

Llama Lake Wetland NE 8th St. and 235th Ave NE



In 2003 the Illahee residential community was built around an existing wetland, a portion of which was turned over to the City of Sammamish. Residential water runoff has resulted in increased water levels, and changes to both plants and wildlife have occurred now that it is no longer grazed by farm animals.



Local residents with the support of the City of Sammamish are removing invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberries, Scotch broom, and tansy ragwort and replacing them with natives to increase plant diversity and habitat.



Human activity has resulted in a loss of native habitat which hosts insects. Without insects, we lose birds. As restoration efforts have progressed, over 90 bird species have been recorded by birders visiting the wetland. Other species are also thriving, including opossums who eat lots of things, including snails and slugs. Too many slugs? Not enough opossums!

Pacific Northwest Plants and the Birds that Use Them

Trees	Quail	Mourning Dove	Band-tailed Pigeon	Hummingbird	Woodpecker	Flycatcher	Vireo	Jay	Chickadee	Nuthatch	Robin	Kinglet	Thrush, Varied	Thrush, Swainson's	Waxwing, Cedar	Warbler	Wren	Goldfinch	Finch, House	Finch, Purple	Grosbeak	Pine Siskin	Sparrow	Brown Creeper	Junco	Towhee	Tanager	Bushit
Pine spp.	x																											
Douglas fir		x																										
True fir spp.			x																									
Hemlock																												
W. Red cedar																												
Big leaf maple		x																										
Vine maple		x																										
Douglas maple		x																										
Alder																												
Birch spp.																												
Dogwood																												
Hawthorn																												
Oregon ash																												
Pacific crab apple																												
Aspen																												
Cottonwood																												
Bitter cherry		x																										
Garry oak		x																										
Cascara		x																										
Sumac																												
Willow spp.																												
Madrona																												

Shrubs & Perennials	Quail	Dove, Mourning	Pigeon, Band-tailed	Hummingbird	Woodpecker	Flycatcher	Vireo	Jay	Chickadee	Nuthatch	Robin	Kinglet	Thrush, Varied	Thrush, Swainson's	Waxwing, Cedar	Warbler	Wren	Goldfinch	Finch, House	Finch, Purple	Grosbeak	Pine Siskin	Sparrow	Brown Creeper	Junco	Towhee	Tanager	Bushit	
Serviceberry																													
Bog birch		x																											
Red-twig dogwood			x																										
Hazelnut																													
Oceanspray																													
Twinberry		x																											
Osoberry																													
Mock orange		x																											
Ninebark																													
Chokecherry																													
Wild azalea																													
Golden currant																													
Red-flowering currant																													
Wild rose		x																											
Thimbleberry		x																											
Salmonberry		x																											
Elderberry																													
Sitka ash/mountain ash																													
Hardhack																													
Snowberry		x																											
Red huckleberry																													
Highbush cranberry																													
Silk tassel bush																													
Salal																													
Oregon grape																													
Wax myrtle		x																											
Evergreen huckleberry																													

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Kinnikinnik																													
Wild strawberry			x																										
Wintergreen																													
Common juniper																													
Trailing raspberry			x																										
Trumpet honeysuckle																													
Yarrow																													
Pearly everlasting																													
Columbine																													
Seathrift																													
Goat's beard																													
Aster																													
Balsamroot																													
Campanula																													
Bleeding heart																													
Fireweed																													
Buckwheat																													
Blanket flower																													
Coral bells																													
Lupine																													
Skunk cabbage																													
Penstemon																													
Sedum																													
Solomon's seal																													
Native grasses, cattails																													
Brush piles																													

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