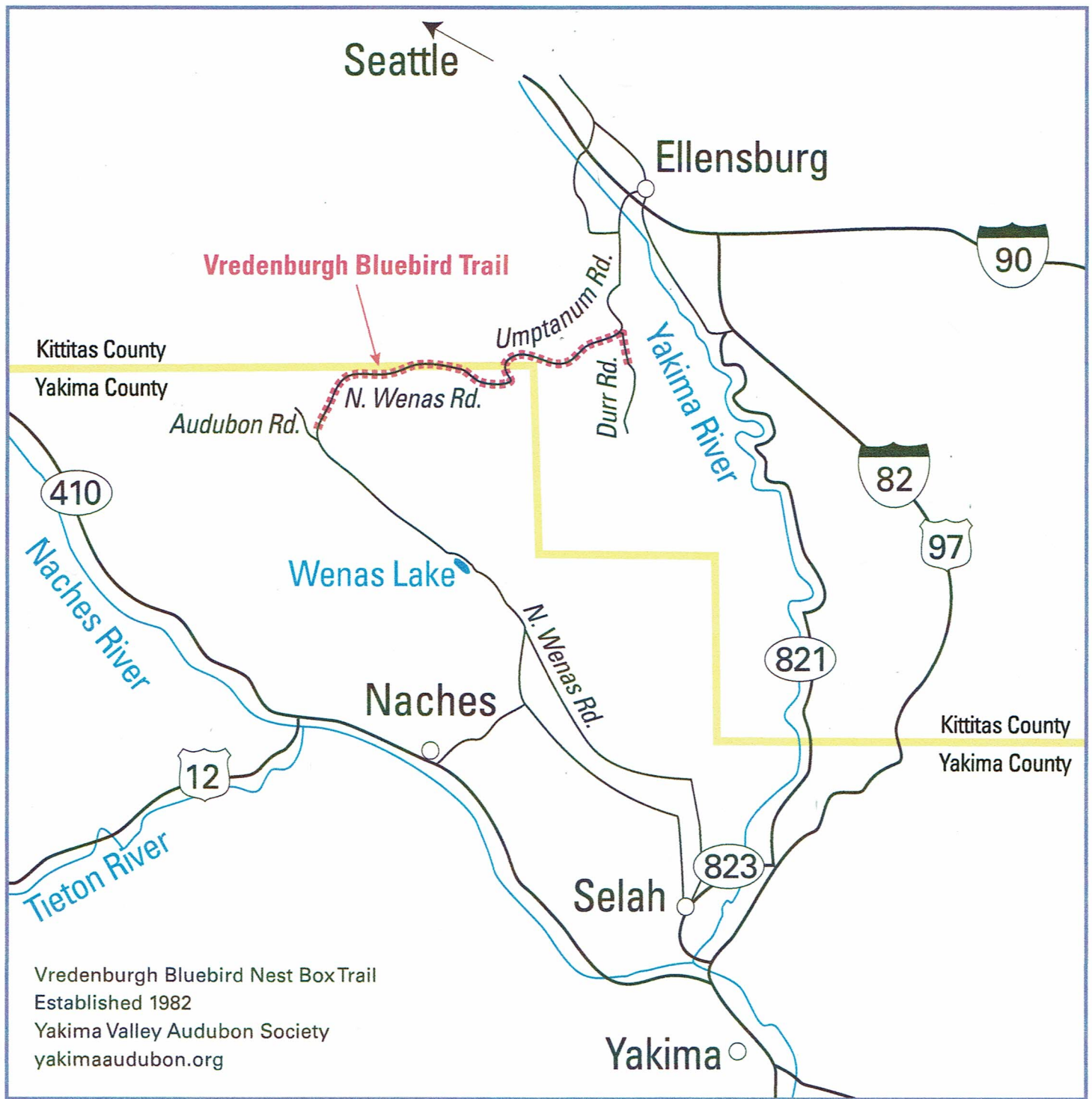


## VIEWING BLUEBIRDS



### Bluebirds – who, what, where, when, why?

The Vredenburg Bluebird Trail is comprised of 152 nest boxes along a sixteen mile stretch of roads. The lower end of the trail begins at the end of the pavement on North Wenas Road in Yakima County and ends at the beginning of the pavement on Umptanum Road in Kittitas County; the road name changes as it crosses the county line. The entire trail is on dirt roads that can be challenging with ice and snow in the winter or mud and flooding in early spring.

Bluebirds arrive from their wintering grounds as early as February but become much more visible when tending to nestlings in boxes from mid-May thru June. They hunt insects from low perches and can be seen on fences, shrubs, and power lines. The boxes provide nesting sites that are otherwise limited in suitable bluebird habitat.