

ADMIRALTY AUDUBON WINTER PROGRAMS

Thursdays at 7 PM
**Port Townsend Community Center, 620 Tyler Street (Corner of
Lawrence and Tyler)**

January 21, BIRDS AND WHALES OF BAJA—David and Casey Gluckman

The Gluckmans will show slides of Baja scenery along with 4 whale species and numerous birds from the coast of Southern Baja, taken on a Lindblad expedition. They will also share their experiences of smaller ship cruising.

February 18, BIRDING AT POINT WILSON —Bob Whitney, Noted Port Townsend photographer

Bob can often be found at Point Wilson with his long lens camera. He has seen birds that the rest of us wish we had seen. Bob spends countless hours in all kinds of weather looking for and photographing birds in all plumages. Bob will share with us his photographs and show us birds that we can see in February at Point Wilson.

FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, January 16, 8:30 AM—Tarboo Creek and Dabob Bay

Raptors, sparrows and woodpeckers on the uplands and seabirds on the bay. Meet at the Park and Ride on Centerville Road and Highway 104, or the Park and Ride in PT at 8am to carpool. Leader, David Gluckman, 379-0360.

Saturday, January 30 , 8:30 AM—Leland Lake to Brinnon.

Woodland tweets to swans and sea ducks. Meet at the Lake Leland Park off highway 101, or the Park and Ride in PT at 8 AM to carpool. Leader, Dan Waggoner, 301-1788.

Saturday, February 13, 8AM—Port Townsend Waterfront.

Travel the waterfront from the Larry Scott Trail along downtown to Point Hudson Marina. Meet at parking area by the restrooms in Boat Haven by the Larry Scott Trail. Leader, Ron Sikes, 385-0307.

Saturday, February 27, (time dependant on Ferry Schedule) – Skagit Flats.

The annual trip to the areas around the Skagit River Estuary to Padilla Bay. Call Leader Ken Wilson for meeting times and schedules, 379-6539

<p><i>VISIT OUR WEBSITE -- www.admiraltyaudubon.org</i> Read or post bird sightings Download a checklist of birds</p>
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ADMIRALTY AUDUBON'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009

By Ron Sikes, AAS Secretary

- During the past year Admiralty Audubon's Program Chairman Clara Mason and volunteer Lynne Dunham publicized and organized, free to the public, eight programs about birds of North America and abroad.
- Hospitality Chairman Monica Fletcher provided refreshments during the fall programs.
- Our field trip leaders David Gluckman, Ken Wilson, and volunteers led about twenty field trips to various destinations in Jefferson, Kitsap, and Clallam Counties. These also were free and open to the public.
- Ken Wilson led a fieldtrip for the Jefferson Land Trust docents to help them identify songbirds by ear.
- Just as he has for many years, member Dick Johnson organized the annual Christmas Bird Count. This event is very popular with members and their friends. Last year CBC participants counted over a hundred species and thousands of birds. Dan and Fran Post hosted an after the count potluck at the Rosewind Commons.
- Conservation chairman George Yount kept watch on the Counties Critical Area Ordinance and Shoreline Master Plan updates and marshaled members to testify for stronger protections of these environmentally sensitive areas. Admiralty Audubon members testified at hearings in Quilcene for the expansion of the WA Dept. of Natural Resource Tarboo Creek Estuary Preserve.
- Admiralty Audubon members attended meetings and talked to elected officials to move toward protection of the Port of Port Townsend land in the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. Through the Port Townsend's Adopt A Park Program President Rosemary Sikes organized seven spring work parties in the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. Enthusiastic volunteers spent about 180 hours removing invasive weeds, picking up trash and maintaining wildlife plantings in the park.
- Rosemary also successfully applied for funding from National Audubon to help design the new chapter website www.admiraltyaudubon.org. The website committee decided the most important features of the site. Webmaster Andrew Reding designed the site to include their recommendations.
- Purple martin boxes previously placed near the PT Boat Haven, Kah Tah Lagoon Nature Park, and Port Townsend Marine Science Center Pier were maintained and monitored through the nesting season.
- Beginning in September David Gluckman and other AAS members participated in the on going Puget Sound Marine Bird Survey.
- Also starting in September, Admiralty Audubon commenced its bimonthly Wildlife Survey of the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park organized by Ken Wilson.
- Field Trip Chairman David Gluckman provided free introductory fall Birding Classes at both Fort Worden and Peninsula College.

If you would like to participate in chapter activities and you are not receiving email notifications currently, please submit your email address to rosemarysikes@olympus.net.

Stop bird window collisions *by Ron Sikes*

One billion estimated bird deaths are due to collisions with windows and buildings. Having large windows on the south side of our house has resulted in many bird collisions. Last February, Rosemary ordered nylon deer netting from a Seattle company. It is 1.75 inch square mesh suspended from 3/8 inch nylon rope. She used plastic tie cables to attach the netting to loops of 1/8 inch nylon cord. These cord loops run through screw eyes above and below the windows.



Since its placement there have been zero bird collisions. One robin being pursued by another did hit the netting. This had a trampoline effect giving it some aid in finding a new direction. The netting makes taking bird pictures more difficult but does not impact bird watching. Rather it adds to it as birds sometimes land on the netting to look inside, giving us a close look at them. She ordered it at Seamar –

http://www.seattlemarine.net/nets/square_mesh_nets.html. For more information about preventing bird window collisions visit www.audubon.org. Click on Helping Birds and Wildlife, then click on Birds to Help, then click on Keeping Wildlife Safe. If you're interested in eliminating bird window collisions we would love to talk to you or show you what we have done. Please call 385-0307 or email sikes@olympus.net. (picture from www.birds.cornell.edu)

Admiralty Audubon is looking for a Newsletter Editor

Sandra Smith, our newsletter editor, is stepping down due to health reasons. Emily Mandelbaum has graciously agreed to publish this newsletter to give us time to find another editor. Emily used Microsoft Publisher software, which can be used as a template for future newsletters. I understand Microsoft Word can also be used to publish the newsletter. To reduce publishing time the newsletter is now four pages instead of six. Anyone interested in considering the newsletter editor position please contact Rosemary Sikes 385-0307 or email rosemarysikes@olympus.net. The newsletter editor is key to keeping our members informed.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY JAN 19, 2010

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