

Calling Urban and Suburban Bird(er)s!

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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.

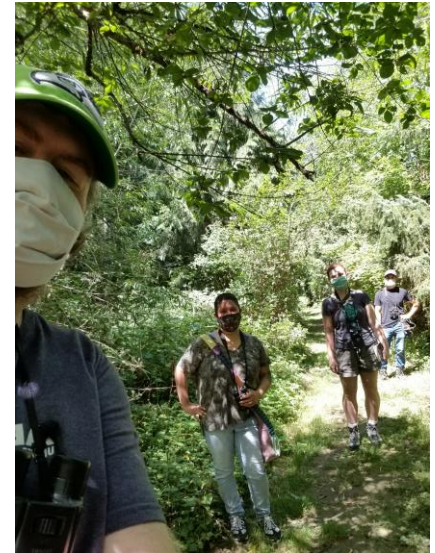


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Who We Are

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.



Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*)
Photo by Lynne Hakim, LFP resident



Barred Owl (*Strix varia*)
Photo by Kim Wacker, LFP resident

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!