

Field Trip List - Complete List

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Trip Name	County	Appx. Distance	Description	Target Birds	What to Expect	Thursday Trip Leader	Friday Trip Leader	Saturday Trip Leader	Sunday Trip Leader	Monday Trip Leader
Ahtanum	Yakima	90 Miles	The Ahtanum State Forest west of Yakima provides an excellent array of forest types from open and dry ponderosa pine forest up to wet subalpine forests and meadows. This trip explores areas up the North and Middle Forks of Ahtanum Creek. Depending on snow conditions, we may reach Clover Flats Campground. This high elevation subalpine area with Engelmann spruce has its representative bird species.	Williamson's and Red-breasted Sapsucker, American Three-toed, White-headed, and Pileated Woodpeckers, Canada Jay, Clark's Nutcracker, Pacific Wren, Fox Sparrow (State-colored) and Lincoln's Sparrows.	Stopping along roads and birding. Some time spent walking with some slight elevation gains and possible off-trail walking. Walking will probably not exceed 2 miles total. Trekking poles may be helpful. Roads are mostly gravel. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food for a full day. Scopes may be useful but are not required. Playback will not be used on Friday. Playback may be used for some targets on Saturday and Sunday. Sunscreen and sun hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended.		#1: Michael Hobbs #2: Jill Panches	Randy Hill & Julia Dolan	Randy Hill & Julia Dolan	
Burrowing Owl Conservation Tour	Franklin, Benton, Grant, Kittitas, Yakima	165 Miles	This unique area trip is geared towards students and young birders, however it is open to all members if space allows. This special half-day trip will include hands-on monitoring of Burrowing Owls at a habitat restoration project near Pasco, WA. Participants will be led by State Wildlife Biologist Jason Fidorra to restricted access sites where they will assist in monitoring Burrowing Owl nest sites for productivity. The tour will cover the ecology and conservation related to the species as we visit multiple nesting pairs. Nests in artificial burrow structures allow a unique opportunity to see inside a burrow where we might quietly observe eggs, owlets, or adult burrowing owls. Depending on nest status, some owls may be captured and banded, then released for ongoing monitoring. The project and tour is conducted under appropriate state and federal permits. Participants will have the option to assist with site maintenance and banding if appropriate opportunities arise. This could include the use of shovels or garden tools which will be provided. Additional opportunities for birding may	Burrowing Owl	A Full-day trip. Limited to 8 participants. Roads will be paved. We will not be traveling far from the vehicles but expect to be in the direct sun for a while and walk short distances off trail through weedy and spiky vegetation. You might also choose the option to get a life dirty. Bring food and drink for the full day. The group will convene and carpool with Lori Nelson from Yakima to rendezvous with WDFW Biologist Fidorra in Pasco. Participants will need to register as WDFW volunteers in advance of the field trip. If time allows, there may be birding stops on the way back to Yakima.		Jason Fidorra & Lori Nelson			
Chinook Pass	Yakima	150 Miles	Travelling up SR 410 toward the summit of Chinook Pass with stops along the American River and side trips into the Bumping Lake drainage and the north slope of Bethel Ridge. Habitats covered include riparian areas along the river, wet and dry coniferous forests, recent burns, ending in the subalpine, depending on snow levels.	Harlequin Duck, Black Swift, Williamson's Sapsucker, American Three-toed, White-headed, and Pileated Woodpeckers, Clark's Nutcracker, American Dipper, Varied Thrush, Fox Sparrow (State-colored) and Lincoln's Sparrows.	A full-day trip. A Discover Pass will be required for each vehicle. A scope may be helpful on this trip. There may still be some snow at Chinook Pass, so dressing for varied weather is recommended. Playback may be used for some targets on Friday. Playback will not be used on Saturday and Sunday. Sunscreen and sun hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended.		Steve Giles	Cindy McCormack	Cindy McCormack	
Horse Heaven Hills	Yakima, Klickitat & Benton	150 Miles	This trip ventures into the Horse Heaven Hills along the borders of Yakima, Klickitat and Benton Counties. We'll take a circuitous route towards Bickleton, self-proclaimed bluebird capital of the world. Habitats include wheat fields, Conservation Reserve Program grasslands, recent burns, Garry oak woodlands and scattered junipers, steep rocky canyons with riparian pockets and nearby plateau lithosols. We will explore Ridge Road, Bickleton Hwy, East Road, Six Prong Road and Sand Ridge Road.	Gray Partridge, Long-billed Curlew, Golden Eagle, Swainson's Hawk, Lewis's Woodpecker, Gray Flycatcher, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, Sage Thrasher, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, Grasshopper, Brewer's Sparrow, Sagebrush, and Vesper Sparrows.	A full-day trip. We will be mostly driving from site to site, with a little walking at various sites. Roads vary from ok gravel to paved roads. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and sun hats are recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. A scope will be very helpful. Playback may be used for some targets.			Samuel Holman	Samuel Holman	
Naneum-Colocum Loop	Yakima & Kittitas	120 Miles	The Naneum State Forest and Colocum Wildlife Area are northeast of Ellensburg between the Kittitas and Wenatchee Valleys. The primary roads to be explored are Colocum, Naneum, and Coleman Creek. Starting in the Kittitas Valley amongst hay fields and shrub-steppe, we'll climb through forested areas of ponderosa pine, western larch and Douglas-fir, then up to Engelmann spruce, lodgepole pine, and subalpine fir. If snow levels allow, our destination will be Naneum Ridge. Poked along among the forest are patches of aspens that support a diverse suite of nesting songbirds and woodpeckers. This region supports Dusky Grouse, though some hybrids with Sooty Grouse are reported.	Dusky Grouse, Golden Eagle, American Goshawk, Williamson's Sapsucker, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Gray Flycatchers, Loggerhead Shrike, Pygmy Nuthatch, Vesper and Lincoln's Sparrows.	Driving from site to site, with some walking along dirt and gravel roads. Driving conditions can be questionable, including long areas of washboards and ruts. High clearance vehicles needed for drivers. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food. Playback will not be used on Friday. Playback may be used for some targets on Saturday and Sunday. Sunscreen and hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended.		Deb Essman	Kim Thorburn	Steve Giles	
Nile & Rattlesnake Creek	Yakima	100 Miles	This trip will feature the varied habitats of the Rattlesnake Creek drainage off the SR 410 corridor. Our route starts along Nile Rd, with foothill ponderosa pine and riparian habitats. Transitioning up Rattlesnake and Little Rattlesnake Creeks, we will traverse mixes of riparian and pine to the higher elevation montane forests along with burned areas good for woodpecker species. Travel to the higher elevations of McDaniel Lake and Meek's Table in wetter mixed-conifer habitat may be possible depending on snow levels.	Calliope Hummingbird, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Hammond's and Dusky Flycatchers, Cassin's Vireo, Mountain Chickadee, Townsend's Solitaire, Veery, Cassin's Finch, Pine Siskin.	A full-day trip. Roads will be gravel in good condition. Stops along roads, including some limited walks through the forest. A Northwest Forest or America the Beautiful Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food. It will be tick season so insect repellent is recommended. Sunscreen and hat recommended. Playback may be used for some targets. Scope is helpful but not required.		Lin (Caspian) Stern	Lin (Caspian) Stern	John Harris	
Oak Creek Canyon	Yakima	100 Miles	The portion of US-12 from Naches to near Rimrock Lake holds a wonderful mixture of riparian habitats, oak forests, rocky canyons and conifer forests. We will visit Oak Creek Canyon, Bear Canyon, the Tieton Nature Trail and hotspots at several campgrounds and pullouts along US-12.	Harlequin Duck, White-throated Swift, Golden Eagle, Lewis's Woodpecker, Western and Ash-throated Flycatchers, Eastern Kingbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Bushy-tailed Woodpecker, Pacific Wren, Veery.	Hiking from easy to moderate at Bear Canyon and the Tieton Nature Trails. Total hiking should involve two miles on mostly flat, well-maintained trails. Roads are paved to good gravel. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food for a full day. Sunscreen and hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. Playback may be used for some targets.		Shep Thorp	Mike & MerryLynn Denny	Tim O'Brien	
Observatory Road-Umtanum Falls	Yakima & Kittitas	70 Miles	The Umtanum area is known for its diverse array of breeding birds in a variety of habitats from rocky shrub-steppe areas to ponderosa pine forests. The area includes nice (but recently burned) riparian habitat along upper Umtanum Creek. This trip will begin by crossing the irrigated ag-land east of Ellensburg, then driving up into the shrub-steppe. We will hike 3/4-mile down Umtanum Creek to the impressive Umtanum Falls. Trekking poles may be useful for a possibly tricky creek crossing. We'll continue driving along Umtanum Road through partly burned ponderosa pine groves with a short side trip up Observatory Rd. We'll then take North Wenas Rd. to "Birders Corner" and continue down to Selah for our return to Yakima.	Calliope Hummingbird, Swainson's Hawk, Lewis's, Black-backed, and White-headed Woodpeckers, Gray Flycatcher, Pygmy Nuthatch, Sage Thrasher, Western and Mountain Bluebird, Lazuli Bunting.	Site to site driving with some walking up to 2 miles. Roads vary from good gravel to paved. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food for a full day. Sunscreen and hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. Playback may be used for some targets.				Jon Houghton	

Full-Day Field Trips Depart 5:30AM Return 3:30-4:00PM	Quilomene-Wild Horse Wind Farm Loop	Yakima & Kittitas	120 Miles	<p>WDFW's Quilomene Wildlife Area and PSE's Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility are adjacent areas with huge tracts of shrub-steppe—including big sage, stiff sage, bitterbrush, basalt cactuses, and Hooker's balsamroot. We will enter through the Wild Horse Renewable Energy Facility off the Old Vantage Highway and wind our way up Beacon Ridge Road onto the Quilomene Wildlife Area, exiting via Colocolum Road to the Kittitas Valley. This region supports nesting shrub-steppe obligates and many raptors. As a bonus, there will be a magnificent display of shrub-steppe wildflowers. The road also winds through patches of ponderosa pine where several species of woodpecker can be found.</p>	<p>Golden Eagle, Prairie Falcon, White-headed Woodpecker, Loggerhead Shrike, Horned Lark, Sage Thrasher, and a suite of shrub-steppe sparrows: Brewer's, Sagebrush, Vesper, and Lark.</p>	<p>Driving site to site with some walking along dirt roads. High clearance vehicles are needed as some of the roads are rutty and rocky. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Bring lunch, snacks and drinks. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. Also sun hat, sunscreen, sturdy shoes. Playback will not be used.</p>	Jim Danzenbaker	Laurie Ness	Deb Essman
	Robinson Canyon	Yakima & Kittitas	90 Miles	<p>A few minutes west of Ellensburg lies Robinson Canyon. This narrow canyon—a small fraction of the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area—contains a variety of habitats. Notably, the canyon features a mix of low-elevation ponderosa pine forest and shrub-steppe – ideal for Gray Flycatcher.</p>	<p>Vaux's Swift, Black-chinned and Calliope Hummingbirds, Wilson's Snipe, Golden Eagle, Lewis' Woodpecker, Gray Flycatcher, Pygmy Nuthatch, Swainson's Thrush, Cassin's Finch, Brewer's and Lark Sparrows, Yellow-breasted Chat, Orange-crowned and MacGillivray's Warblers, Lazuli Bunting.</p>	<p>Full-day trip. Site to site driving with some walking, no more than 2 miles combined. Roads vary from gravel to paved. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and sun hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. A scope is not needed but may be helpful. Playback will not be used for Saturday. Playback may be used for some targets on Friday & Sunday.</p>	Bruce LaBar & Marcus Roening	Michael Hobbs	Bruce LaBar & Marcus Roening
	Sunnyside Wildlife Area	Yakima	100 Miles	<p>This area contains wetlands adjacent to the Yakima River. The trip focuses on the state-owned wildlife area units around Sunnyside and Mabton. The wetlands host a variety of waterfowl, mostly dabbling ducks, and shorebirds. Early morning can be filled with the chatter of Marsh Wrens and the calls of Yellow-headed Blackbirds. Unusual species such as White-faced Ibis and Franklin's Gull have also been found in the area.</p>	<p>Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teals, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Virginia Rail, Sora, Black-necked Stilt, American Avocet, Wilson's Phalarope, American Bittern, Black-crowned Night Heron, American White Pelican, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Bank Swallow, Gray Catbird.</p>	<p>We will be mostly driving from site to site and walking at various sections of the wildlife areas up to 2 miles total on level ground. Roads vary from good gravel to paved. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and a sun hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Playback may be used for some targets. A scope is helpful.</p>	Kerry Turley	Bob Flores	Kim Thorburn
	Tanenum Creek	Kittitas	130 Miles	<p>During this trip you will experience the habitats of the Tanenum Creek drainage starting in the grassland and agricultural fields of the Kittitas Valley. Driving up the drainage, you will traverse high-quality riparian habitats and marshes along Tanenum Creek. In the uplands the route moves through ponderosa pine forests which becomes a mixed conifer forest with western larch at higher elevations.</p>	<p>Calliope and Rufous Hummingbirds, Golden Eagle, Swainson's Hawk, Red-naped Sapsucker, Violet-green Swallow, Townsend's Solitaire, Evening Grosbeak, Purple and Cassin's Finches, Pine Siskin, MacGillivray's, Yellow-rumped and Townsend's Warblers, Western Tanager, Lazuli Bunting.</p>	<p>A full-day trip. Roads will be mostly gravel. A Northwest Forest Pass or America the Beautiful Pass is required for each vehicle. Some limited walks through the forest are likely. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. Playback may be used for some targets. A scope is helpful but not required.</p>		Jon Houghton	Nathan Pieplow
	Teaaway	Kittitas	130 Miles	<p>The Teaaway area is known for its diversity of habitats from riparian zones bordering the Teaaway River to the more open, dry conifer woodlands typical of the lower elevations of the eastern Cascades. This trip will explore key hotspots of the Teaaway Community Forest, probing the Teaaway Campground and hiking parts of Carlson Canyon. The tour will continue with stops in Swauk Prairie and along Betas Road before returning to Yakima via Ellensburg.</p>	<p>Calliope Hummingbird, Spotted Sandpiper, Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers, Peregrine Falcon, American Dipper, Mountain Bluebird, Townsend's Solitaire, MacGillivray's, Yellow, and Townsend's Warblers.</p>	<p>Once in the Teaaway area, we will be walking throughout the morning at the two main sites, covering 4 -5 miles. What to expect: Once in the Teaaway area, we will be walking throughout the morning at the two main sites, covering 4 to 5 miles. Trails in the campground are level with some brushy areas while at Carlson Canyon there are some relatively steep sections on rocky and dusty surfaces. At the leader's discretion, we may stop at Swauk Prairie where native prairie restoration is underway. Come prepared with drink and food for a full day. Sunscreen and hat are recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. A scope will be helpful. Both a Discover Pass and a Northwest Forest or America the Beautiful Pass is required for each vehicle. Playback may be used for some targets on Friday. Playback will not be used on Saturday.</p>	Scott Ramos	Deb Essman	
	Toppenish NWR	Yakima	80 Miles	<p>This trip visits the Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge and nearby hotspots. The refuge provides excellent marsh habitat for various species of breeding ducks, several species of shorebirds and a suite of songbirds in riparian habitat. The shrub-steppe along Pumphouse Road hosts several obligate sagebrush species.</p>	<p>Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teals, Black-necked Stilt, Wilson's Phalarope, Great Egret, American Bittern, American White Pelican, Swainson's Hawk, Willow Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Loggerhead Shrike, Gray Catbird, Sagebrush Sparrow.</p>	<p>Driving from site to site, on gravel and paved roads. Walking no more than two miles on mostly level areas. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and sun hat are recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. Playback may be used for some targets. A scope is helpful.</p>	Randy Hill	Kerry Turley	Jim Danzenbaker
	Umptanum Road-Wenas Loop	Yakima & Kittitas	70 Miles	<p>The Wenas Creek region has a very high diversity of breeding species close to Yakima. We'll bird and low-elevation rocky shrub-steppe habitat, mid-elevation park-like ponderosa pine forests, and then ascend to higher mixed conifer communities. We will stop at BBO Flats Horse Camp, Wenas Campground, and other eBird Hotspots. The loop continues through the ponderosa pine and shrub-steppe habitats along Umptanum Road before returning through the Yakima River Canyon to our lodging.</p>	<p>Ruffed Grouse, Swainson's Hawk, White-headed Woodpecker, Gray Flycatcher, Pygmy Nuthatch, Sage Thrasher, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, Veery, Yellow-breasted Chat, MacGillivray's Warbler.</p>	<p>Mostly driving from site to site with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads vary from paved to good gravel. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. A scope will be helpful but not required for this trip. Playback will not be used on Friday. Playback may be used for some targets on Saturday or Sunday.</p>	Laurie Ness	Ed Pullen & Kenneth Brown	Ed Pullen & Kenneth Brown
	Vantage, Wanapum and Gety's Cove	Yakima, Kittitas & Grant	130 Miles	<p>Taking the Old Vantage Highway east from Ellensburg, we'll stop at hotspots in shrub-steppe habitats near Wild Horse Wind Farm & Solar Facility. Nearing Vantage, stops will be made at Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park. At the Columbia River we will bird Wanapum State Park and Gety's Cove which will give us views of birds of the slickwaters reservoir. Habitats covered include shrub-steppe mantled hills, agricultural areas. Lower down are water reservoirs, coulees and the high cliff escarpments and rocky islands isolated within the Columbia River flow.</p>	<p>White-throated Swift, Bald Eagle, Caspian and Forster's Terns, American White Pelican, Loggerhead Shrike, Rock and Canyon Wrens, Sage Thrasher, Brewer's, Sagebrush, and Vesper Sparrows, Bullock's Oriole.</p>	<p>Site to site driving with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads are gravel to paved. A Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen and sun hat recommended. It will be tick season, so insect repellent is recommended. A scope is needed for scanning the Columbia River. Playback may be used for some targets.</p>	John Harris	Steve Giles	
	White Pass West	Yakima	130 Miles	<p>The upper White Pass area of US-12 has a diverse array of habitats from dry ponderosa pine forest and pockets of mountain riparian to the wet subalpine forests at White Pass. This trip starts at House Creek Campground and continues to the White Pass Ski Area. Places visited on this trip include Bethel Ridge, Rimrock Lake, Clear Lake and Leech Lake.</p>	<p>Harlequin Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye, Northern Goshawk, Northern Pygmy Owl, Williamson's and Red-breasted Sapsuckers, White-headed Woodpecker, Clark's Nutcracker, Fox Sparrow (Slate-colored), Lincoln's Sparrow.</p>	<p>Primarily driving to specific sites with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads are gravel to paved. Come prepared with drink and food for a full day. A Northwest Forest or America the Beautiful Pass is required for each vehicle. Sunscreen, insect repellent and sun hat recommended. A scope is helpful for scanning the mountain lakes but not required. Playback may be used for some targets.</p>	Tim O'Brien	Rowan McMurtche	Scott Downes

Night Trips for Owls and Nightjars Depart 8:30PM Return 1:30-2:00AM	Bethel Ridge Owls	Yakima	80 Miles	This driving trip will explore the forested slopes along Bethel Ridge Road stopping and listening/calling for owls and nightjars.	Flammulated Owl, Northern Pygmy Owl, Barred Owl, Common Poorwill, Possible Great Horned Owl and Long-eared Owl.	A night trip and after-midnight return. Staying near the vehicles. Owls may be heard only. Playback may be used. Binoculars are useful if owls are cooperative. Scopes are not useful.	Scott Downes			Shep Thorp
	Rimrock Lake Owls or Leaders Choice	Yakima	95 Miles	This trip will explore areas around Rimrock Lake or leader's choice location. Rimrock Lake reservoir enables sounds to travel very long distances. The shores are a mixture of wet conifer forests with several marshes including Tieton Marsh.	Northern Pygmy-Owl, Barred Owl, Long-eared Owl and Northern Saw-whet Owl. Flammulated Owl may be possible.	A night trip and after-midnight return. Staying near the vehicles. Roads are paved and gravel. Playback may be used. Binoculars may be useful if birds are cooperative. Scopes not useful.	Nathan Pieplow		Rowan McMurchie	
	Wenas Owls & Nightjars	Yakima & Kittitas	65 Miles	We'll take North Wenas Rd, stopping and listening/calling for owls and nightjars.	Flammulated Owl, Western Screech-Owl, Barred Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Long-eared Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Common Poorwill.	After-midnight return. Staying near the vehicles. Roads are paved and gravel. Some owls may be heard only. Playback may be used. Binoculars are useful if owls are cooperative. Scopes are not useful.	Ed Pullen & Kenneth Brown			
	Yakima River Canyon Owls	Yakima & Kittitas	60 Miles	This trip will explore areas around various recreation sites in the Yakima River Canyon and the Umtanum Creek Trailhead. Habitats are a mixture of conifer forest patches, some cottonwood groves amongst steep basalt canyon walls.	Western Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl. Other owl species possible: Barred Owl, Long-eared Owl.	After-midnight return. Staying near the vehicles. Roads are paved. Some owls may be heard only. Playback may be used. Binoculars are useful if owls are cooperative. Scopes not useful.	Tim O'Brien		Fianna & Blythe Wilde	
On the Way Trips Departure Time and Place TBD by Leader	Vancouver/Columbia Gorge going to Yakima	Clark, Skamania, Klickitat & Yakima	165 Miles	This Going-To trip leaves at 7 a.m. Thursday from the Steigenwald Lake parking lot. We will travel SR-14 and make short stops at several locations en route. Stops could include Lyle-Balch Cemetery and Brooks Memorial State Park in Klickitat County, Toppensish NWR in Yakima County.	Canyon Wren, American Dipper, Gray Catbird, Yellow-breasted Chat, MacGillivray's Warbler, Lazuli Bunting.	A full-day. This Going-To trip leaves at 7 a.m. Thursday from the Steigenwald Lake parking lot. We will travel SR-14 and make short stops at several locations en route. Stops could include Lyle-Balch Cemetery and Brooks Memorial State Park in Klickitat County, Toppensish NWR in Yakima County. Discover Pass and 2-way radios will be needed. Roads vary from paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat recommended. Playback may be used for some targets.	Randy Hill			
	Tacoma (and Seattle) - 90 to Yakima	Pierce, Kittitas & Yakima	165 Miles	For this Going-To trip, meet Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride on 23rd Avenue South & South 320th Street in Federal Way. Use Exit 143 off I-5. We will check spots at Snoqualmie Pass for American Dipper, MacGillivray's Warbler and possible Sooty Grouse, and then continue for a brief stop at Lake Easton State Park. We will stop at a few places near Cle Elum - including along SR-10 - to check for Dipper, Bank Swallow, Gray Catbird and Veery.	American Dipper, Bank Swallow, Gray Catbird, Veery	A full-day trip s. We will be driving to sites along the way with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads vary from paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. Bring Discover Pass & Northwest Forest/America the Beautiful Passes for each vehicle. Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat recommended. Playback may be used for some targets.	TBA			
	North Seattle/Snohomish Co. to Yakima via I-90 and Canyon Rd (SR 821)	Snohomish, Kittitas & Yakima	160 Miles	For this Going-To trip, meet Thursday (June 5) at 7:00 a.m. at the Edmonds Park & Ride on 72nd Avenue West and 213th Place SW in Edmonds. We will check spots near Snoqualmie Pass for American Dipper, MacGillivray's Warbler and possible Sooty Grouse, and then make stops at Bullfrog Pond and the Railroad ponds near Cle Elum for more forest and wetland birds including possible Veery and Gray Catbird. We'll probably take Rt. 10 to Ellensburg with several stops along the way, moving on to Canyon Rd. In the Yakima River Canyon, we'll stop and walk a bit up the lower Umtanum Creek.	Sooty Grouse, Canyon Wren, American Dipper, Veery, Gray Catbird, Yellow-breasted Chat, MacGillivray's Warbler, Lazuli Bunting.	A full-day trip staying together until at least Snoqualmie Pass. We will be driving to sites along the way with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads vary from paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. Bring Discover Pass & Northwest Forest/America the Beautiful Passes for each vehicle. Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat recommended. Playback may be used for some targets.	Jon and Kathleen Houghton			
	Cle Elum via Snoqualmie Pass	Kittitas & Yakima	120 Miles	We'll travel up the I-90 corridor toward Snoqualmie Pass stopping in the Cle Elum area for birding. Our birding focus will be on eastside forests and accompanying riparian habitats. At the leader's discretion, stops may include Robinson Canyon, Lake Easton, Teanaway Valley, Cle Elum Ponds and Bullfrog Road	Barrow's Goldeneye, Ruffed Grouse, Sooty Grouse, Golden Eagle, Long-billed Curlew, Williamson's Sapsucker, Red-naped Sapsucker, White-headed Woodpecker, Eastern Kingbird, Red-eyed Vireo, Bushyt, Yellow-breasted Chat	A full-day trip staying together until at least Snoqualmie Pass. We will be driving to sites along the way with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads vary from paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. Bring Discover Pass & Northwest Forest/America the Beautiful Passes for each vehicle. Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat recommended. Playback may be used for some targets.				TBA
	Yakima going west via Chinook Pass	Yakima, Kittitas & Pierce	150 Miles	This going home trip takes SR 410 to Chinook Pass with stops along the American River. Side trips into Bumping Lake and the north slope of Bethel Ridge will be included. Habitats covered include the river riparian and wet and dry coniferous forest. This trip may make stops around Mt. Rainier National Park. A hike of about 1.2 miles at Dewey Lake Trail may be included if snow conditions allow.	Black Swift, Williamson's Sapsucker, Pileated Woodpecker, Clark's Nutcracker, American Dipper, Hammond's and Dusky Flycatcher, Orange-crowned and MacGillivray's Warblers, Lincoln's and Fox Sparrows.	Roads vary from paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. A Discover Pass and Northwest Forest or America the Beautiful Pass may be needed for each vehicle. There may still be snow at the summit of Chinook Pass, so dress appropriately. Playback may be used for some targets.				Shep Thorp
	Vantage, Wildhorse, & Getty's Cove: split toward Moses Lake/Spokane Monday.	Yakima, Kittitas, Grant & Adams	150 Miles	We leave Yakima to drive along the Old Vantage Highway, then travel toward Moses Lake stopping at the leader's discretion. Potential stops at Columbia NWR, Potholes Reservoir and Potholes State Park.	American White Pelican, Western Grebe, Caspian Tern, Forster's Tern, Chukar, Long-billed Curlew, Burrowing Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, Canyon and Rock Wrens, Horned Lark, Sage Thrasher, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, Grasshopper, Brewer's Sparrow, Sagebrush, and Vesper Sparrows.	Full-day trip staying together until at least Moses Lake. We'll drive from site to site with some walking up to a mile combined. Roads vary from paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. Bring Discover Pass for each vehicle. Sunscreen, insect repellent and hat recommended. Playback will not be used. Approximate distance to Moses Lake				TBA
	Vantage, Wildhorse, & Getty's Cove to Horn Rapids Park.	Yakima, Kittitas, Grant & Benton	120 Miles	Leaving Yakima, we'll travel the Old Vantage Highway stopping for shrub-steppe obligates and other nesting specialties. Stops include Ginko Overlook State Park, Getty's Cove and Wanapum Dam where we will scope for Columbia River waterbirds and cliff-nesting raptors. Crossing into Grant County at the Vantage Bridge and traveling south via SR 243 toward Vernita Rest Area, we'll drive toward the river on a dirt track to listen and scope for White-throated Swifts and Canyon Wrens. This is the most reliable spot to find these rare county birds. Along SR-240, we'll try for distant looks at Burrowing Owls and Long-billed Curlew near Burrowing Owl artificial burrows. The trip concludes with our last stop to bird Horn Rapids County Park, just off SR 240.	American White Pelican, Forster's Tern, Chukar, Long-billed Curlew, Burrowing Owl, Common Nighthawk, White-throated Swift, Loggerhead Shrike, Canyon and Rock Wrens, Gray Catbird, Sage Thrasher, Say's Phoebe. A diversity of swallows: Northern Rough-winged, Bank Swallow, Blue-winged Teal. Many obligate shrub-steppe sparrows: Sagebrush, Brewer's, Vesper, and Lark.	Full-day trip staying together until Horn Rapids County Park. Travelling and birding from site to site. Roads are paved to gravel. Come prepared with drink and food. Discover Pass is required for each vehicle. Sunscreen, insect repellent and sun hat recommended. Playback may be used for some targets. Approximate distance to Horn Rapids County Park.			Laurie Ness	