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BHAS Signs Letter of Support for Deschutes Estuary Restoration

by Donna Nickerson, Conservation Chair

Black Hills Audubon has been involved in the Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Program (CLAMP) as a public interest group since CLAMP's early days. We have continued to learn about the possibilities for, and difficulties of, restoring the Deschutes estuary through review of technical reports, attendance at steering committee deliberations, participation in focus group

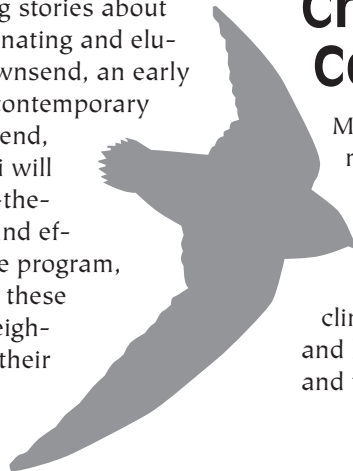
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Thursday, September 17 Vaux's Swifts: Regional Stories

Come spend an evening hearing stories about the Vaux's Swift! This is a fascinating and elusive bird, named by John K. Townsend, an early explorer of the far west and a contemporary of John J. Audubon, after his friend, William S. Vaux. Tracey Scalici will share stories from our neck-of-the-woods about swifts' behavior and efforts to protect them. Before the program, we may be able to see many of these birds in the Capitol Museum neighborhood, as they descend into their roosting chimney.



Thursday, October 15 Amphibians of Washington: Challenges for Conservation

Marc Hayes, biologist with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, will present a program on Washington's amphibians with special emphasis on why our amphibians are especially vulnerable. Marc will discuss key environmental issues and problems such as climate change and disease, and forest practices and how they are believed to impact both aquatic and terrestrial species. Illustrated highlights will

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From the President

A Productive Year at Black Hills Audubon

By Sam Merrill

This past year, our Black Hills Audubon chapter has been particularly active in the areas of education, conservation, and field trips.

Education

Our new Education Committee, led by Debbie Nickerson, has reinstated Birding 101 classes in both fall and spring, and is sponsoring a pelagic class in late August. The Education folks also gave a number of presentations in local elementary and middle schools this year, slide-shows about birds with a smattering of information about habitat loss and conservation thrown in for good measure. An innovative program this year was *Board the Bus*, which offered area schoolteachers funds to support transportation for taking children on field trips to nature preserves. The project funded about a dozen trips, in part by a grant from Audubon Washington, and in part by chapter funds. We hope to continue *Board the Bus* in years to come.

Conservation

Conservation efforts have included participation on the Thurston County task forces on asphalt plant siting and mineral lands (Susan Markey), the Department of Ecology's Deschutes Watershed Cleanup Plan (Sue Danver), and on the series of focus groups sponsored by the Steering Committee of the Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Program (Donna Nickerson). We continue to work with county officials to see that habitat preservation and other land use provisions are enforced. Last winter, we signed a legal settlement with an area developer to preserve some high quality wetlands that might otherwise have been affected.

Field Trips

Our Field Trip Chair, Kristin Stewart, schedules about two field trips per month. This year's trips took us to see wintering waterfowl and raptors in the Skagit area, and seabirds at Marrowstone Island, as well as places closer to home, such as Capitol Lake and Capitol Forest. The month of May saw a flurry of field trips (including to Nisqually and Ocean Shores) as part of **Birdathon**, organized by Sheila McCartan.

Everything Else We Do

- ▶ We participate in the state-wide *Save the Swifts* project, with Whittier Johnson in charge of monitoring local Vaux's Swift roosts.
- ▶ George Walter coordinates our Christmas Bird Count in the middle of winter, as so many of us venture out to join our fellow birders in this century-old tradition of monitoring avian species' occurrence and abundance all across the country.
- ▶ This year's program meetings (third Thursdays) included presentations on loons in Washington state, albatrosses on Midway Atoll, Macaws of Tambopata, and spectacular under-water photographs of wildlife in Puget Sound, all arranged by Program Chair Kris Schoyen.
- ▶ We organize and conduct a bird-feeder cleaning each fall, and have been cleaning up to 200 bird feeders each time. This event helps us raise funds for some of our projects and activities. (Our next one is scheduled for September 26; see page 9 for details.)
- ▶ One of our most enjoyable events is the Annual Dinner (planned by Margery Beeler), a potluck attended by 150–200 members each year. The dinner helps raise funds through a silent auction, and is also a wonderful opportunity to see and chat with old and new friends who share a common interest in the natural world and its conservation. At the 2009 dinner in March, our featured speaker was the new Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark, who shared with us his vision for land use planning and preservation in Washington state. At that dinner also, we instituted the Dave McNett Environmental Education Award in memory of a knowledgeable, enthusiastic, and beloved birding mentor for schoolchildren in our area. This year's award went to the Science Dept. at Komachin Middle School in Lacey and we were delighted to share the evening with about a dozen teachers from that school.



The editor of *The Echo* and also our webmaster, Deb Jaqua, keeps us up-to-date on all these events, and makes sure BHAS information is published and available to one and all.

As we begin to plan activities for the coming year, we welcome three new members to the Black Hills Board — Meagan Thorn, Tracey Scalici, and Nancy Hertzell — and we welcome back continuing at-large Board member Mike O'Malley. 🦋

CLAMP

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sessions, and various public dialogues. Through this long and informative process, we have grown increasingly convinced that restoring the Deschutes River to an estuary is the best alternative. We presented our comment letter supporting this alternative to the Steering Committee staff representative on July 1, 2009.

Estuary Alternative or Managed Lake Alternative?

Findings from numerous CLAMP studies indicate that the estuary alternative would be a long-term, low-cost choice that would generate a high amount of public benefit in terms of wildlife, recreation, ecological services, and economic benefits. By contrast, the managed lake alternative (which may be more popular with the public at this point) represents a 70% higher total implementation cost than the estuary alternative, and has fewer public benefits (CLAMP 2007 net benefit analysis). In addition, a separate 1997 Ecological Economics study concluded that compared to all other biomes, estuaries generate the highest value of ecosystem goods and services per hectare. The estuary alternative simply makes sense at many levels.

Restoration is a Process

However, should the estuary alternative be chosen, it is important that the sources of pollution currently in lower Budd Inlet, Capitol Lake, and Deschutes River be assessed and cleaned up first. Restoring the Deschutes to the estuary it once was means it will be connected to the larger water system that is Puget Sound. It will return the force of the Deschutes as the second most important river system influencing the south Sound's circulation, and transport not only sediment but also pollutants with the outgoing tide; lower Budd Inlet pollutants will be carried back up the sub-estuary with the incoming tide. In other words, there will be a mixing of pollutants between the Deschutes and lower Budd Inlet, as well as up Budd Inlet and throughout other areas of the south Sound. The Hydrodynamics and Sediment Transport Modeling report (2006) did not model past the mouth of Budd Inlet but did suggest that the sediment (and likely, any pollutants) would go beyond Budd Inlet. Given the importance of a healthy south Sound for fish, shellfish, birds, and other wildlife, it is important that the sources of pollutants in both the Deschutes and lower Budd Inlet be identified and controlled before restoration takes place.

Sediment has been seen largely as a cost in the various CLAMP analyses. However, good, clean sediment is a benefit to an estuarine ecosystem. It increases beach formation and is a component of sorted pea gravel, an important part of the Puget Sound basin's prime salmon habitat. Thus, return of the Deschutes River sediment to southern Puget Sound would not only increase salmon habitat, but could benefit homeowners by building up their beaches and lessening the impacts of storm damage, among other benefits. On the other hand, too much sediment can result in turbidity problems. Improved land use management within the Deschutes River basin and lower Budd Inlet would help prevent further increases in sediment levels while helping to resolve the current ground water problems. Comprehensive management of sub estuaries in Puget Sound will be part of the larger solution for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020, the goal of the Puget Sound Partnership.

Next Steps

The CLAMP Steering Committee held a retreat on July 2 to form their recommendation on which alternative would best serve the public interest. A majority of committee members were in favor of returning the area to an estuary. This is the first step in a series of decisions. The next steps at the state level will involve the General Administration, the Capital Committee, and the Legislature. In addition, funds and political support will need to come from the federal government, and there will continue to be opportunity for public input throughout the process. 🦋

Programs

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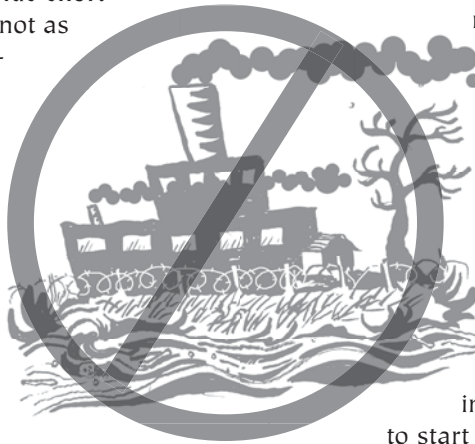
be on the Oregon Spotted Frog and the Northern Leopard Frog, our most-in-trouble species.

BHAS membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Capitol Museum Coach House, 211 W. 21st Street, in Olympia. Social hour is at 7:00 PM, with programs beginning promptly at 7:30 PM. Driving directions from Olympia: From I-5, take exit 105 following the "State Capitol/City Center route. Go straight, through the tunnel. At the light (Capitol Way) turn left (south). After 7 blocks, turn right onto 21st Street. The Museum is two blocks down on the left. The Coach House meeting room and parking are south of and behind the Museum.

Cap and Trade Progress

The US House of Representatives has taken a step toward reduction of carbon emissions and our country's participation in the worldwide effort to control global warming. Although not as far-reaching as many environmentalists would have liked, the American Clean Energy and Security Act was a compromise hammered out to get it through the House—and even then, it passed by only seven votes. (Both our area representatives, Brian Baird and Adam Smith, voted in favor.) We thank all who called their representatives to encourage the passage of this bill. The stage now shifts to the Senate, where passage of an effective bill needs all the help it can get; 60 votes are needed to overcome a likely filibuster.

What is this bill all about? Cap and Trade is a system aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. by 17% (from 2005 levels) by the year 2020. To reach this goal, polluting entities would be



issued permits allowing them to emit so much carbon dioxide into the air; a company could only emit as much as it is allowed. Total emissions would be capped, and the limits gradually drawn down. Companies could also trade (or sell) their permits. The number of permits would be limited and more than 70% would be initially given away free to utilities, manufacturers, state governments, and the like.

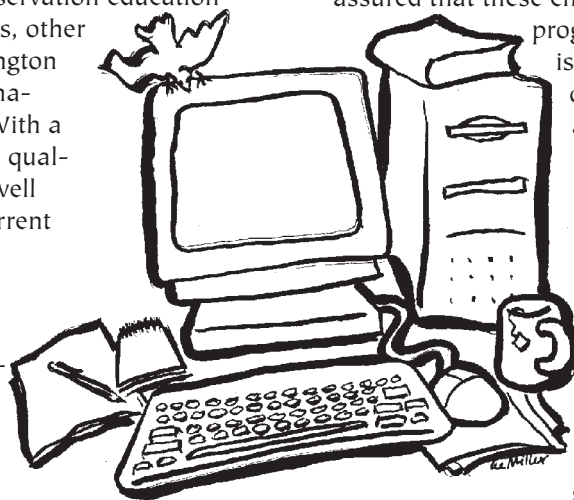
The measure would also support investment in new energy sources through financing of research, and by making available \$10 billion for the development of technology to capture and store gasses from burning coal.

The Clean Energy Act is an initial step by our government to start the ball rolling. Most environmental groups, including National Audubon, applaud these efforts toward making the U.S. part of the worldwide effort towards controlling global warming. 🐦

Audubon Washington to Close Olympia Office

Audubon Washington will be closing its Olympia office this fall. According to Charlie Kahle, Interim Executive Director, "Audubon Washington is committed to delivering vital conservation education and action to benefit the birds, other wildlife and nature of Washington State even in the face of the national economic downturn. With a strong membership base and quality program activity, we are well positioned to weather the current economic downturn.

Nonetheless, we are being impacted by recent changes in the global economy. Audubon Washington is responding to the challenging economic situation confronting all organizations by re-focusing on our key programs and the distinctive grassroots nature of Audubon to ensure the success of our conservation mission.



Regrettably, the streamlining process involves closing our long-time office in Olympia and reducing administrative and development staff; but rest assured that these changes will not diminish our program work. Our policy program is funded to strengthen ties with our chapters as we anticipate another difficult year for the state legislature's budget and we will still have a presence in the capital through our public policy consultant Miguel Perez-Gibson, who is based in Olympia.

Our staff and programs will continue to engage with individuals and organizations in Olympia and across the state to ensure that the Audubon network remains a powerful force in connecting people with nature and with the power to protect it." 🐦

Birding in Earnest

Sightings for April–May 2009

By Bill Shelmerdine

To reports sightings, call 866-9106 or email
georn1@hotmail.com

Birding news and reports for this period focused on shorebird and passerine (perching birds) migration. One of the great things about this season is that there are new arrivals and notable sightings almost daily — too many, in fact, to be reported here.

Of equal significance to birders has been the closure of the dike trail at the Nisqually Refuge for implementation of the lower river and estuary restoration plan. Sure, access will change and some are disappointed by this, but the prospects for restoration and recovery are exciting. Since the beginning of construction in early May, access at the refuge has been limited to the boardwalk leading to the Twin Barns, the cross-over to the river, and the river trail to the viewing deck. Nevertheless, shallow water and open muddy areas have been maintained and many good sightings (particularly of shorebirds) have been coming from this area.

I am always interested in collecting information on arrival times of migrants and breeding species; thus, many first-of-season reports are included here. Thanks to all who contributed through direct reporting (to me), posting their sightings to sites such as tweeters, or WOS News, or recording sightings in the log book at Nisqually. Long-term tracking of this kind of information can reveal interesting trends.

First of year (FOY) reports for our area, in more or less chronological order, include the following: **Orange-crowned Warbler** (4/5); **Common Yellowthroat** and **Savannah Sparrow** (4/6); **Rough-winged Swallow** (4/7); **Vesper Sparrow** (4/14); **Yellow Warbler** (4/17); **Cassin's Vireo** and **Black-throated Gray Warbler** (4/18); **Vaux's Swift** (4/25); **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** and **Wilson's Warbler** (4/26); **Nashville Warbler** (4/28, with 2 more at Nisqually on 5/15); **Black-headed Grosbeak** and **Purple Martin** (4/29); **Hammond's Flycatcher** (5/9); **Lazuli Bunting** (5/10); **Olive-sided Flycatcher** and **Bullock's Oriole** (5/13); **MacGillivray's Warbler** (5/16); **Western Wood-Pewee** (5/18) and **Willow Flycatcher** (5/20). By 5/9, there were numerous **Hermit Warblers** on territory in Capitol Forest, though due to infrequent birding in the area, I don't really have a sense of when they might have arrived. Thanks go to Valerie Anderson, Keith Brady, Doug Canning, Denis DeSilvis, Dennis Ellison, Paul Hicks, Phil Kelley, Kevin McFarland,

and Bob Sundstrom for reporting their sightings.

Shorebirds provided excitement over this time period with lots of activity between the third week of April and about the 20th of May. On 4/19: Dave Hayden reported the first of many **Lesser Yellow-legs** sightings from Nisqually. On 4/22, the first **Solitary Sandpipers** of the season were reported from the same area by Denis DeSilvis. Up to 3 Solitary Sandpipers were reported in the following days with at least one lingering through 4/28. This year seemed like a productive year for the species, with another bird at Nisqually on 5/18, a particularly late date for the species. The average seems to be 1 to 2 per year around the end of April and perhaps into the first days of May. Four **Short-billed Dowitchers** were seen from the outer dike at Nisqually on 4/28. A lone **Marbled Godwit** inside the dikes near Twin Barns on 4/29 was a significant sighting by Phil Kelley. A lone **Black-necked Stilt** was reported from Nisqually on 5/3 by Anne Overby and others. This species has become annual in recent years, although all sightings have been single-day events, much to the frustration of some, including yours truly. The first **Wilson's Phalarope** sightings of the years included 2 birds at Nisqually on 5/1, where they are now reported annually. The phalaropes have lingered through the month, begging the question of whether or not they are breeding, or will breed, at the site? Up to 4 were present on 5/27. And finally in the shorebird department, 5 **Pectoral Sandpipers** were observed at Nisqually on 5/18. They only hung around for a couple of days, though 1 (or another) lingered until at least 5/26.

Other sightings of note include the following:

On 5/21, 22 **White Pelicans** were reported from Woodard Bay by Lori Salzer. The following day, Dennis Fenton reported 12 hauled out on the water's edge further into Henderson Inlet.

The first **Cinnamon Teal** of the season were reported on 4/22, while **Blue-winged Teal** were first reported on 4/28, both from the Nisqually Refuge.

A **Golden Eagle** was an excellent sighting from Nisqually by Ed Deal on 4/24.

A lone **Eurasian Collared Dove** stopped by my house on 4/25 and 2 were reported from Glacial Heritage on 5/9 by Bob Sundstrom. With the rapid rise in observations, soon this species may cease to be noteworthy in our area.

A male **Calliope Hummingbird** showed up at my place on 4/7. It was joined by 8 or more **Rufous** and 2 **Anna's hummingbirds**, an unusual con-

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Field Trips

August 27 (Thursday) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and August 29 (Saturday) 6 am to 4 pm Pelagic Birding Class and Field Trip
Leader: Matt Pike and Westport Seabirds

Here is an opportunity to learn more about the pelagic species of the Pacific. Participation in this program is two-fold — a class at the Olympic Center (in Olympia) on Thursday, August 27, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm; and a trip out of Westport with Westport Seabirds on August 29 from 6am to 4pm. Matt Pike will teach the class and will be a leader on the chartered boat trip. There is a limit of 24 people. This is expected to fill quickly, so contact Matt at hoodedcrow3b@yahoo.com to register. Cost is \$140.00.



Ducks at Capitol Lake last November.

September 20 (Sunday) 8 am to 12:00 Noon Patrick Sullivan Memorial Walk at Nisqually
Leader: There is no specific leader for this third annual walk in remembrance of Patrick Sullivan; Kristin Stewart is the contact person.

Shortly after Patrick Sullivan died two years ago, several BHAS members who had known, loved, and admired him felt the need to go to Nisqually, which had been one of Patrick's favorite places. We want to continue that tradition in a third annual bird walk. In the past, we have birded and shared stories and memories of Patrick on these walks, but please join us even if you did not know him. As usual, prepare for the weather and bring snacks. Call Kristin

at (360) 402-1526 with any questions. There is no limit on the number of participants.

Millersylvania Mushroom Foray
October 17 (Saturday) 9 am to early afternoon
Leader: Jim Pruske

On this walk, we will learn to identify many of the more common mushroom species associated with conifer and deciduous forest. With luck, chanterelles and other edible species will be found. Jim will discuss the ecological value of fungi to the overall health of a forest. Be prepared to walk through damp undergrowth and to kneel on wet ground. Bring brown-bag lunch and water. Bring a basket if you think you might want to take any specimens home. Plan to look for forest birds and amphibians as well. Meet at Martin Way Park & Ride at 9 am. This trip is limited to five cars. Call the BHAS office at (360) 352-7299 to register.

Kids and Parents at Capitol Lake
November 7 (Saturday) 9 am – 11 am
Leader: Sheila McCartan

Are you a parent with small kids? Do you like to birdwatch but never seem to get a chance to get out? Well, here's your opportunity! Join field trip leader Sheila for a walk around Capitol Lake. Bring your kid(s) in a stroller and let's see what ducks and other birds we can find. This will be a leisurely walk lasting about two hours. Meet at Marathon Park at 9 am. No reservations needed. Call Sheila at 357-9170 with questions. 🦋

Birding in Earnest

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centration for our area. This prompted a query to the web regarding hummingbird activity this year. The short answer? There seemed to be a consensus that activity was higher (or concentrated over a shorted period) than usual, and that the number of west-side **Calliope Hummingbird** reports was up, especially in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

On 5/8, three **Western Kingbirds** were at Scatter Creek (Shelmerdine). One was reported at Mima

Mounds on the 10th by Kelly McAllister, and finally another was seen at Nisqually (Twin Barns) on 5/21.

It was a big year for **Western Tanagers**; they were widely reported in western Washington, though I did not receive any reports in this area of large numbers or particularly early arrival times.

And finally the best sighting of the period has to go to Dave Catterson, who reported a **Lesser Goldfinch** at his downtown Olympia area feeder from 4/16 through 4/18. The bird was nicely photographed by Keith Brady. 🦋

Flying Wonders — A Book Review

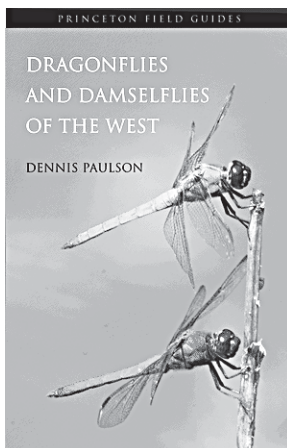
by Valerie Elliott

Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West by Dennis Paulson

The weather report looked good for today, so you got up at o-dark-thirty to go look for those active early birds. (Hopefully, you found them all.) Now the sun is climbing higher and the temperature is rising; the birds have quieted down. You hate to waste such a beautiful day by going home and doing that yardwork you've been putting off

An alternative is to enjoy some of the creatures that like the heat of the day. Personally, I enjoy seeking out, identifying, and photographing butterflies, dragonflies, and damselflies (odes). I bought several dragonfly identification guides, but found that damselfly guides were either very hard to find or out-of-print altogether.

In April of this year, Dennis Paulson's book, *Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West*, was released by Princeton University Press. This was a wait more than worthwhile. For those who aren't familiar with Dennis, he is from Seattle and is the retired director of the Slater Museum of Natural History at the University of Puget Sound. He has written several books



including *Shorebirds of North America*, and is also recognized as a renowned odonatologist (dragonfly and damselfly expert).

Whether you're just starting to explore dragonflies or have been oding for a long time, *Dragonflies and Damselflies of the West* is definitely the book for you. It covers a lot of territory for one field guide—348 species west of a north-south boundary line from

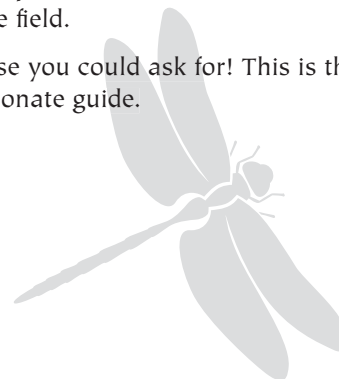
Manitoba to Texas, and also includes Alaska. For those of you interested in eastern species, Dennis currently working on an eastern species book.

The book opens with 40 pages of the natural history of odonates, their anatomy, colors, and names, and how to find and identify them, as well as information on photographing and collecting them. The book is easy to read and is packed full of great photographs of all 348 species. Each species has its own section with description, habitat, flight season, size, and distribution. The book also includes a glossary and a list

of dragonfly publications and resources. The price is right (about \$25), and the book is about the size of the *National Geographic Field Guide to Birds*, so is easily carried into the field.

I don't know what else you could ask for! This is the definitive Western odonate guide.

Happy oding!



Renewing Your Vehicle Registration After September 1?

Most motor vehicles in the state are required to be registered with the Department of Licensing (DOL), and vehicle registrations must be renewed annually. Effective July 29, 2009, when you go to renew your vehicle registration, the renewal form will have a new section that gives you the opportunity to donate \$5 in support of Washington state parks; if you choose not to do so, there will be a box you can check to "opt out" of this fee.

Park donations collected through vehicle registration renewals are deposited into the State Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account. This account may be

used to operate state parks, develop and renovate park facilities, undertake deferred maintenance, and accomplish other park purposes. This new system applies to all vehicle registration renewals coming due on or after September 1, 2009. Revenue from these donations may help the state be able to keep open parks for public use that might otherwise have had to be closed due to lack of maintenance funds. So when your vehicle tabs come up for renewal, be ready — know how you might want to respond to the optional state parks fee before you get to the vehicle registration office. 🦋

Field Trip Reports: Woodard Bay, Early May

By Tracey Scalici

Our small group, a mix of beginners and seasoned birders, honed our birding-by-ear skills on this May 2nd field trip to Woodard Bay — not that we had intended to, but many of the birds were “heard and not seen” for the first part of our walk through the woods. It was exciting to hear the **Wilson’s Warbler** and **Pacific-slope Flycatcher** as we started up the trail; and as time went on, we all became familiar with the lovely song of the **Winter Wren**. Inside a large patch of Big-Leaf Maple, we heard the call of the **Brown Creeper**, and then were lucky enough to see it as, true to its name, it made its way around the trunk, creeping from the base of the tree to the top, picking at the bark and lichen.

Near Henderson Inlet, we set up the spotting scope for a pair of **Bald Eagles** in their nest and it was a treat for everyone to see them so clearly (how regal they are!).

One birder missed a near collision with a Wilson’s Warbler on our way back — perhaps because she was wearing a bright yellow rain slicker. We all got a nice glimpse of its plumage as it whizzed by! All along the trail, we had been hearing a **Pileated Woodpecker** drumming and calling, but it was only as we were nearing the parking lot that one swooped across the road and disappeared into the woods. We all enjoyed getting this glimpse of this magnificent bird. In all, we saw or heard a total of 24 species.

Springtime, Capitol Forest

By Jim Pruske

On May 30, Sue Danver and I led a party of nine birders on a field trip into Capitol Forest. We entered at the Sherman Valley Road and birded along the C-line, D-1000, and D-line, with a stop at the Fall Creek campground in the interior of the forest. Later, we hiked up to the summit of Capitol Peak, hoping to see a Northern Goshawk I had sighted there a couple weeks earlier while scouting for this trip. No sign of the goshawk, but we had great views of other wonderful birds, including **Hermit Warbler**, **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, and **Willow Flycatcher**.

On Capitol Peak also, we met the DNR Enforcement Chief and his assistant, and we took the opportunity to ask them about state forest regulations. They answered all our questions and we came away with a better understanding of Capitol Forest management practices and of their vision for future generations of Washington residents.

Besides the great birds, there was also forest flora to be enjoyed; we examined a hemlock stand where primitive club moss and liverworts grew at the forest floor edge. We also found two uncommon butterfly species for western Washington—Arctic Skipper and Silver-sided Skipper.

Before departing the forest at mid-afternoon, we had managed to find 42 species of birds, including **Turkey Vulture**, **Northern Harrier**, **Sooty Grouse**, **Hammond’s Flycatcher**, and **Townsend’s Warbler**. We concluded our trip along the D-line, where Cedar Creek was showing off its usual spring splendor. 🐉



Botanical illustrations of liverworts

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Fall Festival BirdFest & Bluegrass Festival, October 10–11, 2009

Join the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) as we celebrate the arrival of Fall and the wildlife that make the Refuge their winter home.

The BirdFest & Bluegrass Festival is a unique opportunity to enjoy not only the sights and sounds of fall migration, but also a festive celebration of music, children’s activities, food, and fun in the Ridgefield community. 🐉

BHAS Calendar

August

Thursday, August 27 and Saturday, August 29
Pelagic Birding Class and Field Trip

September

Thursday, September 17, Black Hills Program:
Vaux's Swift Stories

Sunday, September 20
Patrick Sullivan Memorial Walk at Nisqually

Saturday, September 26
Bird Feeder Cleaning at Wild Birds Unlimited in Olympia

October

Saturday, October 17
Field Trip: Mushroom Foray

Thursday, October 15
Black Hills Program: Amphibians of Washington

November

Saturday, November 7
Field Trip: Kids and Parents at Capitol Lake

Let Us Clean Your Bird Feeder!

Saturday, September 26, 9 AM–3 PM

Get your feeders cleaned so your birds remain healthy and happy! Drop off your feeders at Wild Birds Unlimited at Cooper Point Marketplace (address below) and we will scrub them for you for \$5.00 each (slightly more if unusually large or dirty). All proceeds go to further the chapter's conservation and education work. If you have time and want to volunteer to help us clean, we would

greatly appreciate the help. Call or email Debbie Nickerson to sign up to be part of the cleaning crew. Debbie's phone number is 754-5397 and her email is debranick@gmail.com. Thank you! 🐦

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