

2022 Puget Sound Bird Fest Field Activities

Sunday September 11th

Registration opens August 1st

For Bird Fest field activities that require registration, go to the [City of Edmonds Parks and Recreation registration site](#) and enter the program # in the search bar. If this is the first time you've registered for a program with the City of Edmonds, you will need to create an account. Please call the front desk at 425-771-0230 if you need assistance with registration.

Edmonds Waterfront Guided Walk

8:30-10am. Registration Required. Program #11064 (\$5)

Join Jack Stephens to explore the Edmonds waterfront. While we won't have the seabird diversity of the winter months, the Edmonds waterfront can sometimes offer close views of some birds such as Marbled Murrelet or Rhinoceros Auklet. In addition, Edmonds can have hundreds of Heerman's gulls around the breakwater who arrive after breeding season before they depart for their wintering grounds. Most of the walk will be on paved paths or a fishing pier, there may also be minimal walking on sand.

Lake Tye Guided Walk for Beginning Birders

8 – 10am. Registration Required. Program #11065 (\$10)

Join Jeff and Eileen Hambleton for an introduction to birdwatching. We will walk west then north on a paved trail between the lakefront and adjacent farm fields. Plan on about 2 hours for a leisurely 1.5 mile walk. Birding will be slow paced leaving time for birding and learning about binocular basics, choice of field guides, and birding apps. No "pishing" or playback of bird vocalizations will be used to attract birds. The trail and restrooms are accessible.

Accessible-ish Edmonds Park Guided Walk

8 – 10am. Registration Required. Program #11066 (\$5)

Join Bev Bowe for a guided birding walk along the service road and paved path of Yost Park. Much of the service road is paved, and the remainder is usually hard packed. While not entirely level, the slope is short from the parking lot to the main portion of the service road. Birding from the service road allows some viewing into the mid canopy and even the top of some trees of the ravine. Yost Park provides habitat for numerous species of resident and migratory birds including Cooper's Hawks, Pileated Woodpeckers, Chickadees, Pacific Wrens, and a variety of other forest birds. While there are no benches, we plan to be no further than .25 miles from the cars. Option to bird a little farther on a gently sloping dirt trail near the end of the service road.

**Photography workshop with Ann Kramer: Bird Photography Challenges and Tips for Overcoming Them
7am – 4pm. Registration Required. Program #11067 (\$25)**

Join Ann Kramer (www.annkramer.smugmug.com), award-winning local wildlife photographer, for a full-day workshop. Tips will include how to obtain pleasing photographs of creatures that don't sit still, are not at your eye level, know you're there, and are naturally wary of you. Ethical bird photography tips will also be covered. Bring your lunch and water.

Union Bay Natural Area Guided Walk

8:30 – 11:30am. Registration Required. Program #11068 (\$5)

Join Roniq Barton to explore the Union Bay Natural Area, nicknamed "The Fill" - Seattle's former garbage dump. 262 bird species have been reported at this urban birding hot spot. We'll spend time exploring this unique area rich in bird and wildlife. Tips for identifying birds will be included but our main focus will be on a more mindful birding practice which includes observing native habitat, bird song and behavior. Any age and level of birding experience welcome! Dress for weather and wear appropriate shoes. Trails are mostly flat, packed dirt and gravel and can be seasonally muddy and wet. Please leave dogs at home as they may scare off our feathered friends. Porta Potty restrooms onsite only.

Don't miss the Sunday afternoon Boat Cruise to Protection Island!

Learn more and register at Pugetsoundexpress.com.