What We’re Doing
In the summer of 2020, we began a project to assess how habitat and urbanization intersect to influence bird species diversity and behavior in parks and green spaces in Lake Forest Park, WA and surrounding communities. We are now adding a public outreach component to this work.

Who We Are
This project is a partnership between the University of Washington Bothell and the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, a not-for-profit environmental advocacy group (http://www.lfpsf.org).

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Public Outreach
We’re in the process of designing fun, family-friendly trail walk protocols for the public to record bird species and behavior in our parks. To facilitate this, we’re designing a web presence with our protocols, bird identification resources, trail maps, training videos, and virtual bulletin boards where people can post their local sightings.

Goals
Project goals include long-term monitoring of avian species diversity and behavior that will inform future park management decisions and scholarly study. Public involvement in this Covid-19 safe, outdoor activity will increase awareness of our local green spaces, allow public participation in a scientific project, and build appreciation of the behavior of urban and suburban wildlife right outside our backdoors!