

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2010  
DETAILED SCHEDULE

Friday, September 10

7:00-9:00 PM

Edmonds Plaza Room

650 Main Street

OPENING RECEPTION AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

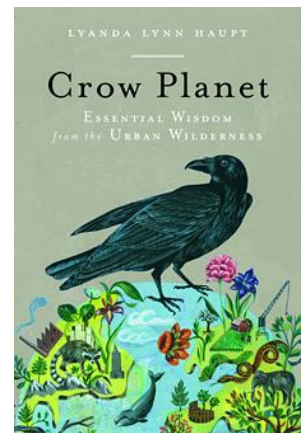
FREE OF CHARGE - No Registration Required

**"Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness"**  
**Lyanda Lynn Haupt**



Lyanda Lynn Haupt is an author, speaker, naturalist, and "urban homesteader," based in Seattle. Her new book *Crow Planet: Essential Wisdom from the Urban Wilderness* was published by Little, Brown in July 2009. Lyanda's first book, *Rare Encounters with Ordinary Birds* (Sasquatch, 2001), explores the relationship between humans, birds, and ecological understanding, and is a winner of the 2002 Washington State Book Award. Her second book, *Pilgrim on the Great Bird Continent: The Importance of Everything and Other Lessons from Darwin's Lost Notebooks*, was published by Little, Brown to nationwide acclaim, and continues to resonate with audiences interested in natural history, Darwin, birds, and their intersection. Lyanda has created and directed educational programs for

Seattle Audubon, worked in raptor rehabilitation in Vermont, and as a seabird researcher for the Fish and Wildlife Service in the remote tropical Pacific. Her writing has appeared in a variety of publications, including *Utne*, *Image*, *Open Spaces*, *Wild Earth*, *Conservation Biology Journal*, *Birdwatcher's Digest*. She lives in Seattle with her husband and daughter, and their mixed backyard chicken flock. Don't miss this chance to learn about the crows that share our neighborhoods! Lyanda's books will be available for purchase and signing.



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**Saturday/Sunday, September 11-12**  
**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**  
**FREE OF CHARGE**

**Edmonds Plaza Room - SATURDAY ONLY**

**650 Main Street (above the Edmonds Library):**

**Registration Table - General Admission FREE - Saturday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**Please check in before attending speaker presentations.**

**Exhibit Area and "Birder Central" - Saturday, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Non-profit and agency exhibits will be located in the Edmonds Plaza Room. Bird-related books will be for sale by Edmonds Bookshop, throughout the day and author Burt Guttman will sign copies of his book after his second presentation. Stop by Birder Central to meet with fellow bird enthusiasts and share your Bird Fest experiences! Information will be available on things to do in Edmonds - including a list of places to eat lunch or dinner. Exhibits start closing at 4:00 PM, Birder Central will remain open until the bus leaves for Swifts Night Out in Monroe.

**☀ Kids' Activities**

**Saturday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM**

Come and visit our special place in the Plaza Room for kids to hang out and have fun at Bird Fest! Play the "Migration Game" or dissect an owl pellet. Volunteers will help you with crafts such as making birdfeeders and bird window alerts. Look under Kids Activities section of the website for schedule and description of activities.



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## Edmonds Marsh Interpretive Overlook (See location on the Event Map):

SATURDAY ONLY, ☀ *Bird Viewing: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM,*

☀ *Marsh Interpretive Activities: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM*

Edmonds Marsh is a unique urban wildlife area, and a great place to view a variety of birds throughout the year. But many people don't know that it is also one of the few remaining intact barrier estuaries in Puget Sound, a once common type of salt marsh habitat that is now very rare. Meet members of the newly formed Friends of Edmonds Marsh group and learn about the history of the marsh and the important habitat features and wildlife here. Knowledgeable birdwatchers with spotting scopes will help you see and identify birds throughout the day.

## ☀ *Wildlife Habitat & Native Plant Demonstration Garden Open House and Native Plant Sale*

At the Willow Creek Fish Hatchery, 95 Pine Street

SUNDAY ONLY, 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

Come and see the bee and butterfly garden, learn about bat houses and other ways to make your yard more wildlife-friendly. Volunteers will conduct short tours. There will be a variety of native plants for sale by Nancy Moore, garden designer. Pick up a map and go on the self-guided Backyard Wildlife Habitat Tour. From Hwy 104 northbound (Edmonds Way), turn left on Pine Street. Or, from Dayton Street westbound, turn left on Hwy 104, and then right on Pine Street. Then, immediately look for a gate and a dirt driveway on your right. That is the Willow Creek Hatchery. If you get to a Y in the road, you've gone too far.

## ☀ *Backyard Wildlife Habitat Tours - SELF GUIDED:*

SUNDAY ONLY, NOON-4:00 PM

Pick up a map at the Registration Table in the Plaza Room on Saturday, or at the Willow Creek Fish Hatchery on Sunday starting at 11:30 AM.

At your own pace visit some certified Backyard Wildlife Habitats in the Edmonds area. You will see firsthand how the homeowners have improved habitat for wildlife by adding native plants, nest boxes, bird feeders, water sources, and resource conservation methods. See small yards and big ones. Pick up a map when you register at Bird Fest. There will be someone at each house to answer questions and discuss what they have done to create and improve wildlife habitat. Then consider getting your yard certified - an easy and satisfying challenge.



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**Saturday, September 11**  
**SPEAKERS and PRESENTATIONS**  
**Frances Anderson Center**  
**700 Main Street**

**FREE OF CHARGE - Check in at Registration Table before attending.**

Last minute location changes for presentations may be necessary due to weather conditions.

**Swans of Washington's Winter - Facts, Myths, and Legends**

**Saturday, 11:00 AM-NOON                      Room: 206**

**Martha Jordan**, swan biologist and board member of the Trumpeter Swan Society since 1985 will present a slide program on Washington's native Trumpeter and Tundra swans. Learn about the life history and biology of these majestic birds and the problems they face on their wintering grounds, including lead poisoning and habitat issues. Martha will share swan identification tips, and you can take home a Swan Identification Pamphlet for use in the field.

**Getting Started in Birding (2 Sessions)**

**Saturday, 11:00 AM-NOON                      Room: 302**

**12:30-1:30 PM                                  Room: 302**

**Burt Guttman** is Professor Emeritus of Biology at The Evergreen State College, and author of *Finding Your Wings: A Workbook for Beginning Bird Watchers* published in 2008 in the Peterson Field Guide Series. Burt will present a threefold method for improving your bird watching skills: 1) learning categories of birds; 2) learning how to see birds and their features; 3) learning easy, common birds first. Burt will sign copies of his book in the Plaza Room after the second presentation.

**☀️ Live Raptor Presentation (2 Sessions)**

**Saturday, 12:30-1:30 PM                      Outdoor Amphitheater (Room 115 if raining)**

**3:00-4:00 PM                                  Outdoor Amphitheater (Room 115 if raining)**

**The Sarvey Wildlife Care Center**, formed in 1981, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of injured and orphaned wild animals. The Center is staffed entirely by volunteers and funded by donations from the public, and rehabilitates approximately 3700 birds and mammals a year - everything from Bald Eagles to hummingbirds and Cougars to Flying Squirrels. The birds of prey involved in this presentation are non-releasable due to injuries. Their handlers will explain their unique physical characteristics, breeding habits, and habitats in the wild. The amphitheater is on the east side of the Frances Anderson Center.



Sarvey Wildlife Center

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### **"For the Birds" - Creating Native Plant Habitat**

**Saturday, 12:30-1:30 PM                      Room: 206**

**Monica Van der Vieren** is a wildlife artist and illustrator and Washington Native Plant Steward. Since 2003 she has been restoring upland wildlife habitat on her 100-year old farm in the Snohomish River Estuary. Monica's presentation will demonstrate how you can work with native plants to provide food, shelter, and nesting places for a variety of birds and animals, whether in the back yard or on the back 40.



### **How to Attract Hummingbirds**

**Saturday, 1:45-2:45 PM                      Room: 206**

**Chris Caviezel**, Kittitas Audubon member and owner of Hummingbirdsonly.com and BirdFeedersOnly.com has been attracting hummingbirds to the area around his house near Snoqualmie Pass for the past six years. On some days his feeders go through 300 ounces of nectar! Chris will share his knowledge about hummingbirds and give you lots of advice on how you can successfully attract them to your yard.

### **When Merlins Choose Your Neighborhood - A Wildlife Adventure in Seattle**

**Saturday, 1:45-2:45 PM                      Room: 302**

When a pair of Merlins chose a nesting spot in North Seattle in the spring of 2008, retired science teacher and Seattle Audubon education volunteer **Barbara Deihl** took on a new endeavor. As "Neighborhood Merlin Liaison" Barb has monitored the nesting success of this pair of birds for three years and has become a strong advocate for urban habitat protection. Through a photographic slideshow, other visual aids and sound recordings of the Merlins, Barb will share the joys and challenges of having these special raptors in the neighborhood and give you ideas for things that you can do in your urban habitat to encourage and support prospective nesting Merlins.

### **Top Picks for Bird Feeders and Nest Boxes**

**Saturday, 3:00-4:00 PM                      Room: 206**

Learn how to attract the widest range of birds to your backyard bird feeders and avoid feeding the other critters like squirrels and rats. Find out what kind of nest boxes make the best homes for your local songbirds and how to keep out the starlings and house sparrows. Helpful information for backyard wildlife managers will be presented in this session by **Daphne Legg** Assistant Manager of Wild Birds Unlimited in Lake Forest Park.

### **Bird Photography Basics**

**Saturday, 3:00-4:30 PM                      Room: 302**

Bird photography is more affordable and easier, with the advent of digital technology. Learn how to get the most from your camera and the basics of processing your digital images as well as how to put yourself in the best position to get the shots you want in your backyard or in the field. Presenter **Michael Dossett** is a birder, award-winning nature photographer and graduate student in horticulture at Oregon State University.

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## Guided Walks and Field Trips

If a registration fee is indicated, pre-registration is required, through Edmonds Parks & Recreation Department, beginning July 30.

All guided walks and field trips requiring pre-registration have a class number. Please see the "Registration" page of this website for instructions.

## Saturday, September 11

### Puget Sound Birding Cruise

Saturday, 7:30-10:00 AM (End time is approximate)

Pre-registration required, \$5 registration fee

Class #13236

Small boats will go out from the Port of Edmonds for 2 hours, courtesy of members of the Edmonds Yacht Club. A birding guide will accompany 8 participants on each boat. We'll explore the nearshore waters of Puget Sound, looking for Marbled Murrelets, gulls, terns, and other migrating and resident sea birds. **Minimum age: 8 years.** Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Registered participants will meet at the Edmonds Marina at 7:30 AM, and the boats will depart at 8:00 AM. In the event that windy conditions cause cancellation of the cruise, guides will lead a walk along the waterfront and marsh.

### Edmonds Marsh, Willow Creek Hatchery & Point Edwards Trail Guided Walk

Saturday, 7:30-10:00 AM

Pre-registration required, \$5 registration fee

Class #13238

Registered participants will meet at the Edmonds Marsh bird-viewing station (see Bird Fest map) to catch any early morning visitors. Then we'll walk north around the marsh along the highway to the hatchery to look for woodpeckers and other forest birds there. It is only a short walk up to the new paved trail for a good view of the marsh from the other side and a couple of ponds, too. We'll look for small birds among the bushes covering the hillside. The walk, led by a local experienced birder, will be a little more than 2 miles of easy walking with a little hill up to the new trail. Bring binoculars if you have them. **Minimum age: 10 years.**

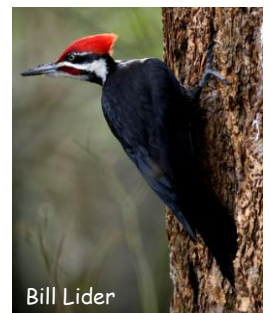
### ☀ Yost Park Guided Walk (2 Times)

Saturday, 8:00-10:00 AM

4:00-6:00 PM

FREE, No registration required, meet in the parking lot at Yost Park.

The pathways, boardwalks and bridges of the Shell Creek Nature Trail meander through a forest of mature Red Alder and Bigleaf Maple trees, dotted with Western Redcedar stumps and nurse logs, and young evergreen trees. The many dead snags provide food and nesting sites for Pileated Woodpeckers and other cavity nesters. Salmonberry, Salal, Red Huckleberry, Red Elderberry and Oregon Grape provide additional cover and food for birds. This is not a difficult walk, but the trail is steep in some places, and may have muddy spots. Yost Park is located at 9535 Bowdoin Way. Meet guide from Pilchuck Audubon Society in the parking lot.



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## Birds of the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Saturday, 8:00-10:00 AM

Pre-registration required, \$10 registration fee

Class #13166

Join a docent from the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation for an early morning walk through this 4-acre garden in nearby Richmond Beach. Learn about the naturalistic design of the garden, how it provides excellent habitat for birds, and how you can encourage birds in your own garden. Registered participants will meet at the garden, and directions will be provided at registration. **Minimum age: 10 years.**

## ☀ Meadowdale Beach and Lund's Gulch Field Trip

Saturday, 8:00-11:00 AM

Pre-registration required, \$5 registration fee

Class #13240

This is a beautiful and historic Snohomish County Park with diverse plant and bird life. A 1-1/4 mile long access trail follows the creek downhill through the forest to the shore of Puget Sound. However, we will access the park from the south roadway entrance located at the north end of 76th Ave W. The group will be able to visit the beach and the lower part of the access trail. Registered participants meet in the plaza on the west side of the Anderson Center at 700 Main Street. We will carpool to the park where we'll be accompanied on the walk by Park Ranger Doug Dailer and Pilchuck Audubon member Duane Karna. **Minimum age: 5 years.**



## ☀ Swifts Night Out - Monroe Bus Trip with Boxed Dinner

Saturday, 5:00-10:00 PM

Pre-registration required, \$30 registration fee

Class #12887

You won't want to miss the spectacle of thousands of Vaux's Swifts descending into a chimney for the night! Learn about these fascinating little birds at a special event celebrating their fall migration. Registered participants meet in the Plaza Room at 5:00 PM. The bus will leave Edmonds at 5:15 and arrive at Frank Wagner Elementary School in downtown Monroe in time for the festivities there. There will be educational booths, and a speaker in the auditorium at 6:30. You'll join other bird enthusiasts sitting on the school's big front lawn to watch the swifts circle around and around and finally drop into the chimney in large groups as the sun sets at 7:30. Registration fee includes boxed dinner and bus transportation. Children under 18 must register with an adult. **Minimum age: 5 years.**



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## Sunday, September 12

### Instructional Photography Field Workshop with Michael Dossett

Sunday, 6:30-10:00 AM

Pre-registration required, \$20 registration fee

Class #13237

This trip will focus on strategies and techniques to help participants of all levels improve their bird photography. It will be an extension of the photography lecture given the day before which field trip participants are encouraged to attend. Registered participants will meet in the plaza on the west side of the Anderson Center at 700 Main Street and leave by 6:30 AM, in carpools, arriving at the shooting location by 7:00 AM. Location will be chosen the evening before



based on the weather forecast, scouting reports, and the preference of the participants. Participants should bring a sturdy tripod if they have one as well as a flash if they have it and their longest focal length lens and any teleconverters they may have. **Minimum age: 16 years.**

### Edmonds Marsh, Willow Creek Hatchery & Point Edwards Trail Guided Walk

Sunday, 7:30-10:00 AM

Pre-registration required, \$5 registration fee

Class #13239

SEE DESCRIPTION FOR SAME WALK ON SATURDAY.

Registered participants will meet at the Edmonds Marsh bird-viewing station (see Bird Fest map).

**Minimum age: 10 years.**

### ☀️ Yost Park Guided Walk

Sunday, 8:00-10:00 AM

FREE, No registration required, meet in the parking lot at Yost Park.

SEE DESCRIPTION FOR SAME WALK ON SATURDAY.

Yost Park is located at 9535 Bowdoin Way. Meet guide from Pilchuck Audubon Society in the parking lot.

### ☀️ Pine Ridge Park Guided Walk

Sunday, 9:00-11:00 AM

FREE, No registration required, meet in the parking lot at the main entrance of Pine Ridge Park, 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave W and 204<sup>th</sup> Street SW.

This 24-acre, wooded park includes a pond bordered by wetlands, with trails but no facilities. A guide from Pilchuck Audubon Society will lead the walk. The easiest route to this location from 700 Main Street is: go east up Main Street hill and turn left on Maplewood Drive. Go almost to the end of Maplewood and turn right on 200<sup>th</sup>. Go past Maplewood School and turn right on 83<sup>rd</sup>. You'll see the park entrance at the intersection with 204<sup>th</sup>.

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