A couple of alert students brought this wounded bird (a Golden-crowned Kinglet) to our office last week. It had flown into the large windows at the Lee Center for Fine Arts. One of the gardeners took it to PAWS in Lynwood as it looked to have some wing damage and did not revive after a brief rest period. Unfortunately, it did not survive after two days of care at the Wildlife Center.

Window collisions are growing problem for birds in urban areas. Birds see the sky and foliage reflected in the window but not the glass itself. For more information on how to prevent bird strikes, read this sheet prepared by PAWS.

The Golden-crowned Kinglet prefers conifers and is right at home on the SU campus, with our many varied and majestic conifers. If you’re watchful, you can see them, hanging upside-down, moving through the branches, cleaning up scale and other soft bodied insects. Though not commonly seen, it is a year-round resident of the Puget Sound area. In winter, it flocks with other small song birds, moving from tree to tree through the cover of high shrubs to hunt for insects.

Two great websites for information on birds are:
