**Admiralty Audubon Pipings**

**AAS Field Trips**  
**March & April 2019**  
**Irondale Beach**

*Saturday, 16 March 2019, 9am*

We will meet at the Irondale Beach County Park at the foot of Moore St. in Port Hadlock. After an hour there, we’ll continue on (by car) to Lagoon Beach County Park on Indian Island, around 10:30, a good place to see waterfowl. Folks can join at either place. *Trip Leader Gary Perless, gperless@gmail.com or 360-643-3529.*

**Brrr-ding at Fort Worden in Early Spring**

*Saturday, 30 March 2019 8:30am - 11:30am*

Meet at Reveille restaurant (grab a cup of coffee early if you like). We will walk from Fort Worden Commons to Chinese Gardens and back, listening for spring song, and focusing on resident birds and their nesting behaviors. Early spring sees a warm-up of song, courtship behaviors and fine breeding plumage. It might be cold! Bring scopes if you have them. *Trip Leader: Monica Fletcher, monicaflet@gmail.com or 360-379-3136.*

**1st Saturday Nature Walk at Fort Flagler**

*Saturday, 9am - noon, 6 April 2019*

Meet at the usual boat ramp just north of the Beachcomber Cafe in the lower campground. My blue ford F150 pickup will be near the log across the old boat ramp. We first walk to the end of the spit toward Rat Island. This takes about an hour. We then drive to Marrowstone Point near the USGS Fisheries lab. We walk to the point to scope birds. Optionally, we will visit the sewage ponds and finish up by noon. Wear layers depending on the weather. *Trip Leader John Comstock: 360-316-1305.*

**Spring Migration at Fort Worden**

*Thursday, 11 April 2019 8:30am - 11:30am*

Meet at Reveille restaurant (grab a cup of coffee early if you like). We will walk from Fort Worden Commons to Battery Hill and back, listening for bird song and checking the doings of some of the migrant birds that call our area their summer home. This is a Thursday trip so we don’t miss the Saturday Olympic Bird Fest: http://www.olympicbirdfest.org. *Trip Leader: Monica Fletcher, monicaflet@gmail.com or 360-379-3136.*

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**In Memoriam: Barbara Nobles**

Admiralty Audubon member Barbara Joanne Smith Nobles passed away in her home in Port Ludlow on 7 December 2018. She was born in 1926 in Spokane Washington. After growing up a half mile apart and being in the same class since elementary school, she was married to Laurence Hewit Nobles in 1948; they had two children. She received a Master’s in Elementary Education. When Laurence retired they moved to San Diego and lived there for 8 years before coming to Port Ludlow 18 years ago.

They traveled frequently, visiting every continent except Antarctica. Barbara was a member of many local clubs including The Daughters of Norway, AAUW, Admiralty Audubon Society, The Port Townsend Marine Science Center, The Port Ludlow Garden Club, The Port Ludlow Trails Committee, and more. She even kept a membership in the Evanston North Shore Bird Club since joining in 1952. Her son Larry reflects that her membership in Audubon chapters dates back to the 1950s when the family first moved to Evanston.

**In Memoriam: Leonard Mandelbaum**

Admiralty Audubon member Len Mandelbaum died on 27 December 2018. He was born in 1933 in New York City to Eastern European immigrant Jewish parents. Len married Emily Curtis in 1961, and they had two daughters. When they moved to Seattle, he worked for the American Civil Liberties Union, Puget Sound Council of Governments and Seattle University, where he served as a business law professor and creator of the Institute of Public Service.

After retiring and moving to Port Townsend in 1996, Len worked for the establishment of hospice services, the death with dignity initiative, and local mediation services. He spent his last days in hospice care, surrounded by family, and under the excellent care of nurses, doctors, and CNAs at the hospital. He took a look at “our” wild birds and insisted on filling the birdbath just before going to the hospital. Len is survived by his beloved wife Emily, his daughters and their families. Emily wanted us to know that Audubon events, Audubon people, and walking to look for birds every day, made such a huge difference in their lives (and still does for her).
clockwise from upper left: Sanderling, Fort Flagler, January 2019; Black Turnstones in flight, Fort Flagler, January 2019; Bison and calf, Yellowstone; Uintas ground squirrel, Yellowstone; Amber, Vivian, Sandy and Paula at Fort Flagler, January 2019; Eared Grebe, Tule Lake OR, May 2018
AAS Community Programs
March & April 2019

Port Townsend Community Center
Lawrence & Tyler; the public is invited

Where the Andes meet the Amazon:
Biodiversity and Conservation in southern Peru
Thursday, 21 March 2019, 7pm

Gary “Eduardo” Perless, AAS Education Chair and veteran Latin America traveler, shares photos and field notes from his travels and volunteer work in southern Peru. We’ll vicariously visit diverse tropical habitats at several different elevations, from lowland Amazonian rainforest, to mid-level cloud forest, to high elevation montane forest and grassland, meeting some of the typical birds in each habitat.

Gary will highlight his work in Santuario de la Veronica, a Peruvian-run conservation area, weaving in stories about his visits to a condor recovery project, a bird-friendly shade-grown coffee plantation, biological research stations, and the ruins of Machu Picchu.

As a bonus, he’ll update us on his volunteer efforts closer to home, teaching local school kids about birds and ecology.

Photographing Yellowstone Wildlife
Thursday, 18 April 2019, 7pm

Nikon Professional photographer and AAS Trip Chair David Gluckman will present a program sharing his images and tips about photographing wildlife in Yellowstone National Park from his 4 trips to the National Park over the last 10 years.

David will show some of his images and discuss locations where you can find where specific wildlife may be found as well as tips to improve your photo opportunities. Included will be a short movie clip of a coyote and grizzly battle along with a unique jumping big horn sheep. Free and open to the public.

Rosemary Sikes
Admiralty Audubon Programs Chair

AAS Kah Tai Workparties
March & April 2019

Sundays, 17 March and 14 April, 9am - noon

We will pull Scot’s broom and other invasives as time and volunteer numbers allow, or pick up trash, your choice. Look for the white pickup near the bench closest to Chase Bank. Park in the bank’s parking lot on the corner of HWY 20 and Kearney. Tools and refreshments provided. Please bring work gloves. For information email ptrose53@gmail.com or call 360-385-0307.

From our neighbors at
Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society

Olympic Peninsula BirdFest
April 12-14, 2019

Come bird with us!

Wenas Campout - We’re Invited!

The 56th Annual Wenas Audubon Campout will take place on Memorial Day Weekend (May 24-27, 2019) at the Hazel Wolf Bird Sanctuary at the Wenas Creek Campground (SW of Ellensburg).

Visit the Wenas Audubon website (www.wenasaudubon.org) for directions, an outline of field trips and programming, and more information (2019 program coming soon). The campout is free and open to all ages. No reservations or registrations needed; just show up, set up camp, and participate in activities.
**Field Trip Reports, New Year's Day and First Saturday in March 2019**

First Saturday Field Trip Report - March 2019

We had 5 birders join the 1st Saturday nature walk at Fort Flagler with beautiful sunny weather and decent looks at the birds. The 37 species observed included Brant, American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Harlequin Duck, Surf Scoter, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Anna’s Hummingbird, Killdeer, Black Turnstone, Sanderling, Pigeon Guillemot, Mew and Glaucous-winged Gulls, Pacific and Common Loons, Brandt’s and Double-crested Cormorants, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, American Crow, Chestnut-backed and Black-capped Chickadees, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Pacific Wren, Varied Thrush, American Robin, Dark-eyed Junco, White-crowned, Savannah and Song Sparrow, and Spotted Towhee. **John Comstock, Trip Leader.**

New Year’s Day 2019 - Irondale Chimacum Creek Bay Park. Beautiful cool calm 40°F cloudy morning perfect for 15 birders. The 37 species observed include Eurasian and American Wigeons, Mallard, Northern Pintail, Surf and White-winged Scoters, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Barrow’s Goldeneye, Hooded and Red-breasted Mergansers, Horned, Red-necked, and Western Grebes, Common Murre, Pigeon Guillemot, Marbled Murrelet, Bonaparte’s, Mew and Western x Glaucous-winged Gull (hybrid), Pacific Loon, Pelagic and Double-crested Cormorants, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagle, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, American Crow, Common Raven, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Marsh Wren, Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets, House Finch, Golden-crowned, Song and House Sparrow. **Paula Vanderheul, Trip Leader.**

**Chetzemoka Interpretative Trail**

The Chetzemoka Interpretive Trail to honor the last hereditary chief of the S’Klallam people, Chief Chetzemoka, is about to become a reality. The trail is a project of the Native Connections Action Group of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, in partnership with the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe. It will feature 19 sites throughout Port Townsend. At each site, signs will offer historic information about Chief Chetzemoka (correctly pronounced Cheech-ma-han) and the S’Klallam people of the 19th century, as well as the impact of the arrival of European settlers and connections to present-day S’Klallam people. Ribbon cutting for the interpretive trail is planned at Memorial Field for June 29, which is the 133rd anniversary of Chief Chetzemoka’s death.

Of the 19 sites on the trail, the Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park has special meaning to our chapter. As Kah Tai has been our chapter’s Adopt A Park for two decades, the Admiralty Audubon Board voted to donate the cost for the Kah Tai interpretive sign. An example sign (this one for Chetzemoka Park) is shown on page 5. Two large map signs, one at Pope Marine Park and one at Chetzemoka Park, as well as free printed maps, will guide people along the trail. Current information about the Chetzemoka Trail and Native Connections Action Group can be found at [quuf.org/about-quuf/committees/native-peoples](http://quuf.org/about-quuf/committees/native-peoples).

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**AAS Membership Form 2019**

http://admiraltyaudubon.org

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Send $20 annual membership to: **Admiralty Audubon, PO Box 666, Port Townsend WA 98368**
or pay online at the ‘Join’ link via PayPal or credit card

Membership includes 6 issues of our newsletter per year and the right to vote in chapter elections. Chapter programs and field trips are free to the public. We always welcome donations! Dues and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Admiralty Audubon is a 501c3 nonprofit organization.
clockwise from upper left: Jerry Gilbert and Keith Lehn at the Chevy Chase pond for CBC, December 2018; interpretive sign example for Chetzemoka Trail (see article on p. 4); Common Loon, Fort Flagler, January 2019; Northern Pintail heading away, Kala Point, February 2019; Savannah Sparrows huddling at Oak Bay, September 2018; Ruddy Duck, Tule Lake OR, May 2018
Surfbird in flight, Fort Flagler, January 2019

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Help with Member ID, Please

In our stack of dues payments is an envelope that has no name for the return address and nothing inside. It must have come with a dues check but no membership form and I have been unable to figure out who to credit membership for. If you are the owner of PO Box 1213 in Port Townsend, please email admiraudub@gmail.com and let me know so your membership can be properly credited. Thank you.

CBC - Add a Peregrine Falcon!

Our CBC leader, Dan Waggoner, indicated earlier that among our ‘big misses’ were Northern Harrier, Merlin or Peregrine Falcon - we usually get 1 or 2 of the 3 each year. With final compilation of some late-arriving results, Dan was able to add a Peregrine Falcon to our count. He was unable to include it in the official count, but we know one of our birders counted one!