brian, we'll drive nearby roads to seek some target birds. We'll then go walk through the park and end up at Brian's home, with its great feeders, to eat our brown bag lunches. Contact Joyce Alonso (448-2447) by May 31 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Red-necked Grebe; Wilson's Snipe; Virginia Rails; Sora;

woodpeckers; Hammond's, Dusky, and Willow Flycatchers; Cassin's, Warbling, and Red-eyed Vireos; Marsh Wren; Yellow, MacGillivray's, Orange-crowned, Townsend's, and Nashville Warblers; American Redstart; Common Yellow-throat

**(14) June 8, 2014, Sunday  
Douglas Creek/Waterville  
Plateau Trip**

**Leader: Kim Thorburn**

All levels of birders are welcome to join this all-day trip to Waterville Plateau birding hotspots. We will bird Douglas Creek (rough road access), the Waterville STP, and Badger Mtn. Contact Kim Thorburn at 465-3025 or [kthorburn@msn.com](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com) by June 1.

Target species: Variety of migrating warblers, Lazuli Buntings, Rock and Canyon Wrens, and much more (Douglas Creek); all varieties of swallows, some shorebirds and waterfowl (Waterville STP); Warbling Vireos, several warbler species and more (Badger Mtn.)

**(15) June 15, 2014, Sunday  
Palisades/Indian Canyon Trip**

**Leader: Lindell Haggin**

All levels of birders are invited to explore the Indian Canyon area immediately west of town. Come outfitted with binoculars and field guides, water, and shoes or boots for walking one or two miles. We will meet at 6:30 am at the Rosauer's at 1808 W. 3rd Ave. The field trip will end at approximately 11:00 am. Contact Lindell Haggin (446-4118 or [lindell4118@comcast.net](mailto:lindell4118@comcast.net)) by June 8 if you plan to attend.

Target Species: Raptors, woodpeckers, White-throated Swifts, Western Wood-pewee, Dusky and Hammond's Flycatchers, Cassin's and Warbling Vireos, breeding sparrows and finches, Black-headed Grosbeak

**(16) June 20-June 22, 2014,  
Friday-Sunday  
Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife  
Refuge Camping Trip  
Leaders: Joyce Alonso and  
Fran Haywood**

Enjoy a great time camping and birding at Little Pend Oreille NWR in Stevens County, WA. Participants are encouraged to attend for whatever part of this trip suits personal schedules. We'll do everything from look for Black-backed Woodpeckers to admire butterflies, and try to ID the wildflowers. There will be potluck main meals (maybe even a marshmallow roast) and campfire songs! To reserve a place or for more information, contact Fran Haywood (290-1814 or [birders13@gmail.com](mailto:birders13@gmail.com)) or Joyce Alonso (448-2447) by June 13. Camping fees may apply.

Target Species: Woodpeckers, Black-backed, White-headed and common species; warblers, vireos, flycatchers, jays, thrushes, finches, chickadees, nuthatches and ducks and grebes

**(17) June 28, 2014, Saturday  
Mount Spokane Subalpine Birds Trip  
Leader: Jim Hudlow**

This is a half-day hiking trip for all levels of birders. The grade is very gentle, but we will walk four to six miles. Be prepared with plenty of snacks and water. You may retreat at any point. Mt. Spokane is the primary (and only publicly accessible) site for subalpine breeding birds in Spokane County, making this a popular and exciting annual event. Meet 7:00 am **SHARP** at Foothills Community Church, 11100 N. Peck Road. Contact Jim Hudlow ([flyz4free@yahoo.com](mailto:flyz4free@yahoo.com) or 509-926-2186) by June 21 if you plan to attend.

Note: Discover Passes required for all vehicles in Mt. Spokane State Park. Purchase online or at REI.

Target Species: Dusky and Ruffed Grouse; Accipiters; Northern Pygmy

Owl; woodpeckers; Hammond's Flycatcher; Warbling and Cassin's Vireos; Gray and Stellar's Jays; Chestnut-backed Chickadee; Swainson's, Hermit, and Varied Thrushes; Yellow-rumped and Townsend's Warblers; Fox Sparrow; Cassin's Finch; Red Crossbill

**(18) August 23th, Saturday  
Trail of Coeur D'Alene's  
Bike Birding**

**Leader: Alan McCoy and  
Sandy Sollie**

Interested in covering lots of ground without a car? Or just combining birding and a little exercise? The wetlands along this section of the trail can be great for migrating shorebirds, cranes, pelicans, and waterfowl. Expect a fun, easy 10-20 mile ride on a paved flat trail for all level of birders. Bring your bicycle/helmet, lunch, water, snacks, and optics and meet at the Harrison Marina trailhead at 7:30 am. After the ride, we can sit at the marina and have an ice cream cone as a reward! Contact Alan at (509-448-3123 or [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com)) by August 16 to reserve and get information or for carpooling.

(Note: Adverse weather may force cancellation or rescheduling).

**(19) September 6, 2014 Saturday  
Sprague Lake Migrant Trip  
Leader: Norma Trefry**

This is a half-day trip to the Sprague Lake area to look for migrating birds, and birds that often stray here in September. Meet at Coeur d'Alene Park at 7 am.

Please contact Norma ([firsttrefry@gmail.com](mailto:firsttrefry@gmail.com), 926-2533) by August 30 to confirm participation.

Target Birds: Waterfowl, loons and grebes, White Pelican, Peregrine Falcon, Red-necked Phalarope, Sabine's Gull (rare), terns, American Pipit, migrant sparrows and warblers.

**(20) October 25, 2014, Saturday  
Grant County Late Fall Migrant Trip  
Leader: Gary Blevins**

This is a beginning, intermediate and advanced birder-oriented trip to look for specialty birds, such as Arctic Gulls, Lapland Longspurs, and other hard to find and see northern visitors. There may be some down time, with little action in between bird sightings, but potential for rarities is high. It is a full-day trip from sunrise to sunset. Contact Gary Blevins (533-3661 or [garyb@spokanefalls.edu](mailto:garyb@spokanefalls.edu)) by October 18 if you plan to attend.

Target Birds: Loons and grebes; scoters and rare wintering waterfowl; wintering raptors; Glaucous, Thayer's, and Glaucous-winged Gulls; Snowy Owl; Northern Shrike; Snow Bunting; Lapland Longspur; Gray-crowned Rosy Finch

**(21) November 22, 2014, Saturday  
Douglas Plateau Northern  
Visitors Trip  
Leader: Kim Thorburn**

The Waterville Plateau is a challenging, but high-quality, destination for rarities during the late fall and winter months. We will work the rolling steppe of the Plateau in search of unusual raptors, owls, and passerines. We'll also bird along the Columbia River in hopes of finding rare Arctic Gulls and saltwater waterfowl, such as scoters, Long-tailed Duck, and Pacific Loon. We will spend the night of November 21 in Brewster for an earlier start with the birds during this short daylight season. Contact Kim Thorburn (465-3025 or [kthorburn@msn.com](mailto:kthorburn@msn.com)) by November 15 if you plan to attend.

Note: This trip will be dependent on weather and road conditions.

Target Birds: Loons and grebes; scoters and rare wintering waterfowl; wintering raptors; Glaucous, Thayer's, and Glaucous-winged Gulls; Snowy Owl;

Northern Shrike; Snow Bunting; Lapland Longspur; Gray-crowned Rosy Finch. We will hunt for elusive rarities, including Gyrfalcon and Northern Hawk Owl.

**(22) December 13, 2014, Saturday  
Winter Lake and Wetbelt Trip  
Leader: Joyce Alonso**

This trip takes us around Beauty Bay on Lake Coeur d'Alene where the Bald Eagles feeding on spawned-out salmon are always a sight to behold. Weather permitting, those interested may drive down to Thompson Lake/Harrison region where a variety of birds winter in a slightly warmer zone. Probable particulars: 8:00 am start at Liberty Lake Albertson's parking lot. Contact Joyce Alonso (448-2447) by December 6 if you plan to attend.

Note: This trip will be dependent on weather and road conditions.

Target Species: Bald Eagles, several duck and grebe species, American Dipper, Pacific Wren, Pileated Woodpecker, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Tundra Swans, Northern Pygmy Owl

**(23) December 28, 2014, Sunday  
Spokane Audubon  
Christmas Bird Count**

All SAS members as well as new birders are always welcome to join the Christmas count, which encompasses the Spokane Count Circle Center: 47° 43' N by 117° 25' W (approximately Division St. and Francis Avenue). Please contact Alan McCoy (509-448-3123 or [ahm2352@gmail.com](mailto:ahm2352@gmail.com)) for information about the Spokane CBC.

February Newsletter Deadline:

**Friday, January 24**

Please send material to:  
[carmen@floreo.com](mailto:carmen@floreo.com)

Thank you!

## Field Trip Report: Douglas Plateau Northern Visitors Trip

by Kim Thorburn

Finding surprise birds blown south by arctic storms is the mission of the late fall Douglas Plateau field trip. Our group of seven had a few waning November surprises, but they seemed to come from the unseasonably mild weather that our region had been experiencing.

Bitter chill accompanied our dawn stop at Brewster's marina on Lake Pateros, where we searched through rafts of ducks and geese as wisps of mist drifted in and out of our scope views. Many of the white-cheeked geese were cackling. We searched without success for the bright rufous head of a Eurasian Wigeon among great numbers of Americans. We ticked up the trip list with a large variety of waterfowl, but found nothing rare to excite us.

The group climbed from the Columbia through Central Ferry Canyon portion of the Wells Wildlife Area where the vegetation was healing after a summer 2012 wildfire. Huge numbers of House Finches, joined by other songbirds, thrived on exposed autumn seeds of grasses and wildflowers. The morning sun made their wings glitter when a Northern Harrier flushed a large flock.

Hairy Woodpeckers were busy among the partially burned pines at the top of the canyon. Playback was not successful calling in Black-backed Woodpeckers that were present in the fresh burn earlier in the year. A chipping flock of Red-winged Blackbirds flying among the tree tops seemed a little out of place. We walked around the pioneer Packwood Cemetery where pine-loving songbirds like Red Crossbills and Pygmy Nuthatches were active.

Raptors, including a hovering American Kestrel, were beginning to stir as

we crossed the northern plateau flank to drop back down Dezelium Canyon to Chief Joseph Dam. Family groups of Steller's Jays staked out territories all the way down the canyon. We were surprised that a roosting Great Horned Owl was left in peace with so many of these corvids flying about. Fran managed to pick out an immature Golden-crowned Sparrow from a large flock of White-crowns while the rest of us had our attention on another perched bird, hoping to also ID the rarer species. Near the canyon bottom a satisfied berry-picking Townsend's Solitaire was an unexpected find.

At the Dam, Herring Gulls were spotted among the Ring-bills. Several tens of Common Mergansers resting at the river mouth were added to our list. The only loon species we saw was a cooperative floating Common in winter plumage. Then came the biggest amazement of the day, a Say's Phoebe contentedly hunting from the concrete river containment below us.

Our group trundled back up to Dyer Hill in Well's Wildlife Area, scanning all the groves of water birch in vain hope of

seeing Sharp-tailed Grouse. What did catch our attention were massive flocks of American Robins flying above the ridge. When Ann spotted the adult Golden Eagle perched low on a basalt outcrop, mantle glowing brilliant in the afternoon sun, we assumed it was causing the disturbance.

Before heading into Mansfield to warm up with hot chocolate, we struck out for some CRP to see if we could flush a Sage Grouse. Along the way, we scanned through large flocks of Horned Larks and found no winter visitors among them. Some in the group saw a group of Gray Partridge flushed by a Northern Harrier. We had no luck with Sage Grouse but did enjoy great sunlit views of a perched prairie falcon before it took off on a speedy low-flying hunt.

The rapidly shrinking daylight after our Mansfield stop was filled with northern Rough-legged Hawks, seemingly using every utility pole we passed to soak up the day's last rays. Our final bird was another pleasant surprise: a Varied Thrush hopping about a wind break of trees, made even more colorful by the pink light of the setting sun.

### Spokane Audubon Society Membership Form

Local Membership Dues:

Individual: \$20/year \_\_\_\_\_

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Student: \$10/year \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime: \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

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January 8th Program:  
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 7:30 p.m.

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**Visit our website: <http://spokaneaudubon.org>**

**Directions to the General Meeting:**

*Riverview Retirement Community, Village Community Building  
 2117 E. North Crescent Avenue*

**To get to Riverview Retirement Community:**

**From West Spokane & South Hill**

- I-90 East to Exit 281 toward US-2 E/US-395 N/Newport/Colville
- Follow US-2 E/US-395 N to E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Right at E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Upriver Drive

**From Spokane Valley**

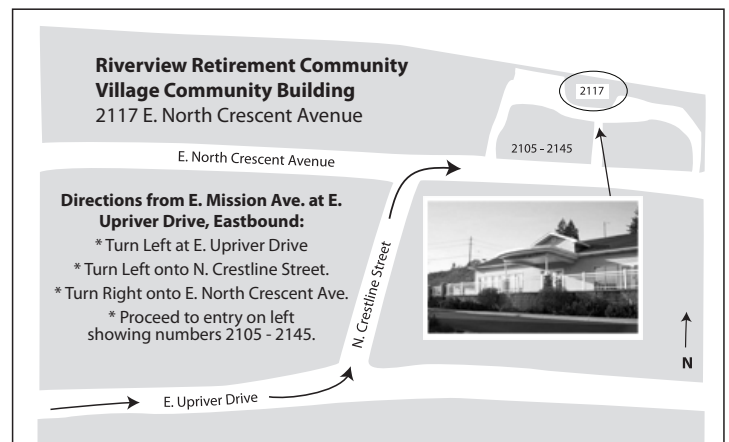
- I-90 West to Exit 282A
- Follow N. Hamilton St. to E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Right at E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Upriver Drive

**From North Spokane**

- Take US-395 S to E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Mission Ave.
- Turn Left at E. Upriver Drive

**Once you're on E. Upriver Drive (see map below):**

- Follow E. Upriver Drive to N. Crestline Street
- Turn Left at N. Crestline Street
- Turn Right on E. North Crescent Drive



- Proceed to entry on left showing numbers 2105-2145  
 Limited parking is available by the Village Community Building.  
 Overflow parking is along E. North Crescent Ave.