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Newsletter of the Whidbey Audubon Society
March 2020

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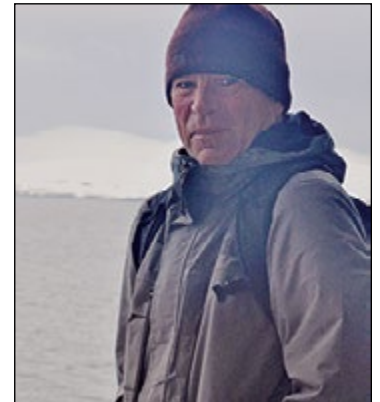
Whidbey Audubon Meets Thursday, March 12 in Freeland Westport Seabirds — A Day Offshore

Pelagic birds live their lives on the open water, only coming ashore to breed. Our presenter, Bill Tweit, will provide some basic information about the marine ecosystem that supports bird life offshore. He will also give an overview of what to expect on a Westport Seabirds pelagic boat trip and some tips on how to prepare. (Whidbey Audubon is planning to organize a field trip this spring or summer).



Photo by Ryan Shaw

Laysan's Albatross



Bill Tweit on a recent trip to Antarctica.

Join Us!
Thursday evening
March 12
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation
20103 State Route 525, two
miles north of Freeland
7:00 socializing
donations for snacks welcome
7:15 brief meeting
7:30 program begins

Bill has been in love with pelagic birding since his first pelagic trip off Montauk, New York in 1971. Two years later, he was on his first Westport Seabirds pelagic trip with Terry Wahl as the leader. This was the first of hundreds of pelagic trips he has taken off Westport. He became one of the leaders for Westport Seabirds in the mid-1970s and feels privileged to have introduced thousands of birders to the abundant marine life in the

California Current ecosystem off Washington. He was the regional editor for the Pacific Northwest Region in the journal *American Birds* for a couple of decades and also worked with Terry Wahl and Steve Mlodinow to write and edit *Birds of Washington: Status and Distribution*, which was published in 2005.

With the advent of eBird, he became one of the teams who reviews Washington records and also has served several terms on the Washington Bird Records Committee. He lives in Olympia, where he works as a Special Assistant with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. His scope of duties there ranges from Bering Sea fisheries to Columbia River salmon recovery and the hydro system.

Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, March 14: FORT CASEY STATE PARK. It's almost spring so come out for a fun walking birding trip at Fort Casey State Park. We'll explore the habitat near the lighthouse, then head up the trail (short but steep) through the forest to the picnic area. If there is time, we will drive to the ferry parking lot and check out what birds are hanging out.

Meet at 9 a.m. at the lighthouse parking lot. Drive up the road into the Park (1280 Engle Road, Coupeville, 98239) and take a right by the flagpole (do not go down the hill to the fort) and drive to the end of the road to the lighthouse parking lot.

You will need a Discover Pass, binoculars, and bring a scope if you have one. For more information contact Janet Hall at birderbiker56@gmail.com or 360-969-1340.

Saturday, March 21: BIRDING SOUTH WHIDBEY. Enjoy an early spring morning birding around South Whidbey. We will plan to include a diversity of habitats: some shorelines, some wetlands and some woodlands on this half-day birding around South Whidbey. Plan to meet at 9 a.m. at the Bayview Park and Ride on State Route 525 just north of the Goose Grocer and we

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PSE Powerful Partnership Award

Puget Sound Energy (PSE), our electric utility provider, invited Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) to celebrate our 2019 Powerful Partnership with 23 other statewide Powerful Partners in February. Walt Blackford, PSE's Outreach Manager for Island County, presented our award plaque to Linda Perry Dwight, who coordinated the WAS 2019 grant program.

We were selected as one of nine organizations to benefit from a summer 2019 campaign to increase Green Power customers. WAS received \$1,275 as our share of the funds set aside for all new customer sign-ups, and we thank all members and residents who signed up for this PSE program during the summer.

Whidbey Audubon Society looks forward to future collaborations with Puget Sound Energy.



Audubon-in-Action Grant for Guillemot Research Group

Whidbey Audubon Society's Guillemot Research Group (GRG) has been awarded a \$5,000 National Audubon Society Audubon-in-Action grant for calendar year 2020 to help enhance coordination of Audubon chapter members in recruitment of volunteers. The GRG, in cooperation with four other Puget Sound Audubon chapters and nature centers, plans to use those funds to support a regional coordinator. The goals are to ensure consistency and quality control over our existing community science project, the Pigeon Guillemot Summer Breeding

Survey and to help educate our broader community about the importance of beach and bluff stewardship.

The GRG is requesting submittals for an independent contractor to serve as the Regional Coordinator. Details and deadlines for submittal will be posted on the GRG's public website www.pigeonguillemot.org in early March. The majority of the effort will be assisting chapters with new survey sites on Bainbridge and Vashon/Maury islands, and in increasing participation of volunteers in Puget Sound Audubon chapters.

Whidbey Audubon Bird Class Begins in September

We are excited to announce we are now recruiting students for the 2020-21 Whidbey Audubon Society Bird Class. The primary goal is to improve your ability to identify birds on Whidbey. This annual class gives an overview of avian anatomy and physiology followed by expert presentations about bird life on Whidbey Island.

It meets the first and third Thursday evening (usually 6:30-

8:30) of each month from September through May and the instructors lead field trips each month to help you apply the classroom material in natural habitats. This fabulous community class will be held in Freeland this year and fills up rapidly, so if interested, please contact David Allen (Vice President of WAS) at dgallen@uw.edu. The fee is \$175 for Whidbey Audubon members and \$195 for nonmembers.

Whidbey Celebrates Earth Day 2020

Earth Day was first celebrated 50 years ago nationwide. I remember performing a puppet show on the shores of Lake Washington at Seward Park on Earth Day 1970. I'd arrived in Washington State the previous summer after graduating from college in Ohio.

Since 2007 a cadre of volunteers on Whidbey Island have been promoting Earth and Ocean Month to spread awareness of environmental stewardship. Goosefoot has provided staff support and several businesses have sponsored it.

This year's activities include a kickoff celebration at the Bayview Hall on Saturday, April 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The keynote address at 11 a.m. is by Heather Trim, director of Zero Waste Washington, followed by the annual peace picture in the field. There will be an electric vehicle show outside, plus up to six breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Groups such as

Whidbey Audubon Society will have tables with displays and people to talk with about how to be involved in protecting the environment. If you can help with Whidbey Audubon's table contact Nan at nan.maysen@outlook.com. The Bayview Hall is off SR 525 at 5642 Bayview Road, Langley.



During the month of April watch for events to get involved with such as Welcome the Whales, April 18 and 19; Whidbey Audubon field trips; lectures, films, concerts, service days and pub talks. Visit www.whidbeyearthday.org for updates to activities. To list an event on the website contact Sami Postma at sami@goosefoot.org.

— Prescott, WAS Publicity Chair

Whidbey Audubon Annual Birdathon 2020

25 years and Still Counting!

Spring is in the air and that means Whidbey Audubon's annual Birdathon can't be far behind! This rite of spring is challenging, exciting, addictive. What's not to love about being outdoors in the spring with friends, counting birds, while raising money for a good cause? It's exhilarating and rewarding.

Why should you take part in the Birdathon? According to a study in the journal, *Science*, (based on radar networks and human monitoring of bird populations), nearly every bird species is in decline (excluding some raptors, which have increased due to human intervention). Forest and coastal birds have decreased by 30 percent since 1970. Habitat loss is the biggest threat, mostly due to construction, climate change and a shrinking tree canopy. Birdathon contributes funds to Whidbey Audubon programs that help protect birds and build awareness. Birdathon monies also go towards the scholarship fund which supports Island graduating seniors who are entering environmental programs

Field Trip Report:

Loons at Deception Pass

In spite of a fairly grim forecast of rain and high winds on January 18, more than 50 people showed up at West Beach in Deception Pass State Park for Whidbey Audubon's annual Loons Field Trip, led by Sarah Schmidt and Dave Parent. This year we were joined by the field trip on gulls for Whidbey Audubon's Birds of Whidbey class and instructor Dyanne Sheldon shared helpful tips.

As it turned out, it didn't rain and we were fairly sheltered with the wind at our backs, so we enjoyed good bird viewing in spite of gray skies and cold snow beneath our feet. From the northwest headland we witnessed the inflight of hundreds upon hundreds of **Red-throated Loons** streaming past the point to fish in the outflowing current through Deception Pass. The loons were joined by numerous other divers, including **Double-crested, Pelagic and Brandt's Cormorants, Horned and Red-necked Grebes, Surf Scoters, Buffleheads, Common Goldeneyes, Red-breasted Mergansers and Pigeon Guillemots**. Other highlights included close views of **Black Turnstones** and **Surfbirds** on Gull Rock just offshore, with the usual **Black Oystercatchers**.

Cathi Bower observed, "as a spectacular bonus, the sun came out long enough to light up the loons, and there were suddenly HUNDREDS of little lit beacons all over the water!" In winter plumage, **Red-throated Loons** sport white faces, necks, flanks and bellies, and in sunlight are much easier to spot against dark water, rocks and trees.

Birding from the shore of Cranberry Lake was cut short by biting wind, but we did add **Ring-necked Ducks** and **Hooded and Common Mergansers**. At the final stop at Dugualla Bay,

— our upcoming stewards!

Here's how it works: before their chosen *day*, Birdathon teams gather pledges from people who love birds (like you), who either contribute a lump sum or a specific amount per species that their team observes. Then each team goes out for a single 24-hour period in early May, traveling anywhere on Whidbey Island, recording every species they observe.

There are several ways you can participate. You could form your own team and see how many species you can spot in 24 hours, or you can make a pledge to an existing team. (Business sponsors will be honored in our newsletter and on our website.)

Teams worked hard last year securing pledges and donations, bringing in the impressive sum of \$7,400. Of this total, \$2,692.50 was designated for the general fund, and \$4,707.50 for the scholarship fund.

Will the **All for Knot** team (Joe Sheldon, Jay Adams [pictured above], Dave Parent) hold onto the coveted Golden Binoculars from last year's impressive total of 133 species sighted?

Will **Winging It** (Janet Hall, Sarah Schmidt, Libby Hayward, and Dyanne Sheldon), who brought in \$2,566 of donations, keep the newly awarded Bronze Owl Bank? These are feather-ruffling questions, that only time will provide answers to.

Birdathon coordinator Kathy Obersinner will answer questions at the March meeting, or if you can't wait, email me at birdathon@whidbeyaudubon.org or call 503-964-0873.

— Kathy Obersinner, Birdathon Chair

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will carpool from there. We'll be hoping for some fun birding as spring migration gets underway. Limit 15 people. Please notify Ann Casey at cspcoach@aol.com.

Field Trip Checklist

- ✓ Field trips are free and open to anyone interested in birding or conservation. Bring your friends!
- ✓ Beginners are very welcome.
- ✓ Carpooling is encouraged and even required for some sites with limited parking.
- ✓ Dress for the weather and in layers.
- ✓ Very bad weather cancels a trip. Check with the trip leader.
- ✓ If you have them, bring binoculars, scope and field guides.
- ✓ If you might need them, bring a drink and snack.

We are always looking for new trip leaders and assistants. If you are interested, please contact Patty Cheek at pattycheek@gmail.com.



2019 trophy winners

Sightings Sightings Sightings Sightings Sightings

February 1: This **Orange-crowned Warbler** has been in residence for over a month, but this was the first that we have seen it enjoying nectar from the humming feeder. Location: Overlooking Deer Lagoon. — *Nancy Van Wormer*



Photo by Nancy Van Wormer

Orange-crowned Warbler

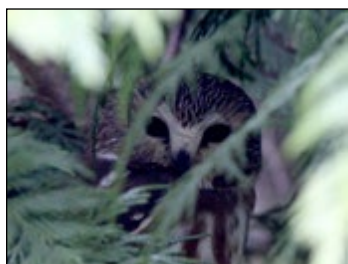


Photo by Govinda Holtby

Northern Saw-whet Owl

February 15: **Steller's Jay**

was in the cedar tree making a ruckus, **Northern Saw-whet Owl** perched on a branch eight or nine feet off the ground. Location: off Thompson Road in Langley.

— *Govinda Holtby*

February 23: **Northern Shrike.** Location: Driftwood Park.

— *Jann Ledbetter*



Photo by Jann Ledbetter

Northern Shrike

February 24: Four **Sandhill Cranes** flying north. Is it really early spring? Location: Freeland. — *Dave Parent*

February 25: First **Rufous Hummingbird** spotted this year (for me) at my feeder today. Location: Greenbank,

PLEASE POST UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS to the *Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) website*.

Sightings should be on Whidbey Island or relate in some way to Whidbey Audubon. Reports should refer to birds or other wildlife that are not commonly seen here. Alternatively, they may refer to migratory birds that arrive outside their normal seasons.

Reports of especially interesting sightings in nearby areas are welcome. Greater selectivity is needed to keep the email volume reasonable so editors will exercise judgment on whether the rarity, proximity and significance of sightings merit inclusion.

These guidelines reflect the interests of local birders. Please respect the essentially scientific nature of the Sightings feature. Thanks for your cooperation.

There are designated spaces to submit your information, such as what you saw, where you saw it and the date and approximate time. Although we are asking those who post to leave a phone number or email address with your sighting, they will not be included on the actual "Sightings" page. Thank you!

Keep up with "Sightings" on the was website, on your mobile device at www.m.whidbeyaudubon.org or on the *Whidbey Audubon Society Facebook page*.

near Honeymoon Bay Road and Towhee Lane.

— *Linda Bainbridge*

February 26: First **Tree Swallows**, 2020. Four birds over the French/Cultus Bay wet-

land. — *Dyanne Sheldon*

February 26: **Tree Swallow** — first of the season observed — Just the one so far. Location: Maxwelton Valley at Miller Lake. — *Cathi Bower*

BIN South Reports: Lagoon, Lone Lake, Langley

January 30: Super satisfying morning out at the Lagoon. The wooded trail was particularly active and the dike wasn't even all that miserable — barely breezy, and we did not get rained on. **Ruddy Ducks** greeted us immediately, up close, and while we were enjoying a great study of the up-turned back-ends of ducks, the **Short-eared Owl (SEOW)** made an appearance, and the day doesn't get better than that!

Plus, on a personal note, the SEOW was the 100th species for my "birth-month check-list." (I know that I exclaimed "One hundred!" when we saw the Ruddy Ducks, but when I checked later, I'd already seen some earlier during January). I usually make a point of recording a Birthday Big Day Birdlist, but that day and all the days around it this month have been un conducive birding weather, so not to be discouraged, I made a *Birth Month list*.

It was really fun to share with today's Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) participants, the Short-eared Owl joy this morning.

We saw and/or heard at least 42 species, among them a

Savannah Sparrow, which would be unusual for this time of year, but apparently another observer also spotted it there last weekend.

Noticeably absent — no Eagles! (Which may explain all the other activity).

February 13: In spite of a wet and daunting start, a half dozen of us braved what turned out to be just fine conditions.

Lone Lake and Langley Marina are always good for a little more protection from a winter south wind, and we saw at least 26 species. Particularly fun is seeing **Pigeon Guillemots** in varying stages of plumage. But the highlight — for *some* of us — was glimpsing a **Turkey Vulture** soaring over near the lake? Two of us, at the same moment exclaimed, "That's a Vulture!" I didn't add him to the list here, as we were only nearly positive. It's super early, but stranger observations have been recorded.

— *Cathi Bower... Bird early, bird often*

Birding in Neighborhoods South meets every other Thursday. The time varies with the season. Contact Cathi at whidbird@whidbey.com.

A Review of Kukutali Preserve

Kukutali Preserve opened to the public in June 2014. A first-ever joint project of Washington State Parks and the Swinomish Tribe, it is a 100+ acre park located on Kiket Island, just off Reservation Road on Fidalgo Island. The turnoff is small and hard to see — park in the tiny seven-space lot off Sneec-Osh Road and walk down the hill and across a tombolo (gravel bar) to the island. You can stroll straight ahead through the woods along a wide unpaved road or follow smaller trails that hug the perimeter. The north trail is steeper and winds through old growth forest, while the south trail is flatter and more open, with views of Skagit Bay.

All three paths converge in a large meadow, where a path leads down to another tombolo connecting Kiket to Flagstaff Island. A gate will stop you, as Flagstaff Island is a fragile habitat with thin soils variously described as a lowland meadow or a rocky bald. Foot access is prohibited, but you can study it with binoculars and enjoy the views beyond to Deception Pass Bridge. The walking distance is about two miles, out and back, with some ups and downs. There are portable toilets at the parking lot and the meadow.

The Swinomish Tribe is conducting scientific studies in the park and you may see wildlife cameras and other scientific gear

on the ground or in the trees. The birding is great, the views are spectacular and you can ponder the fact that this lovely place was bought by utility companies in the 1970s as the location for a planned nuclear power plant. Luckily, that plan was abandoned in the 1980s.

Kukutali Preserve is part of Deception Pass State Park, so don't forget your Discover Pass. Leave the pups at home — no dogs, no bikes, no motorized vehicles allowed — and fishing from the beach is reserved for tribal members. Be aware that recent shoreline work removed some riprap, so the tombolos (love that word!) may flood during high tides.

— Kim Shepard

Navy May Train in Parks

The US Navy has asked to train the Sea, Air and Land Forces (SEAL) teams in 29 Washington State Parks. In May, State Park commissioners will decide if the Navy can conduct stealth warfare training exercises in 29 coastal parks. Read about the Navy's plan at parks.state.wa.us/navyproposal. You can give your opinion by sending an email to commission@parks.wa.gov.

Dan's Blog: Get Ready for Rufous!

#390, February 22, 2020, pedersenwrites.blogspot.com/2020/02/390-get-ready-for-rufous.

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by Dan Pedersen with Craig Johnson

Editor's note: *Dan's Blog* is published every Saturday morning. Type this website into your browser: pedersenwrites.blogspot.com. If you'd like to be added to Dan's email list to receive the link to the latest post each week, write to Dan Pedersen at dogwood@whidbey.com.

Action is about to get feverish at the hummingbird feeder. ... The first Rufous typically arrive around the last week of February or first week of March.

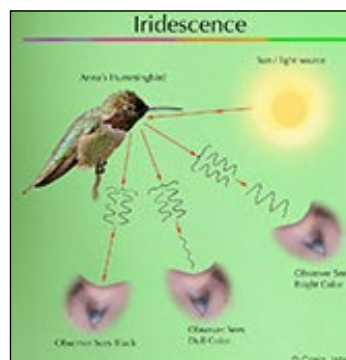
"The tiny Rufous make the longest migration of any bird their size in the avian world," said my blog partner, Craig Johnson.

"Just about everyone enjoys hummingbirds. They are the gateway species to birding," he said. Males arrive first, followed shortly by females, and they get right down to courtship and breeding.

"Rufous had long been considered the only true 'native' species to the Puget Sound area in the spring and summer," Craig said. "Then an Anna's Hummingbird nest was sighted in Tacoma in 1976. Anna's were mainly found from Baja California to the Bay area, but now many people believe it to be the native species, as it resides in this area year-round.

"People have altered the distribution of Anna's by offering nectar and plants during the winter months. Now, this species competes with Rufous. The biggest problem for both species, especially Rufous, is loss of habitat."

One of the most striking features of both Anna's and Rufous hummingbirds is their iridescence. ... [Read the full illustrated account online, see the address under the headline above.]



Field Trip Reports: Deer Lagoon on January 22

It was a dark and rainy night, (ok it was daytime). Eight hearty birders adventured out to Deer Lagoon for a three-hour tour. A three-hour tour? Ok, the majority of us made it for two hours. For the record I have never had my binoculars and scope so wet and fogged up that I thought either my optics were broken or my eyesight had degraded rapidly within an hour. That said, we had a good time. Far-off views were challenging with the rain, but we came up with a respectable 38 species.

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we enjoyed good views of more than 100 **Canvasbacks** flocked at the near end of the lake. We also saw **Belted Kingfisher** as well as **Dunlin** and **Greater Yellowlegs**. We tallied 48 species for the day.

The gathering of loons can be witnessed any winter day from December to March just after high tide, as the current picks up speed flowing out through the pass. Try to get out there to see it.

— Sarah Schmidt, Trip Coleader

From the trailhead to the Lagoon sign we were able to spot a good number of birds seeking protection in the trees and groundcover. Once we arrived at the sign, the open exposure and the wind and rain started to make things a little “damp.” We continued down the west dike for a bit to the new county sign. At that point we realized hypothermia was setting in and decided to call it a day and head for the hot showers.

A few of the species we saw/heard were: **Gadwall**, **American Widgeon**, **Northern Pintail**, **Northern Shoveler**, **Bufflehead**, **Hooded Merganser**, **Pied-Billed Grebe**, **Northern Harrier**, **Bald Eagle**, **Red-tailed Hawk**, **Black-bellied Plover**, **Dunlin**, **Anna’s Hummingbird**, **Northern Flicker** and **Downey Woodpecker**. All three **wrens** were identified, **Black-Capped Chickadee**, **Fox Sparrow** and **Golden-crowned Sparrow**.

As we left, the Pacific “North-wet” weather got better and for the remainder of the day continued to improve. Sigh! Big thank you to those hearty souls!

— Carlos Andersen, Trip Leader

Big White Birds Trip to The Samish Flats and Fir Island

To the fair-weather birders who avoided the field trip because of the forecast for rain — get with it! You live in the Pacific Northwest and it is February. Life does not wait for summer! You missed a great trip on February 15.

The 11 of us who did participate had a record (for the Big White Birds trips in February) 80 species and the expected rain did not begin until after 4 p.m. The birding sites included Pacific Rim Institute, Windjammer Park, Dugualla Bay, West Beach and Cranberry Lake in Deception Pass State Park, Samish Flats, Edison and then down to Fir Island. Highlights included: Four species of **geese** (including about 5,000 **Snow Geese** with the closest ones about 20 feet away), both **swan** species, 19 **duck** species, all three likely **loons**, all three **cormorants**, great looks at **Rough-legged Hawks** and **Short-eared Owls**, three **falcon** species with close views of **Peregrine** and **Kestrel**. The highlights in the perching birds were **Western Meadowlarks**, **Northern Shrike**, **Yellow-rumped Warblers** and three very early **Violet-green Swallow**.

We hope to see you next year. In the meantime, good birding.

— Joe Sheldon, Trip Leader



Photo by Joseph Sheldon

Hundreds of Snow Geese, Trumpeter and Tundra Swans were seen along the flats.

BIN North Report: Still Winter at Crockett Lake

February 20: Our group was hoping to spot a Short-eared Owl or a Western Meadowlark, as both had been seen with some frequency in the area but were disappointed in that regard. We did see some possibilities in crooked fence posts and vegetation waving in the wind, but in the end had to go with what we actually saw. The **Bald Eagles** were out in full force, and we almost lost count. We heard a **Great Horned Owl**, a first for our group, at Crockett Lake and saw **Canada Geese** on

top of the pilings at the ferry landing. Another unusual sighting was a pair of **Surf Scoters** in one of the little ponds at the south end of the lake. We would expect to see them in the more open water. The **Pigeon Guillemots** were abundant, some in breeding plumage and some not. We also missed seeing a couple of regulars, the Belted Kingfisher and Harlequin Duck, but did see **Green-winged Teal**, **Buffleheads** and **Horned Grebes**. We

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Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 12: Whidbey Audubon Meeting: *Westport Seabirds*** with Bill Tweit, Freeland, 7 p.m.
- 14: Field Trip: Fort Casey**
- 19: Deadline for April *Shorelines***
- 21: Field Trip: South Whidbey**
- 26: Board meeting**, Freeland Library, 7 p.m. Members welcome
- 28: Class: Birding by Ear.** 8 to 11:30 a.m. padillabay.gov (Also offered on May 23)

APRIL

- 4: Earth & Ocean Day Kick-Off**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bay-view Hall
- 9: Whidbey Audubon Meeting: *National Phenology Network***. 7 p.m. Coupeville
- 16: Deadline for May *Shorelines***
- 17 – 19 Olympic Peninsula BirdFest**, Sequim. olympicbirdfest.org
- 23: Board meeting, 7 p.m.** Greenbank Firehouse. Members welcome

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New:

Lynne Lynch
James Boyler (Red-tailed Hawk)

Renewing:

Amy & Chris Gulick	Joseph K. Sheldon
Jim Gage & Kathy Obersinner	Lloyd Kiff
Kathleen & Gregory Sivertsen	Sharla Matthews
Sharon & Craig Reid	Patty Cheek
Barbara Seely	June Ivy
Dan M. Pedersen	Karen & Dave Anderson
Eileen Ryan (Scholarship)	Alice Goodman & Jane Martin
Anne Hayden & Sheila Belanger	Michael Seraphinoff & Susan Prescott
Michael Seraphinoff & Susan Prescott	Candy & Robin Charlwood (Red-tailed Hawk)
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stopped when the rain began to fall in earnest with a total of 30 species. **Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) North** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. If you want to be informed

— *Marcia Lazoff* of the location, contact Marcia at mlazoff@comcast.net.

Whidbey Audubon Society Membership

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Make check payable to National Audubon.

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Whidbey Audubon Society

Whidbey Audubon programs are 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month except December, July and August
September, October and April, May and June meet in Coupeville Recreation Hall
November, January, February and March meet in Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

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Thursday, March 12

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Westport Seabirds A Day Offshore

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