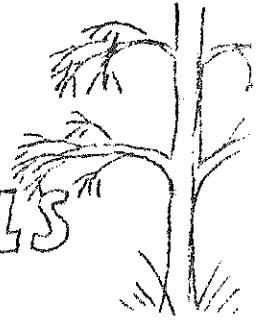
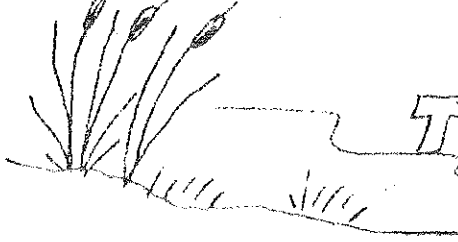


# LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

FROM

# THE DISHMAN HILLS



September 1976

DISHMAN HILLS NATURAL AREA ASSN., INC., E. 10320 MAXWELL AVE., SPOKANE, WA. 99206

## AUTUMN WEATHER INVITES YOU TO HILLS

THANKS TO YOU DISHMAN HILLS BOOSTERS!

Many thanks to you who have contributed since the last bulletin, either by a membership, by a donation to the land fund or the bulletin expense, or by collecting recyclables. Nothing has worked out yet for adding more land to the natural area but we are still talking to owners. We read in the Spokesman-Review the other day about a man with a great reputation for planting trees and saving open spaces. He remarked that we need such spaces just to preserve our sanity. We thoroughly agree.

One owner of land in the Dishman Hills has expressed intentions of starting a housing development in the next year or two. We sincerely hope he will come to appreciate what the area means to the children of the community and also to the many grownups who enjoy its beauty and the life in and around the ponds, which attract quail, ducks, shorebirds and are the homes of singing tree toads and bullfrogs and very silent salamanders. A great variety of tiny insects and crustaceans swarms in the waters. In one pond lives an unusual little water plant which has been found nowhere else in eastern Washington and another flower scarce in the state grows on its banks.

Autumn is in full swing, though it seems more like summer. To see some fall flowers in the Hills go up the trail from Camp Caro on south Sargent Road and turn left at the first fork by the big cliff. At Cottonwood Hollow you will find blue gentians and the white flower clusters of yampah, the roots of which were eaten by the Indians.

Most of the summer birds have migrated but chickadees, nuthatches and juncos are still around. Red crossbills may be passing over and evening grosbeaks have arrived from the mountains. If you are lucky you may glimpse a Townsend's Solitaire. A group from the Terrace Garden Club saw two early in the month and by straining their ears heard a rock wren. You might get a scolding from a pine squirrel or see a late chipmunk or marmot. Come up and see your natural area!

The ponds are quite unique in the immediate Spokane area and are visited by Girl and Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls and Bluebirds, garden clubs and college classes. They furnish intriguing pond life for local science classes. An important and unusual bit of our natural world, the area should be preserved for all time for people to enjoy.

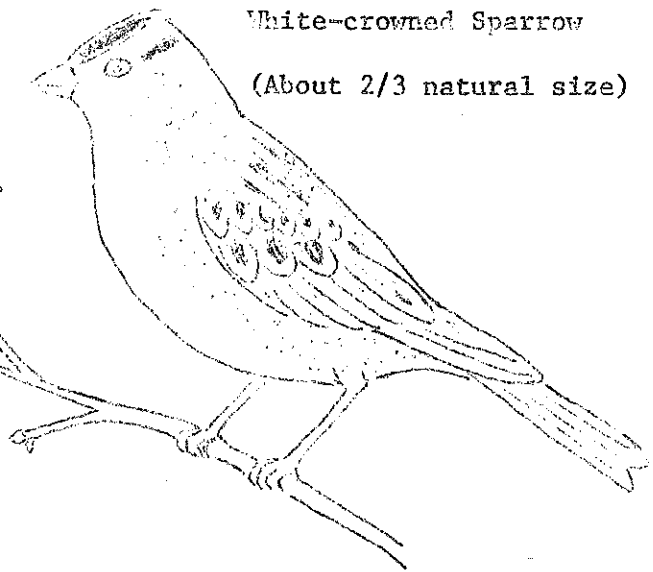
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White-crowned sparrows are now migrating through the Dishman Hills and residential areas that are not too tidy and so provide grass and weed seeds. Most of the autumn birds are young ones, with brown and gray head stripes. The birds nest in Canada and Alaska between the tundra and the taiga. A few may winter in the Spokane area but more often along the Snake River or as far as California. In the spring they move north again, appearing here from late April into early May. They sing occasionally in the fall but their usual voice now is a loud "pink!"



White-crowned Sparrow  
(About 2/3 natural size)

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Our organization is dedicated to the saving of some of the natural environment of the Spokane area for people to enjoy. We invite you to join personally in the effort by coming to our monthly meetings the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Caro, S. 625 Sargent Road (turn south just west of Dishman Theater).

If you would like to visit the Dishman Hills but don't quite know how, maybe you'd like us to conduct an autumn hike. We'll gladly do so if there is enough interest, some nice--we hope--Sunday afternoon in October. Give us a call if you're interested. If you want to "do it your way", go on Sprague Avenue to Sargent Road, just west of Dishman Theater, then turn south toward the Hills and to to Camp Caro at the end of the road. Park there and take the steps by the lodge. No reservation is needed unless you want to picnic or camp at the lodge area. Supervised young people's groups have priority. For a reservation call Spokane County Parks and Recreation Dept., 456-4730 a few days ahead.

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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dishman Hills Assoc. annual dues (\$5)
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