



## **ADMIRALTY AUDUBON PROGRAM**

**Thursday November 18, at 7 PM**  
**Port Townsend Community Center**  
**620 Tyler Street (Corner of Lawrence and Tyler)**  
*All Welcome, Free*

Local photographers David Gluckman, Bob Whitney, and Stephen Cunliffe will present a panel discussion on Bird Photography. They will each show their images while explaining various techniques and problems the photographer needs to deal with when photographing birds. They will also talk about and demonstrate the equipment they use in the field. This is a rare opportunity to learn from the experience and expertise of these accomplished photographers.

## **ADMIRALTY AUDUBON CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

The Christmas Bird Count is on Saturday, December 18, 2010. The bird count will be held during the day and will be followed by a 6 p.m. potluck dinner at the Rosewind Commons, 3121 Haines St. There is a \$5.00 per person participation fee to be used by National Audubon to pay for recording the results from across North America. To participate and be a bird counter, sign up at the November meeting (November 18 at 7 p.m., Port Townsend Community Center, 620 Tyler St), or contact Dan Waggoner, [danwags57@gmail.com](mailto:danwags57@gmail.com) or Dick Johnson, 360-385-5418.

## **AAS FIELD TRIPS**

Saturday, November 13 – **FIELD TRIP TO QUILCENE/BRINNON**

Meet at Port Townsend Park and Ride at 8:30. First stop will be on East Quilcene Bay Rd. Second stop is Linger Longer Road. We will be scanning bay for waterfowl. Third stop is the Big Quilcene River below the fish hatchery. The target at this stop is Dippers and Common Mergansers. Fourth stop is the Dosewallips State Park. Again looking for more waterfowl, Dippers and Mergansers. Bring a lunch, as we will be out until mid afternoon. Dress for weather. It's November, and it will be wet and cold. Contact Dan Waggoner at 360-301-1788 or [danwags57@gmail.com](mailto:danwags57@gmail.com)

Saturday, December 11 – **POINT WILSON**

Looking for the elusive Yellow-billed Loon and other seabirds from 9 a.m. to noon at Point Wilson. Meet at the parking lot next to the Lighthouse at the end of the Fort Worden beach road. Dress warmly. Bring scopes if you have them. Trip leader is Bob Whitney, 360-531-0116.

- *David Gluckman, Field Trip Chair*



## *Make Things Happen*

Are you new in town or recently retired and looking for something worthwhile to spend some of your time on? Consider joining the Admiralty Audubon board or joining one of our committees. Our by-laws allow for up to six at large positions on our board. The responsibility of an at large board member would be to come to most of the board meetings — eight board meetings a year September-May except December. During those meetings we make decisions about conservation and education projects that make East Jefferson County a better place.

We also have five committees available: Conservation, Membership, Programs, Field Trips, and Education. Committee chairs attend board meetings; committee members do not attend board meetings, but participate in the committee of their choice and report to the committee chair. Currently committee chairs are: George Yount – Conservation, Brenda McMillen – Membership, Clara Mason – Programs, and David Gluckman – Field Trips. Let me know if you would like to become more involved in Admiralty Audubon, working toward preserving and improving wildlife habitat and educating the public about birds and the importance of conservation.

- Rosemary Sikes, President Admiralty Audubon, [rosemarysikes@olympus.net](mailto:rosemarysikes@olympus.net), 385-0307

## *Workparties at the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park*

Now that we have the Scotch Broom under control, it is time to take on the holly and ivy. These are two very invasive plants that compete and reduce the diversity of the more beneficial native plants. On *Saturday October 30 and November 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*, please join us at the Kah Tai Park for an hour or more to pull holly, ivy, Scotch Broom sprouts, or pick up garbage. Parking is available in the park near the bathrooms, then walk east on the main trail along the south shore of the lagoon. We will be working in the grove of trees nearest to Kearney Street. Bring work gloves and wear work clothes. If you have them, bring pruners, loppers, and/ or folding saws. We will provide home made cookies, water, and Scotch Broom pullers, which also work on the small holly trees. See you there.

- Rosemary Sikes, President Admiralty Audubon

### **JOIN US or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

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Can we send you the newsletter via e-mail? \_\_\_\_\_

Or would you prefer to receive a paper copy? \_\_\_\_\_

Send \$20 annual membership to: Admiralty Audubon, PO Box 666, Port Townsend WA 98368



## AAS September- October Field Trip Report

### Dungeness Bay, Leader David Gluckman, September 5.

Five early season birders had a very pleasant morning around Sequim and Dungeness Bays. The only unusual birds were a Eurasian Collared Dove near 3 Crabs and an unidentified sleeping Loon at John Wayne Marina. Hundreds of Canada Geese filled the skies all around and the bays during an unfortunate low tide. Bird List – American Crow; Glaucus-winged Gulls,



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Mew Gulls; European Starlings; Double-crested and Pelagic Cormorants; Pigeon Guillemots; Savannah, White-crowned, House and Song Sparrows; Canada Geese; Eurasian Collared and Morning Doves; Mallards; Hooded and Red-breasted Mergansers; American Widgeon; Western Sandpipers; Black-bellied Plovers (winter and summer plumages); Violet-Green, Eastern Tree and Barn Swallows; Northern Harrier (female); Bald Eagles; Great Blue Herons; Steller's Jay; House Finch.

### Quilcene Bay Estuary, Leader Ron Sikes, October 16.

A field trip in brilliant sunshine. Five of us paddled from the Quilcene's Port of PT's public launch and parking site. We rode the high tide toward the end of the bay where the Big Quil and Little Quilcene enter saltwater. There were hundreds of waterfowl in the upper bay. We enjoyed seeing Pintails, Mallards, Green-wing Teal, and lots of American Widgeon. We were surprised by a Peregrine dropping out of the sky at some Mallards we had flushed from the salt marsh. It did not strike a duck but I'm sure it gave them a scare, and we had a thrill of seeing the drama. While we were pulled out on a flooded delta in the Quil Estuary having lunch, a flock of Dowitchers flew very fast right over our heads. We also saw a flock of Common Mergansers, several Kingfishers, a Horned Grebe, a Great Blue Heron, two Eagles, and a curious seal. We were able to ride a light tail wind and the then-outgoing tide back to our launch site.



David Gluckman

- David Gluckman, Field Trip Chair

NEXT BOARD MEETING Tuesday, November 16, 2010



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