

### Frances L. Wood

Frances, who lives on Whidbey Island, Washington, has published over 100 articles on birds and nature and continues to publish a syndicated monthly column on bird watching for local newspapers. She has written three books. *Brushed by Feathers: A Year of Birdwatching in the West* was recently published by Fulcrum Publishing. Her other two books are *Down to Camp: A History of Summer Folk on Whidbey Island* and *Community at the Crossroads: A History of Bayview on Whidbey Island*. She completed the Seattle Audubon's Master Birder class in 1995 and served as editor of Seattle Audubon's *Earthcare Northwest* for five years.

During four recent winters, she has worked with the RARE Center for Tropical Conservation in Mexico and Central America teaching an extensive bird watching curriculum to local nature guides. The work with RARE has taken her to the Mexican states of Yucatan, Quintana Roo, Chiapas and Baja California Sur and into Guatemala and Honduras. She has coordinated bird monitoring projects in Mexico as well as a Breeding Bird Survey for Island County, Washington. Currently, she is coordinating a Bluff Breeding Bird Survey in partnership with the Island County Marine Resources Committee and the Whidbey Audubon Society.



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