ADMIRALTY AUDUBON SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Thursday September 16, at 7 PM
Port Townsend Community Center
620 Tyler Street  (Corner of Lawrence and Tyler)
All Welcome, Free

Alaska National Wildlife Refuge in 1970’s and 2010 — Jo and George Yount

Jo and George Yount visited Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in the 1970’s, taking their 12 year old nephew with them. They were concerned with impending oil drilling and feared ANWR would never be the same. In 2010 their nephew repeated the trip, accompanied by his daughter and a professional photographer. Pictures from both trips, more than thirty years apart, will be shown. View the Younts’ pictures and hear their stories of nature in Alaska.

- Clara Mason, Program Chair

AAS FIELD TRIPS

Sunday, September 5 – SHOREBIRD TRIP TO DUNGENESS BAY
Meet at 8 a.m. at the Port Townsend Park and Ride across from Safeway. We’ll drive to John Wayne Marina (8:45 a.m.) on to various places around Dungeness Bay to see what migratory shorebirds have shown up. Bring binocs, spotting scopes and weather appropriate clothes. Call David Gluckman at 379-0360 or email at cgluckman@aol.com

Saturday, October 16 – BIRDING TRIP BY KAYAK to the Quilcene Bay Estuary
Depart the Port Townsend Park and Ride at 11 a.m. Other meeting places can be arranged. Bring your kayak and gear, lunch and water. Binoculars are recommended. The paddle from the Quilcene Marina to the river mouth will be relatively short on generally protected waters. If you plan to attend please call Leader, Ron Sikes at 385-0307 or email sikes@olympus.net

Saturday, October 30 – MIGRATORIES AT FORT FLAGLER
Carpoolers from Port Townsend will meet at the Park and Ride across from Safeway at 7:55 a.m. Meet at the Fort Flagler boat ramp by the campground at 8:30 a.m. Look for the most recent sea bird arrivals like loons, grebes and ducks. Bring binoculars and scopes along with weather appropriate clothing. Waterproof footwear may come in handy. Contact Leader, Stephen Cunliffe at 437-0292 or email him at sjaycee@mac.com

- David Gluckman, Field Trip Chair
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Ah, summer. Hopefully everyone has had time this summer to spend more time in the out of doors. We do live in a beautiful place.

Speaking of summer, a pair of Purple Martins successfully fledged three young Purple Martins from the Boat Haven colony, and have one left in the box they are still feeding. The Marine Science Center colony has one nesting pair feeding young. The Purple Martin nest box project is run by volunteers and supplies are purchased with your membership dollars and donations.

As you can see from your newsletter, Admiralty Audubon is gearing up again for another season with programs and field trips every month, thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

- Rosemary Sikes, President Admiralty Audubon

DENDROICA

DENDROICA is a website to help you identify birds of North America through a combination of images with their voices. The site is supported by the Canada Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey Biological Division, and the Mexican Biodiversity Institute CONNABIO. You can use a guest version to see and hear birds or you can register to make more information available. The site is www.natureinstruct.org/dendroica/

- Ron Sikes

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Dan and Dick extend an invitation to join us on Saturday, December 18, for the annual Christmas Bird Count. Sign up at a meeting or call Dick Johnson at 385-5418.

- Dick Johnson

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Address __________________________________________________________________________
City ____________________________________State ____________Zip_____________________
Phone___________________________E-mail ___________________________________________
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
A Backyard Refuge

We recently built a small waterfall and pond feature in our back yard. With our dry summer, it immediately attracted numerous birds taking advantage of the falling water.

From Cedar Waxwings to Northern Flickers, we were able to watch new arrivals daily. Hummingbirds were probably the most interesting.

The photograph is a Rufous Hummingbird splashing in the small ponded area under the falls.

- David Gluckman

Oregon Grape, Elderberry or Salal Berry Jelly

4 c juice (2-3# berries)
1 pkg powdered pectin
6 c sugar

Wash berries and place in kettle with equal amount of water. Mash and stir as they come to a boil. Simmer 2-3 minutes. Place in a jelly bag to extract juice. Measure juice and mix with pectin, place on high heat and stir constantly until it comes to a full boil, then add sugar all at once. Continue stirring, bring again to a rolling boil and boil 1 minute. There will be lots of foam so skim well. Fill hot jars to 1/8 inch from top. Seal with two piece metal lids. Process in boiling water bath for 5 minutes. Makes about 9 eight oz cups.

Note: You can substitute 1 cup apple juice for 1 cup wild berry juice in this recipe.

- Recipe from Sally Robbins, retired WSU Extension Agent
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