

**2023 YVAS field trip and event summary: Contact email next to leader to sign up and for meeting time and place.**

January:

**January 26** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

February:

**February 4** (Saturday)- McNary NWR Headquarters. Bill Drenguis. bdrenguis@gmail.com

**February 11** (Saturday)- Toppenish NWR. Andy and Ellen Stepniewski. steppie@nwinfo.net

**February 17-20** (Friday-Monday)- Great Backyard Bird Count GBBC). www.birdcount.org/

**February 23** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

March:

**March 11** (Saturday)- Second Saturday Bird Walk. Poppoff Trail. Sara Shippen and Gene Miliczky  
ses1440@outlook.com

**March 23** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

**March 25** (Saturday)- Toppenish NWR. Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky. ses1440@outlook.com

April:

**Early April TBD**-Bluebird Box Cleanout. Karen Zook. gadzooks7@charter.net

**April 8** (Saturday)- Second Saturday Bird Walk. Selah Cliffs. Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky. ses1440@outlook.com

**April 15** (Saturday)- Arborfest. Not a YVAS fieldtrip, but YVAS involvement. Coordinated by Ellen Stepniewski.  
steppieellen@gmail.com

**April 27** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

**April 29** (Saturday)- Yakima Training Center. Scott Downes. downess@charter.net

May:

**May 6** (Saturday)- Sunnyside Wildlife Area. Andy and Ellen Stepniewski. steppie@nwinfo.net

**May 25** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

June:

**June 2-5** (Friday-Monday)- Audubon Wenas Campout. www.wenasaudubon.org/

**June 10** (Saturday)- Second Saturday Bird Walk. Tieton Nature Trail. Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky.  
ses1440@outlook.com

**June 11** (Sunday)- Snow Mountain. Joint field trip with Cowiche Canyon Conservancy. Stan Isley. Stanisley@charter.net

August:

**August 24** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

**August 25-27** (Friday-Sunday)- Westport Pelagic Field Trip: Friday PM birding; Sat: all day Pelagic Boat trip; Sunday AM: Birding Gray's Harbor NWR. Contact Sarah Shippen, ses1440@outlook.com for information about signing up.

September:

**September 23** (Saturday)- Conrad Meadows. Kerry Turley. kdturley@gmail.com

**September 28** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

**September 30** (Saturday)- backup dates of October 1, 7 and 8 in case of weather. Bird banding demonstration at the Yakima Arboretum. Jeff Kozma. jcr\_5105@charter.net

October:

**October 14** (Saturday)- Second Saturday Bird Walk. Poppoff Trail. Sara Shippen and Gene Miliczky  
ses1440@outlook.com

**October 15** (Sunday)-Rimrock and Clear Lake. Scott Downes. downess@charter.net

**October 26** (Thursday)- YVAS Program. 7:00 PM at Yakima Arboretum

December:

**December 7** (Thursday)- YVAS Annual Meeting and Christmas Potluck

**December 16** (Saturday)-Toppenish CBC

**December 30** (Saturday)- Yakima CBC. Scott Downes downess@charter.net