

# Willapa Hills Audubon Society Presents



## Birding Classes 2008

### **BEGINNING BIRDING**

This class is for people who are either completely new to bird watching or who have watched birds for a short time and would like to know more. The class is designed to provide new birders with the techniques and skills to help them identify unfamiliar local birds.

Instruction will include information on birding equipment, reference materials and field guides, identification techniques, field marks and some avian natural history. This class will be taught by two active Willapa Hills Audubon Society members, both of whom are biologists. Carlo Abbruzzese has been watching birds for over 15 years and Ann Musché's time behind the binoculars has been about double that. The first class will be held on **Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Julia Butler Hansen Wildlife Refuge** near Cathlamet **from 8-9:30am with a field trip at the refuge from 9:30am to 12pm**. The second class session will be held on **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-12am at the Longview Public Library** with a field trip to **Lake Sacagawea from 8am-10am** that precedes the class. The cost for the class is \$13 and class size will be limited to 13 participants.

To register, or with questions, contact Carlo at ([puffbird@juno.com](mailto:puffbird@juno.com)) or at (360) 425-6133, or Ann at [mrm@willapabay.org](mailto:mrm@willapabay.org) (360) 484-7119.

### **WARBLERS AND VIREOS**

Would you like to know more about some of our most colorful and sweet sounding local birds? Doug Robberson will teach a multimedia (including photos, vocalizations, and even some video) class on warblers and vireo species that you would expect to find in SW Washington. The class will be taught on **April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Longview Public Library** with a field trip on **April 12**. The field trip will take place at **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge from 8am to around 11 or 12**. Doug has been teaching birding classes for Portland Audubon Society, Tualatin River keepers, and the Friends of the Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge for over 10 years and has been birding for 18 years. The cost for the class will be \$8 and space is limited so don't delay!

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### **INTERMEDIATE BIRDING**

This class will cover some of the lesser known and hard to identify species of Southwest Washington. Some of these species have confusing vocalizations, while others are shy or tend to stay up high so they are not as often seen. This class will be a good follow up to the Beginning Birding class. The class will also focus on species that are difficult to tell apart like Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawk, Hutton's Vireo and Ruby Crowned Kinglet, Great and Lesser Scaup, and Downy and Hairy Woodpecker. The class will be taught on **April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Longview Public Library**. There will be no field trip associated with this class. The cost for the class will be \$6 and space is limited!

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