



ADMIRALTY AUDUBON MAY-JUNE PROGRAMS

Thursday May 20 at 7 PM

Port Townsend Community Center, 620 Tyler Street (Corner of Lawrence and Tyler)

All Welcome, Free

Feathered Architects — Idie Ulsh

From eagles to hummingbirds, Idie Ulsh will explore with us how and where birds make nests, nest configurations and relate interesting facts about their construction. She has photographed the nests of more than 30 species, with an emphasis on song birds. Idie is a Seattle Audubon Master Birder, past president of Seattle Audubon and a freelance nature photographer.

Thursday June 17 at 6 PM

Quimper Grange, 1219 Corona Street (Corner of Sheridan and Corona)

From QFC, north on Sheridan, about 5 blocks north of Hastings

Admiralty Audubon Annual Potluck Picnic

Bring: a dish to share, beverage of your choice, and **your table setting (plate and utensils)**.

Note the earlier starting time. This will be our last gathering of the season before resuming our meetings in September. Visit and share dinner with your Admiralty Audubon Board and other members, share your bird stories, and just hang out. Come about 5:30 p.m. or earlier for a bird walk prior to eating.

Clara Mason, Program Chair

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April has been a busy month and no mistake: Admiralty Audubon celebrated Earth Day on April 18 by sponsoring the last of four work parties in the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. We finished the sweep through the park pulling Scotch Broom sprouts and some Holly along the way, as well as picked up garbage. Volunteers from the Unitarian Church joined us and planted some natives along the south shore of the lagoon with Ron's supervision. A big THANK YOU for the volunteers that participated.

April 28 is Admiralty Audubon's presentation to the Port Commissioners. The power point presentation gives Admiralty Audubon's vision for the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. In a nut shell, it is to preserve wild life habitat, open space for passive recreation and scenic beauty, and its use as a living classroom. We are also encouraging future improvements in the area of water quality, wildlife habitat, and public enjoyment of the park, such as upgrading the connecting trails with pervious payment, more benches, interpretive signs, and a viewing overlook platform on the Garfield right of way north of the Kah Tai Care Center with a sidewalk on the west side of Kearney Street for walking access from the park and to increase access to the park for the residents of the Care Center. A big THANK YOU to David Gluckman, Andrew Reding, and Robert Whitney who contributed excellent photos for the project and Ken Wilson for ideas

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and Ron Sikes who again proves himself to be volunteer extraordinaire contributing photos and much time and expertise to help put the presentation together. What you can do is show support by writing your Port Commissioners to encourage them to adopt Admiralty Audubon's vision for the park. Send your comments to the Port Commissioner's email addresses: John Collins jcollins@portofpt.com, Dave Thompson info@portofpt.com, and Leif Erickson lerickson@portofpt.com or send a letter to 375 Hudson St., Port Townsend WA 98368.

Karen McKee, AAS member, and I have recently been appointed to the city's Park, Recreation, and Trees Advisory Board. Jeremy Bubnick, the new head of city parks, is updating the planning document for city parks. He is seeking public input through the advisory board, public meetings, and a Community Survey. The Community Survey is being mailed with a random sampling of city utility bills late April or early May. *PLEASE take the time to fill it out. It will greatly influence how the city manages parks for the next five years.*

Rosemary Sikes, President, Admiralty Audubon

AAS FIELD TRIPS

Home Landscape Wildlife Habitat Tour — Starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8. Leaders, Ron Sikes and Jill Silver. Meet at the parking lot at North Beach and Carpool to the sites. Participants will visit four or more backyard habitats where the focus is to allow a diversity of native wildlife to survive and hopefully prosper. Participants will visit Jill Silver's habitat and progress to others to end at Rosemary and Ron's wildlife habitat landscape. The tour will end at least by noon. Be prepared to see traditional garden ideas violated and nature run rampant! Call Ron at 385-0307 or Jill at 385-4518 to make sure there's space.

Kah Tai Birding by Ear — Sunday, May 30 at 8 a.m. Leader, Ken Wilson, 821-1101. Meet at the Landis Street entrance to Kah Tai and spend a few hours walking around Kah Tai identifying birds by sound with renown biologist and bird audiologist, Ken Wilson.

There are no field trips planned for June due to travel schedules. If this changes, a notice will be posted on the web site. If you're interested and don't have computer access, call David Gluckman at 379-0360.

David Gluckman, Field Trip Chair

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NEXT BOARD MEETING Tuesday, May 18, 2010	



ADMIRALTY AUDUBON FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Around Indian and Marrowstone Islands. Leader, Dan Waggoner. March 13.

Nine of us enjoyed a beautiful morning of birding. We saw a total of 55 species. Highlights included two Black Oystercatchers at Oak Bay, a Sharp-shinned Hawk capturing a meal just a few feet in front of us at the picnic area on Indian Island. Pine Siskin, House Finches, both Chickadees, Stellar's Jays, many Eagles and Ducks – Pintail, Green-wings, Hoodies, Bufflehead, Scaup, Gadwall, Mallards, Common and Barrows Goldeneye, Surf Scoters, Harlequins. Greater Yellowleg and Least Sandpipers at Isthmus Beach, Barrow's Goldeneye at Mystery Bay and Long-tailed Ducks, all three Cormorants, Black-bellied Plovers, Sanderlings, Dunlin, a Black Turnstone and a Western Meadowlark. Dick Johnson and I saw a Peregrine Falcon at the Indian Island bridge on the way home.

Sea Birds from PT Ferry and Ducks at Crocket Lake. Leader, David Gluckman. March 27.

Six of us boarded the ferry to Keystone for a wonderful morning of birding. We didn't see anything unusual except for the hundreds of Rhinoceros Auklets in mid-channel where they've been for a few weeks. Our list was as follows: Rhinos, Pigeon Guillemots, Double Crested and Pelagic Cormorants, Red-necked and Horned Grebes, Marbled Murrelets, Glaucus-Winged Gulls and Hybrids, Long-tailed Ducks, Canada Geese, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagles, Red-breasted Mergansers, Harlequin Ducks, Northern Pintails, Mallards, Hooded Mergansers, Scaup, American Widgeon, Buffleheads, Savannah, White-crowned, Golden-crowned and Song Sparrows, Spotted Towhees, American Crows, Red-winged Blackbirds, European Starlings, Ruddy Ducks, American Robins, Winter Wrens, White-winged Scoter.



David Gluckman

Travel Around Anderson Lake. Leader, David Beatty. April 1.

Eight birders spent a productive two hours at Anderson Lake State Park. Highlights include at least two male Wood Ducks on the water and a first-of-season returning Wilson's Warbler and several Common Yellow-throats nearby. The species total numbered 31. The species seen were Mallards, Wood Duck, Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Canada Goose, Common Raven, Northern Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, American Robin, Winter Wren, Marsh Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Black-capped Chickadee, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Wilson's Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Spotted Towhee, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Golden-crowned Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Dark-eyed Junco, Red-winged Blackbird, House Finch, Purple Finch, House Sparrow.

Point to Point Walking Trip. Leader, Ron Sikes. April 3.

An afternoon low tide allowed for easy access from point to point. The birds were actively feeding, many of them taking on fuel for the imminent breeding season and migration. The Glaucous Winged Gulls may be Protection Island nesters but the Black Turnstones, Mew Gulls, Common Loons, Black Bellied Plovers, Surf Scoters, Buffleheads, Red Breasted Mergansers, and about 100 Brant we saw, will be headed for their arctic or taiga forest breeding areas. Most were in their breeding plumage including some Black Bellied Plover, Horned Grebe, and the Common Loon. Together on the fence near the light house were a male Mountain Blue Bird and a very red House Finch.

David Gluckman, Field Trip Chair



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