

Echo

November 2024
Olympia, Washington



November Speaker Program

Focus on Raptors – Exploring Form and Function
With Alina Blankenship, Perch Wildlife Education featuring Live Birds!
Thursday, November 14th at Temple Beth Hatfiloh

The meeting will start at 6:30 pm with the talk starting at around 7:00

NOTE: There will be NO Zoom presentation of this event.

Please join us for this very special program.

Field marks are the currency of bird enthusiasts to identify raptors.

Using natural teachers – the collection of live falcons, hawks and owls from Perch Wildlife – we will explore the function of these identifying features and how the raptors use them in the wild. Bring your camera for a unique opportunity to photograph these stunning raptors up close. The birds enjoy the attention.

Perch Wildlife Education is a 501(C)3 non-profit using live birds of prey to provide education, encounters and support for wildlife rehabilitation in the PNW region. Based near Portland, Oregon.

This event is suitable for children

Temple Beth Hatfiloh

201 8th Ave SE Olympia

A Forkful of Change

By Rachel Hudson

I stared at it once more.

It was still there, unmoving, innocuous enough.

I had just overcome one of the longest days of my life, so filled with ups and downs and traveling and changes and disappointments and luck... And my body, now very starved for calories, was reminding me of its needs. The berry pancakes I'd eaten simply weren't enough.

Maybe I could just try it...

I tentatively reached across the table with my fork to my fiancé's mostly-empty breakfast plate. On his plate remained a small, innocent-looking pile of something dark and fluffy... something my body was telling me it really wanted, if only for the assumption that the pile of fluff was, in theory, edible. On a single tine of my fork, I carefully lifted one microscopic particle of haggis off my fiancé's plate, and gingerly placed the particle into my mouth.

Strangely, I found nothing offensive about the particle... it had a lovely soft texture, much like fine couscous, and the taste was unexpectedly holiday-ish, to me. My fiancé said the only reason he didn't finish it was because he preferred the spices in the haggis he serves at his workplace instead. I went back for a larger, cautious bite. And, once again, I was pleasantly surprised. There was no foul taste, no chewy texture, no "mystery bits"... Instead, the haggis I now found myself happily devouring was quite wonderful, so soft and warm and savory, yet spiced like how Christmas smells, with cinnamon and nutmeg. (*Ah, that would be why he didn't like it... he doesn't care for cinnamon*, I thought.) It tasted amazing—everything I had heard regarding haggis, everything I had let myself believe for so long... was wrong.

It can be very difficult for me, along with many other people, to accept sudden changes or things that are very different from how I'd always thought. Schedules, routines, and familiarity are necessary, comforting, and easy for me to comprehend. Even longer-term changes can be hard to take gracefully, as I tend to overthink, over-research, over-stress.... But lately, I've found myself more open to change. The initial shock can still overwhelm me, but I've noticed myself bouncing back rapidly, yearning to continue on the new path laid before me. In my most recent trip across Scotland, there were many sudden changes to both my plans and my understandings. But as time went on, it became less about sticking to what I knew, and more about trying new things and enjoying the new experiences that came with them.

For example, after one particularly long night and morning spent dealing with buses in one city that were always late or never arrived at all, my fiancé and I were quite tired, hot, and bird-less, as the birds we had specifically gone out to find in one village had completely eluded us. The plan then was to catch the next bus back into the main part of town, where we would then carry on to our next birding destination via another bus. (We were traveling from Glasgow to Stromness on the Orkney Islands solely via public transport and walking.) We were waiting in the strong heat and sunshine at the village bus stop for no more than 10 minutes when a stranger, an older gentleman in a small car, pulled up next to us on the narrow, one-lane street.

“Where are you headed?” He asked us. We told him just the name of the main city. He replied, “The buses here are absolutely terrible; I’m heading that way if you want a lift!” My fiancé and I looked at each other, wondering if we should trust this complete stranger, this sudden change to our plan, not to mention a sharp contrast to the “safer” option. In our exhausted state, and keenly aware now of the awful bus situation, we agreed. “Yes, please!” As it turned out, the man was not only a bird-and-nature-lover himself, but he was also ultimately headed to the exact spot by our next birding destination where we would have gotten off the second bus, if we had taken it! The three of us had a wonderful time on our way there, and the kind gentleman shared many stories from his life that we greatly enjoyed. This sudden change to what I had carefully planned—I had even set a timer on my phone to alert us when the next bus was scheduled to arrive (if it dared to actually follow its schedule)—ended up becoming one of many beautiful experiences I got to enjoy on our adventure, which I would never have lived through were it not for an unexpected change.

When we arrived at our B&B that same night in another city farther north, I got an email informing me that our room reservation in one of the towns we would be in later that week had been cancelled “due to overbooking”. What sudden stress and shock that brought... that was the smallest town we were visiting, and I didn’t think it possible to find another place to stay with such short notice. However, there was one place with a good room left in our price range, so I quickly booked it. It was in a slightly different area, but hopefully that change would be all right.

If only I had known that, once again, a sudden change would bring such joy and wonder.... The new place I had booked was quiet and spacious, with a massive bath in which I could rest my exhausted bones. Not only that, but the new location was right by the ocean cliffs... and there, flocks(!) of Northern Fulmars soared, often right within touching distance! I couldn’t believe it. I enjoyed my time on the cliffs with the Fulmars so much that we went back out there the following morning and spent more time with them before we had to catch our train to the next town. While we were enjoying the seabirds, our Lifer Great Skua soared right over our heads! If this change of lodging hadn’t happened, we probably would have taken a different trail and not gotten to enjoy the close encounters we had with such wonderful birds.

After over a week of travel, averaging more than 5 miles of walking a day and many hours of trains and buses, we were about to check in for our final destination: a ferry trip to the Orkney Islands. I had envisioned us being able to easily get many ocean birds from the ferry. However, something unexpected occurred yet again... we were completely socked in with dense, unyielding fog. We couldn't see the other side of the ferry, much less any birds in the waters around it. However, that change meant that once we were in Stromness, we got to take things slowly. We wandered the neighborhoods, and I enjoyed photographing interesting historical points and beautiful flowers along the stone walls. It was cool and quiet. European Goldfinches landed quite close to us in one spot, allowing for lovely views. And a Common Redshank, excruciatingly common for us at that point, was standing at the edge of the water, calm and close, letting us have a better look at the sleek little shorebird we had been seeing so many of on our journey here. As we walked on, we could smell something delicious... and we found a miniscule little bakery, with two kind women happily making breakfast and brunch foods for people in this peaceful area. I got to try my first Haggis and Mince Pie, a wonderful grab-and-go savory pie much like a handheld chicken pot pie, but with a haggis-topped, thick beef stew-like filling. It was lovely for my fiancé and I to enjoy a quiet breakfast on the side of the hill in the enveloping fog.

As one local lady had promised us, the fog lifted around midday, and we left the summit of the hill we had climbed and returned to town. If the fog hadn't been there, we might have walked a different direction at first in pursuit of the ocean birds we had wanted to see... we would have missed the Redshank, the food, and the quiet walk up the tall hill to our viewpoint, where we got to watch the islands appear before us for the very first time.

Change can be hard to grasp at first. It can be scary; after all, there are just so many unknowns, and fear of the unknown is common. In today's world, change happens so quickly that even I find myself falling "behind the times" without realizing it. Some things change that I had been comfortable with throughout my life, and sometimes accepting the changes takes quite a lot of thought. The hesitancy, the fear, the potential loss of what we know as "safe"—it can be challenging to find the courage to proceed. But what if we gave something different and scary... a try? Just one tiny forkful... who knows, you just might like it!

New Exhibit at Burke Museum: Rare Air

At the Burke Museum in Seattle, a new exhibit has landed: *Rare Air: Connecting with Species of Flight*. The exhibit opened on October 19th, and will be on display for all ages to see from Tuesdays through Sundays until March 31st. Based on the book *Rare Air: Endangered Birds, Bats, Butterflies & Bees* by Sarah Kaizar and A. Scott Meiser, this exhibit features art, specimens, and information about rare and endangered species of flight. Some interactive displays to enhance visitors' learning experiences will also be portrayed.

Learn more at <https://www.burkemuseum.org/exhibits/rare-air-connecting-species-flight>.

Our Chapter's Possible Name Change

We will be hosting a special vote, open to members only, in March and April of 2025 to decide what our chapter's name should be. There is currently a committee dedicated to providing more details on the many aspects of this in the coming months, so stay tuned for more information!

Hurricane Helene and Fall Migration

Avian migration—a spectacular annual phenomenon for which ornithologists are still gaining knowledge and understanding—has recently had more clues unveiled in the days before and after Hurricane Helene struck. In Thurston County's local online newspaper, The JOLT, George Walter presents a fascinating article: "[How Hurricane Helene gave us a further peek at fall avian migration](#)".

George, a former compiler for the Olympia Christmas Bird Count, writes a weekly column about Thurston County birds for The JOLT. His recent article on bird migration patterns and the impacts of Hurricane Helene is particularly interesting, and readers of the Echo will enjoy reading it at the above link, as well as his other articles.

The State of Canada's Birds

In a poignant report composed by Birds Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada, we can see recent population trends for multiple groups of birds, such as grassland species, forest birds, long-distance migrants, and more. You can learn more at [The State of Canada's Birds](#), where scrolling down through their report will show you incredible details on so many species of birds, the majority of which we share with our Northern neighbor. The report also outlines ways to support the birds' varying habitats, as well as other ways to help conserve each species group.

BHAS Hosted ACOW this Year

Kim Adelson

Every year, Audubon chapter leaders from across the state come together in an event called "ACOW", which stands for Audubon Council of Washington. It typically takes place on a Saturday and is preceded on Friday by WSACC, the Washington State Audubon

Conservation Committee. We hosted the two events this year, and they took place at the Lacey campus of the South Puget Sound Community College.

In the morning, we heard inspiring poetry from Washington State's Poet Laureate Emeritus Rena Priest about cultural ways of understanding birds. Later, Teri Anderson – our point person with Audubon WA – interviewed Lisette Martinez, chief EDBI officer for National Audubon, who discussed how to build more inclusive birding communities. After lunch, we heard from two young Vancouver birders who founded the first Young Birders Club in the state; among other accomplishments, they are working with the Vancouver School for the Blind and local juvenile detention centers to encourage youth who might not otherwise be exposed to birding to participate in the activity, as well as other Audubon members working with educational outreach. Later in the day we broke into groups and had the opportunity to discuss education and inclusion with participants from around the state and to hear how their chapters were handling many of the issues that we face.

We were invited to show off our region, and so I began the meeting by going through my personal list of the best birding spots in western Washington. Before that, there was a short birding outing at KGY Point to look for water and shore birds, and on Sunday a nice-sized group of attendees spent the morning at the Billy Frank Jr. National Wildlife Refuge. (Thank you, field trip leaders!)

I find it very inspiring to meet with other active Audubon members and to hear about the great things they are doing to promote an interest in protecting birds and their habitats. I came away from the day with a renewed sense of purpose, and I'm sure I'm not alone in that.

Armchair Birding: *The Quickening: Creation and Community at the Ends of the Earth*,
by Elizabeth Rush

~ Anne Kilgannon

What do you think about when Antarctica is the subject? Nowadays we read a lot about sea level rise and the role of melting glaciers that nudge at our imperiled shorelines and stir up processions of hurricanes that tear up the once-safe-but-no-more landscapes of home. Antarctica used to be a place of mystery and adventure, as wondrous as going to the moon, but now it evokes fear and anxiety. Beyond the human story, the changing climate is impacting bird migration, rearranging the calendar of nesting success, plant growth and insect blooms. Torrential rains or drought and fires now have their own seasons, all tied in some way to changes in that far-away place that floats like a giant ragged white circle at the

bottom of the globe. What do we really know about what is happening there and what it may mean for life now?

Elizabeth Rush became captivated by such questions. After studying sea level rise and its impact on so many communities for an earlier book, *Rising*, she began to delve into root causes and was consumed with intrigue about the least known continent, the spawning ground of calving glaciers, the place where the world's climate is born, and from where it spirals along untracked pathways bringing change everywhere. Although not any kind of scientist herself, but instead a chronicler of the work of scientists, Rush found a way to sign up for passage on a research vessel heading for an unstudied place in 2019, the Thwaites Glacier of Antarctica.

There, she hoped to come as close as could be found anywhere to the reality—the heart and womb—of climate change. I use that word deliberately. Entwined in this search for meaning of what is at stake climatically, is her own question of whether this is still a world where having a child is an acceptable choice, an ethical as well as a science-based decision. She boards the ship, the *Nathaniel B. Palmer*—named for the adventurer credited with being the first American to see Antarctica—with a double mission, to grasp the reality of the “Doomsday Glacier” through witnessing the exploratory work of a community of scientists and support staff venturing to this unexplored destination, and to find the answer for herself about a much more intimate but intricately related question about the future: Will there be a recognizable future and how shall we live in it? If at first you wonder if these are not two different books, as she travels deep into this difficult territory, asking questions, studying, pondering, searching both within herself and within her growing understanding of the research projects which are the mission of the voyage, you cannot untangle how pairing these issues deepens both the impact of the research into the world of the glacier and how that understanding reshapes our individual lives and prospects. And noted, this is not a “woman’s issue” alone but a very human one; the men on the ship are not untouched by this twining of issues. None of us lives outside this question, however we respond to it.

What a setting for thinking about the meaning of life! Rush brings us into the experience, the harsh reality of “*the rotting rim of the world*” and its sublime moments, too, when: “*The radar sweeps its six-kilometer radius. The neon display a buckshot-torn target, each pinpoint of green light a berg. I undog the door by the Ice Tower and step outside. Murmur of snow on snow, like noises a northern forest makes when the sun comes out after a storm and what was held in cold suspension begins to drop from heavy boughs. The softest edges of the floe crumbling as they push up against each other.*” Her language soars to capture the scene, inventing new words for snow and ice: “*We nose deeper in, carving a path through the sea’s milky cataract. White of dove and river pearl, spackle and baking soda, plaster of Paris and spent cinders. Even the orange life boats tethered to the sides of the Palmer appear wrapped in crisp shells the color of elephant ivory. I lean over the railing for a while, content to watch the pools of onyx water opening up around the boat, however briefly, as we work our way to new coordinates.*” Rush employs painterly descriptions to sharpen her own and our appreciation for the daubs of color that do appear: *tangerine, primrose, lemon yellow*, the

blush of ripe fruit and flower petal that surprise her in this mostly blue and gray and white world.

She is open, receptive, and ready to hear the stories of the crew as they are given and to see marvels as large as a calving iceberg and fleeting as a flash of light on cloud. She helps us feel the cold and the slap of waves against the ship, the warmth of the enclosed world of the community on board, the challenge of the fragility of the lifeline back to the inhabited world. This is as close to Antarctica as most of us can imagine. Whether or not the question of bringing children into this damaged world troubles our sleep, for those who love birds and every living thing, what happens in the crumbling world of ice and turgid water matters; this book can bring this special place to our attention and care. Rush has forged a sturdy link from our lives to this wild and endangered land.

PROJECT FEEDER WATCH

If you're like me, you love watching the birds at your backyard bird feeder on a fall or winter day. Getting to know what kinds of birds regularly come is fun, and I find myself wondering about new birds that occasionally appear and what has happened when regulars disappear. As it turns out, scientists wonder the same things.

Every winter thousands of volunteers across North America become citizen scientists and participate in a winter-long survey of feeder birds in their backyards, at nature centers, and in community areas. FeederWatch was founded in Ontario, Canada in 1976. The goal was to create an annual survey of winter feeder birds across North America. To reach this goal, in the 1980's the Cornell Lab of Ornithology joined Bird Studies Canada to run Project FeederWatch. Today the survey stands apart from other such monitoring programs because of the detailed data it provides to scientists on the distribution and abundance of feeder birds across North America.

If you are interested in helping scientists better understand feeder birds' behavior during the winter, or just want to find out more about Project FeederWatch visit <https://feederwatch.org/>

The 2024 Project FeederWatch starts on November 1st and runs until April 30th, 2025.

COMING FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Christmas Bird Count 2024, December 14th through January 5th. The Olympia CBC will be Sunday, December 15th, and the Lewis County CBC will be Saturday, December 21st. More details coming soon.

Tom Reynolds

BLUEBIRD ROUNDUP

Kathleen Snyder

The 2024 nesting season went very well for our nest boxes over multiple prairies in south Thurston County. We are almost finished cleaning them out – only 9 boxes left to do – and here are the results:

Swallows – both Violet-green and Tree	87
Western Bluebird	26
House Wren	5

Our 107 boxes are spread over five prairies with one more prairie still needing to be visited. Different this year was the large number of nests that the swallows had towards the end of nesting season. According to the available research, swallow pairs rarely have double clutches so these were most likely different pairs taking over a box that had already been used once. We are well aware of the hardship that aerial insectivores are having now so this abundance of swallow babies is very encouraging. This success could have been due to few really hot days this past summer. It should be noted that when we clean the boxes at the end of the season, it is impossible to tell which species of swallow has used them.

There was one other noteworthy occurrence. One of the boxes had three different nests on top of each other. Having two nests inside one box is common but having three was a first. At the bottom was a bluebird nest (unsuccessful); in the middle was a partial House Wren nest (unsuccessful) and at the top was a successful swallow nest.

I think I can speak for the rest of the team that being out on the prairies in spring and watching the birds in their display and mating behavior is a joy and a gift that we all loved.

TWO WAYS TO DONATE THROUGH YOUR IRA

It's "that time of year", and people are thinking about making donations to support their favorite causes. If BHAS is on your list, there are several ways to financially contribute beyond writing a check. Two of them involve using your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). It's as simple as filling out a form from your plan administrator. Here's what you need to know:

1. IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

When can this take place? Now, in the present

Who can make this kind of gift? People age 70 ½ or older (even when your Required Minimum Distribution starts at age 73)

Is there a limit on the amount? Yes, \$100,000 per donor, per year

How is it done? Fill out a form provided by your plan administrator

Is my gift taxable? As long as your gift is made directly from your plan administrator, qualifying IRA gifts are not subject to federal income tax

How do I let BHAS know about my gift? Email or call us with the name of your financial institution and the amount of your gift. Some companies do not provide the donor's name.

2. Beneficiary Designation

When can this take place? After your lifetime

Who can make this kind of gift? Anyone at any time

Is there a limit on the amount? No limit but may require spousal approval if over 50% of the account total

How is it done? Fill out a form provided by your plan administrator

Is my gift taxable? No, your gift would not be subject to tax (although a comparable gift made to your heirs would be taxable in some states)

How do I let BHAS know about my gift? Please contact us. We can provide assistance as needed and would love to thank you.

If you decide one or both of these options are right for you, you will need the following information on your forms:

Legal Name: Black Hills Audubon Society

Address: P.O. Box 2524 Olympia, WA 98507

Tax I.D: 91-1491678

How your gift will be used: Black Hills Audubon uses donations to support its mission to maintain and protect our ecosystems for future generations through advocacy, environmental education, and community research. Legacy funds will be used to directly benefit conservation of wildlife, especially birds.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

BHAS OCTOBER 3, 2024

During August and September, we participated in two events: Eco-Fair on August 17th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Olympia and the Nisqually Watershed Festival in Lacey on September 28th. We had five BHAS volunteers at these events with approximately 100-150 visitors at each event. It was a good way to share avian educational resources with the public.

Save the Date for our Annual Dinner!

Mark your calendars for March 1st, 2025. Maria Mudd Ruth will be our featured speaker and discuss her latest work on Pigeon Guillemots. As always, a delicious catered dinner and Events and Adventures to purchase will be part of the evening's offerings. Stay tuned!

Volunteer Opportunities

Our chapter work is done completely by volunteers. You can join this hard-working, fun, committed group in any of a myriad of ways. We need nest boxes built, help with upcoming events and assisting with our communications committee. Contact Deb Nickerson at debranick@gmail.com to learn more.

BIRDS AND BREW

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH 4:30 – 6:00ish

EQUAL LATIN RESTAURANT & BAR

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Birds and Brew is a social time for folks to gather and talk about birds and birding. This is open to Black Hills members and non-members alike. Although it starts at 4:30 pm, it is a drop-in anytime event. The topic for this meeting is **“Why is birding meaningful to you?”**

Last month's topic was "How long have you been coming to Birds & Brew and why do you come?" People have been attending from 11 years to 2 months. Comments included: I come for the birds and the social aspect, to learn about birds, new to town and want to meet people, and the camaraderie.

Our hosts are Craig and Vicki Merkel. Questions can go to Craig at quetsal48@comcast.net.

BHAS Book Club: Next Book and Meeting Details

Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30 PM

RSVP for Meeting Location

With both a pizza dinner and an amazing journal of art, *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*, behind us, it is now time to move ahead and dive into our next book: *Flight Paths: How a Passionate and Quirky Group of Pioneering Scientists Solved the Mystery of Bird Migration*, by Washington state author Rebecca Heisman.

Flight Paths tells the story of how bird-loving scientists worked together to uncover the secrets of bird migration. From the publisher:

"*Flight Paths* is the never-before-told story of how a group of migration-obsessed scientists in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries engaged nearly every branch of science to understand bird migration—from where and when they take off to their flight paths and behaviors, their destinations and the challenges they encounter getting there. Uniting curious minds from across generations, continents, and disciplines, bird enthusiast and science writer Rebecca Heisman traces the development of each technique used for tracking migratory birds, from the first attempts to mark individual birds to the cutting-edge technology that lets ornithologists trace where a bird has been, based on unique DNA markers. Along the way, she touches on the biggest technological breakthroughs of modern science and reveals the almost-forgotten stories of the scientists who harnessed these inventions in service of furthering our understanding of nature (and their personal obsession with birds)."

We will be meeting to discuss this book in South Olympia at the home of one of our members. **If you would like to attend, please email Rachel Hudson at lightningdash09@yahoo.com to RSVP and to receive the meeting address.** Our discussion questions will be sent out to everyone a few days before our meeting. Our book club is meant to be stress-free, so no worries if you aren't able to finish the book, or even if you are curious about whether or not you should start! You are more than welcome to hop on in, join the discussion, and learn more about our featured book.

Happy reading, everyone!

FIELD TRIPS AND OUTINGS

Birding With Breakfast

Date: Saturday, November 2

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (still on PDT, but note the later starting time)

Leader: Carla Miller

Description: **Birding with Breakfast at Capitol Lake.** Participants will view birds on the water on both the North and South Pools, and related areas. Birding with Breakfast walks are especially appropriate for beginning and intermediate birders. Breakfast at the Spar Café, 114 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501.

Meeting location: Meet at Marathon Park, 1011 Deschutes Pkwy SW, Olympia 98501. No registration needed.

Willapa Hills State Park Trail Field Trip

When: Sunday, 3 November
9:30-11:30 AM

Leader: Grace Thornton

Description: Perhaps the single most overlooked gem in Lewis County, this state park is a tremendous masterpiece that spans 56 miles from Chehalis in Lewis County out to South Bend in Pacific County. It is a long trail that was once a railroad, so it is flat and easy to traverse. Parts of it are paved, parts are gravel, and parts are long boardwalks or concrete bridges over beautiful rivers and streams. It traverses many, many habitats throughout its length, and is host to well over 100 species of birds in the Lewis portion alone.

Directions and parking: This trip will start at the Chehalis Trailhead on SW Hillburger Road, Chehalis. Discovery Pass required. Pit toilet available.

Please email Grace Thornton at gracethornton12@gmail.com to let her know you are coming.

Bring: Binoculars. Dress for the conditions and for a slow walking pace.

Tolmie Seabird Watch

Date: Saturday, 9 November 2024, 9-11 AM

Trip leader: Jason Zolle

Location: Meet on the beach at Tolmie State Park. Look for people with spotting scopes and binoculars. Tolmie State Park is in NE Thurston County. A Discover Pass is required at Tolmie State Park.

Description: This outing involves scanning the waters at Tolmie State Park for ducks, loons, grebes, alcids, cormorants, gulls and other seabirds. Tides will be rising, high tide is at 12:48 PM.

Spotting scopes will be necessary to see many of the birds, but if you do not have a scope, you are still encouraged to come, as other people will be willing to share theirs to see the birds. Black Hills has one spotting scope that is available to borrow. Contact Bruce Jacobs at bruceinolym pia@gmail.com if you'd like to borrow the spotting scope or binoculars.

Contact Jason at zollejd@gmail.com for more information about the seabird watch.

November Birding Event for Middle and High-School Students

Date: November 2024, 9am

Location: Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually Wildlife Refuge, 100 Brown Farm Rd NE, Olympia

Join us this fall to learn about our Northwest birds and spend time in nature!

For more information and to register, email janetdelapp57@gmail.com

Birding with Breakfast

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Leader: Bob Wadsworth

Description: **Birding with Breakfast at Black Lake Meadows.** One mile gravel walkway (old road) with shrub/wetland habitat. Area managed by Olympia Parks, Arts, and Recreation. Birding with Breakfast walks are especially appropriate for beginning and intermediate birders. Breakfast location TBD.

Meeting location: Meet at 8:00 a.m. (note the later starting time for winter), at 3333 21st Ave SW, Olympia. Take Black Lake Boulevard south off Hwy 101, then past the stoplight turn left onto 21st. After curving to the right, entrance is on the right just before the railroad tracks. More info at the link:

https://www.olympiawa.gov/services/parks___recreation/parks___trails/black_lake_meadows.php

No registration needed.