



ADMIRALTY AUDUBON SPRING PROGRAMS

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

March 18, Falcon Sky Patrol — Bob Leporati

In retirement, Bob Leporati has trained peregrine falcons to work at airports, using his falcons to keep gulls, starlings, and other bird species away from runways and flight paths. A former teacher of biology and earth science, Bob became interested in falconry in his 30's. Accompanied by his live birds, he will show pictures and tell stories about his work. Bob has been active with the South Shore Audubon Society on Long Island, NY.

April 15, Weeds In Our Yards — Jill Silver

As our gardens grow, so do the weeds. Jill Silver volunteers on the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Board and will advise us regarding weeds in our yards. Jill is a native of Western WA and Executive Director of the non-profit 10,000 Years Institute. Her work supports local environmental and economic sustainability through targeted science and policies to protect watersheds and the ecosystem. Her passion is to bring nature and people closer together so that both can thrive. Jill holds a B.A.S. in Environmental Studies and Sciences from Evergreen State College.

Clara Mason, Program Chair

Snow Geese Sighting ***Field Report by Ron Sikes***

Date: 2010-02-21

Location: Fir Island, Skagit River Delta
Region & State: West WA (USA)

Several thousand snow geese were a spectacular site as they flew overhead. We were a group of students, teachers, and parents from the Port Townsend ICE education program. I was invited along to help find the birds and to relate their natural history. We had a perfect day with full sun and no wind. The views of the Puget Sound, the snow covered Cascades and Olympics were magnificent. The geese were flying, landing and feeding next to Wylie Road just south of Fir Island Road and just west of the South Fork of the Skagit. This road dead ends at a WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife parking area with clean non-flush toilets. A WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife access permit is required to use this access. These are available at sporting goods stores, or if you have a state fishing or hunting license, access is permitted with the license.



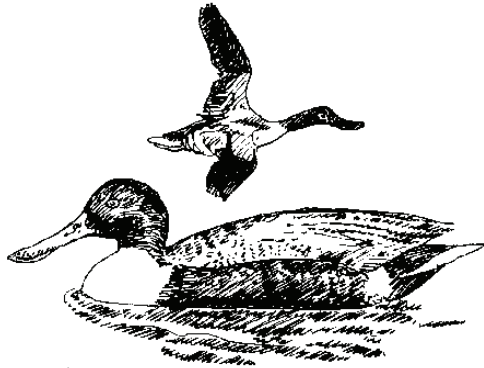
David Gluckman



ADMIRALTY AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Saturday, March 13 at 8:30 a.m. — Around Indian and Marrowstone Islands.

Dan Waggoner will lead a trip from Oak Bay County Park to the parks on Indian and Marrowstone Islands. It's a good time in this early spring year to see water birds gathering to migrate north and early warblers showing in the woodlands. Meet Dan at Oak Bay Park at 8:30 a.m. or at the Port Townsend Park and Ride at 8 a.m. to carpool. Phone 301-1788, danwags57@gmail.com



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Saturday, March 27 at 7:40 a.m. — Sea birds from the Port Townsend ferry and ducks at Crocket Lake.

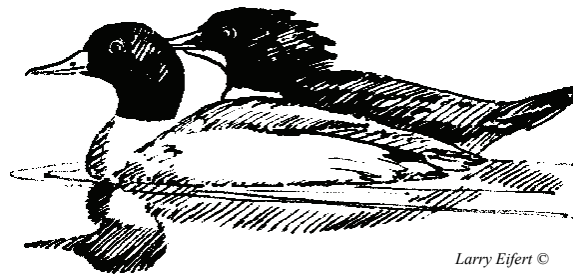
Walk on the 8 a.m. Port Townsend-to-Keystone ferry. Search for Admiralty Inlet sea birds from the deck of the ferry and spend the morning around Crockett Lake at Keystone and Eby National Wildlife Refuge. Bring enough money for ferry tickets and a lunch if desired. Return on the 12:00 noon ferry. Meet at the ferry terminal in time to buy a ticket for the 8 a.m. ferry. Leader David Gluckman, phone 379-0360, cgluckman@aol.com

Saturday, April 3 at 1 p.m. (low tide) — Point to Point Walking Trip.

Ron Sikes will lead a walking trip from Point Hudson to Point Wilson along the beach at low tide looking at birds and sea life of various types. Carpooling for return transportation will be arranged. Meet at the point of Point Wilson at 1 p.m. Phone 385-0307.

Saturday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. — Travel around Anderson Lake.

Search for early-arriving migrant and beginning breeding birds on the forest trails adjacent to the lake. We will scope the lake itself, then move west to the overland deeper forest on a circular route that should be completed by 11 a.m. Bring a snack and water. (We are not going *around* the lake, since that trail is unmaintained and hazardous in parts.) Participants leaving from Port Townsend can convene at the Park and Ride parking lot for car pooling at 8:00 a.m. Otherwise meet at parking area at Lake Anderson Park at 8:30 a.m. Contact David Beatty for more information, 575-534-1450 (cell).



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NOTE: Wear appropriate footwear and clothes for the weather. Bring binoculars, scopes (if available) and bird books. Heavy rain may cancel some trips, so check if in doubt. Take water and a snack.

David Gluckman, Field Trip Co-Chair



Spring Work Parties at the KAH TAI LAGOON Nature Park

Ah, spring is here, and with the season comes our annual spring clean up at the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. Admiralty Audubon will be hosting four work parties at the park this spring and providing pizza for lunch for all the hungry volunteers. We will be planting at the Landes Street entrance to replace the Japanese Knotweed as well as removing Scotch Broom, ivy, and holly. Garbage bags will be provided for those that prefer to pick up trash. Dates will be Sunday, March 7 and March 14, as well as Sunday, April 11 and April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please join us for an hour or spend the day. It is a great way to exercise, breathe fresh air, and contribute to our community.

Rosemary Sikes, President, Admiralty Audubon

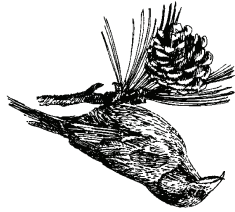
Admiralty Audubon and Make Waves Aquatic Center

The February 18 article in the Peninsula Daily News has some of our members concerned. On February 16 there was a Jefferson Transit meeting, and some people attending the meeting concluded Admiralty Audubon is supporting the location of the Make Waves aquatic center in the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. The Admiralty Audubon board or its members have not voted to approve the location of the aquatic center. I have sent a letter of clarification to the Jefferson Transit Board on this matter. I am encouraging both the Port of Port Townsend and the Jefferson Land Trust to have a conservation easement on at least 18 acres of the port land in the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park that will preserve wildlife habitat and a passive recreation park in perpetuity. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING Tuesday, March 16, 2010



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