

2022 YVAS Field Trip & Event Calendar.

Please Note: For the health and safety of all participants, current Washington State Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed on all Yakima Audubon field trips.

JANUARY

- Jan 2 (Sun)** **Yakima CBC**
- Jan 8 (Sat)** *No Second Saturday Bird Walk this Month*
- Jan 25 (Tue)** **Field Trip Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM via Zoom**
- Jan 27 (Thu)** **YVAS Program: Albatross on Midway Island, JD Bergeron, International Bird Rescue, 7:00 PM, via Zoom**

FEBRUARY

- Feb 12 (Sat)** **Second Saturday Bird Walk.** Meet at 9:00 AM at the **Helen Jewett and Poppoff Trail**. We will be looking for wintering waterfowl, in particular, Wood Ducks, Mergansers and other waterfowl. Leaders: Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky, ses1440@outlook.com.
- Feb. 18-22 (Fri-Mon)** **Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC)**, website <https://gbbc.birdcount.org/> Stay home and kick back with your hot cocoa for this one!
- Feb 24 (Thu)** **YVAS Program: Westport Seabirds**, Bill Tweit, 7:00 PM via Zoom.
- Feb 26 (Sat)** **Toppenish Wildlife Refuge Spring Migration. Meet at Lookout parking lot at 8:00 AM.** Walking the Headquarters grounds and car caravanning around the Refuge to see large numbers of migrating waterfowl. 8:00 – 11:00 PM. Limited to 8 vehicles. Leaders: Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky. Contact ses1440@outlook.com to sign up.

MARCH

- Mar 12 (Sat)** *No Second Saturday Bird Walk this month.*
- Mar 19 (Sat)** **Sunnyside Wildlife Refuge.** Leader: Andy Stepniewski, steppie@nwinform.net. Space is limited, contact Andy to sign up.
- Mar 24 (Thu)** **YVAS Program and Meeting: Gina Roberti, *Bird's Eye View: Living with volcanoes in the Pacific Northwest.*** 7:00 PM via Zoom.
- Mar 29 (Tue)** **Ebird class via Zoom with Jason Fidorra and Scott Downes.** 90 minute class via Zoom on eBIRD fundamentals. Contact Scott at downess@charter.net for information.

APRIL

- Apr 8-9 (Fri-Sat)** **Bluebird Box Cleanout.** Contact Karen Zook, (gadzooks7@charter.net) or Richard Repp, (bbirder247@gmail.com) for more information and to participate.
- Apr 9 (Sat)** **Second Saturday Bird Walk. Snow Mountain Ranch, CCC.** Meet at 9:00 AM at parking lot. Early wildflowers and birds for approximately two hours. Leaders: Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky, ses1440@outlook.com.

- Apr 16 (Sat)** **Arborfest, “After the Fire”.** Hosted by Yakima Arboretum.
- Apr 16 (Sat)** **Yakima Training Center Greater Sage Grouse lek trip.** Space is limited, contact Scott Downes, downess@charter.net, for information and to sign up.
- Apr 21 (Thu)** **YVAS Program and Meeting,** TBD, 7:00 PM

MAY

- May 13-16 (Fri-Mon)** **Birdathon/Yakima County Migration Count.** Coordinated by Scott Downes. downess@charter.net
- May 21 (Sat)** **Wenas Lake & Valley Spring Migration,** Leader: Andy Stepniewski, steppie@nwinfo.net. Contact Andy for more information and to sign up.
- May 26 (Thu)** **YVAS Program and Meeting,** TBD, 7:00 PM
- May 27-29 (Fri-Sun)** **Tentative Wenas Audubon Campout.** Contact Richard Repp, bbirder247@gmail.com, for information.

JUNE

- Jun 4 (Sat)** **Conboy Lake Wildlife Refuge.** All day event. Birding the numerous trails and habitats of the Conboy Refuge, Glenwood, WA. Expect to see Sandhill Cranes, many species of songbirds, and woodpeckers. Contact Sarah Shippen at ses1440@outlook.com to sign up.
- Jun 11 (Sat)** **Second Saturday Bird Walk.** Tieton River Nature Trail. Meet at Oak Creek Wildlife Recreation parking lot. Bird for approximately two hours. *Discover Pass required.* Co-leaders: Kathy Howell and Sarah Shippen, contact ses1440@outlook.com.
- Jun 18 (Sat)** **Mt. St. Helen National Volcanic Monument, Birding with naturalist, Gina Roberti.** Contact Sarah Shippen, ses1440@outlook.com for information and to sign up.

JULY

No field trips planned at this time.

AUGUST

- Aug 25 (Thu)** **YVAS Program and Meeting, 7:00 PM.**
- Aug 26-28 (Fri-Sun)** **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

- Sep 10 (Sat)** **Second Saturday Bird Walk.** Selah Cliffs Natural Area Preserve. *Discover Pass required.* Leaders Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky, ses1440@outlook.com.
- Sep 22 (Thu)** **YVAS Program and Meeting**

Sep 24 (Sat) **Conrad Meadows.** Spruce Grouse have been observed. Contact Kerry Turley, kdturley@embarqmail.com to sign up.

OCTOBER

Oct 8 (Sat) **Second Saturday Bird Walk** Yakima Canyon and Mile Post 8 Pond Walk. *Discover Pass required.* Meet at parking lot. Leaders Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky, ses1440@outlook.com

Oct 8 (Sat) **Bird Banding Class with Jeff Kozma** (alt. dates: 10/9 or 10/15, 10/16). Limit 8 people. Contact Jeff at jcr_5105@charter.net to sign up.

Oct ?? (TBD) **Youth Environmental Summit.** Leader: Ellen Stepniewski, steppieellen@gmail.com.

Oct 27 (Thu) **YVAS Meeting and Program, 7:00 PM.**

Oct 30 (Sun) **Vantage for Fall Migration.** Leader: Scott Downes. Contact Scott at downess@charter.net

NOVEMBER

Nov 12 (Sat) **Second Saturday Bird Walk.** Meet at 9:00 AM at the **Helen Jewett and Poppoff Trail.** Leaders Sarah Shippen and Gene Miliczky, ses1440@outlook.com

DECEMBER

Dec 1 (Thurs) **YVAS Annual Meeting and Christmas Potluck:** format TBD.

Dec 10 (Sat) *No SSBW this month*

Dec 17 (Sat) *Tentative Date* Toppenish CBC. Eric Heisey and Andy Stepniewski, contact steppie@nwinfo.net

Dec 31 (Sat) *Tentative Date.* Yakima CBC. Denny Granstrand. dgranstrand@gmail.com

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