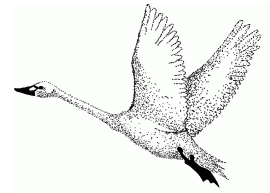


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See more of the story "Woodland Bottoms" on page 7 -- Photo by John Green

Annual Membership Meeting and Social

Saturday, March 7, 2009 6:15 PM, (give or take)

Vernie's Pizza at 900 Triangle Mall, Longview
(9th and Washington Way)

Immediately following the Bat program (see below), join your WHAS friends for a great event, our annual "banquet". This year we are giving the cooks a break and having a

PIZZA PARTY

Pizza, Salad, Soft Drinks by WHAS
"Spirited" Beverages also available for purchase
to reserve your space, please RSVP by February 28
by emailing Margaret at jgreen2317@aol.com
or calling Gloria at 360-636-3793
recommended Donation of \$5.00

*The following program will be **before** the meeting:*

It's "Twilight" Time in the Willapa Hills Bats are Flying

Saturday, March 7, 2009 - 5:00 PM

Lower Columbia College, Longview, Physical Science Room (PSC) 102,
Adjacent to 15th Ave Parking Lot, see on-line map at
<http://lcc.ctc.edu/maps/>

Andrew Emlen will be presenting a slide lecture on the fascinating lives of bats. The program will take advantage of some fantastic photos by Merlin Tuttle, from around the world, but will also include local photos while emphasizing the life histories of the nine species of bat that are native to southwest Washington. Andrew is a former instructor of field biology and environmental science at Clatsop Community College, and participated with student groups in Bat Conservation International's North American Bat House Research Project. He lives with bats and family on his farm in Skamokawa.

Primal Warblings

"...we can penetrate into that region where the air is music, we hear those primal warblings, and attempt to write them down..." (from Ralph Waldo Emerson's *The Poet*)

If you readers have a favorite poem on this topic, we would appreciate your contributions. The poem can be your original work or a poem you like. Don't forget to include your name, phone or e-mail, and a note describing your connection to birds. We will be compiling a file for future reference, so please bear this in mind as you write and enjoy birding.

This is also a good time to thank *Carolyn Norred* for the idea and all the work she invests into this column. Send your contributions or suggestions to
WHAS - Whistler, PO Box 399, Longview WA 98632
or email audubon@rivertimes.net.

JUNCO

Distant memory of haven lures a single junco
to lush green grass, imprisoned by the crusty white,
even though no falling water calls
from the brittle pond that, for the moment,
grips its promise.

Darkness shutters any chance at scattered seeds.
The chill has silenced robin's whinny,
finch and sparrow's chirp; alone, he hungers.

Laurel leaves gift a warmer night,
enough for morrow's waking of the primal urge
to quench a thirst for spring,
and sate the hunger to sing again.

Margaret Green

Margaret Green is a Longview WA resident who volunteers many hours as program chairperson for WHAS and is a close observer of local birdlife.

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☐ I would like to support the work of Willapa Hills Audubon Society.

Enclosed is my additional donation of \$_____.

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WHAS Board News

WHAS Board Meeting -- March 1 in Cathlamet

All members are invited to the quarterly board meeting at 9:30 a.m. at St. James Family Center at 1134 Columbia Street in Cathlamet.

Or you can stop by when the meeting is over at 12:30 p.m. to see the 21-minute film *Crossroads on the Columbia*, directed by Spence Palermo and written by Donna Quinn. This documentary describes the efforts of opponents to the two proposed LNG terminals on the Columbia River, and includes such familiar faces as Columbia Riverkeeper's former director Brent Foster.

To get to St. James, take Highway 4 toward Cathlamet. Across from the Shell station on Highway 4 is Columbia Street. The church/family center is a short way down Columbia Street on the left, and the meeting room is on the second floor.

Do you have time to help?

We need some NEW folks to become involved, especially in the Conservation, Education, Program and Nelson Creek committees.

Whether you can offer only a few hours during one month or a couple hours each week, any of those committee chairs would love to hear from you.

For example, the **Conservation Committee** needs members to attend state and local meetings, work on conservation legislation, or write letters to the editor.

The **Education Committee** can use people to give presentations and offer classes or just to act as an extra pair of hands at an outreach booth.

Margaret Green will be retiring as **Program Committee Chair** and would love to work side-by-side through the spring with someone who can take her place in arranging for programs.

Contact the committee chair or call Charlotte at 360-578-3949 or email her at cpersons@yahoo.com.

Renewed Hope in Keeping the Columbia River Free from LNG

By Gloria MacKenzie

Exciting news has happened to justify this writer's two-year involvement in this struggle. With a new President and administration taking a positive stance on renewable energy and curbing dependence on imported fossil fuels, our outlook can remain positive.

Current status of the proposed LNG terminal at Bradwood OR

CLATSOP COUNTY:

A Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) is a key document at the local level. It states that the project complies with local land use laws. County Commissioners issued a LUCS to NorthernStar in March of 2008. Legal questions have arisen after a Referendum passed in September 2008, which overturned the Commissioners decision to allow pipelines to run through parks and open spaces. County attorneys must respond to questions from the State Attorney General (AG).

OREGON STATE:

1) The Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) January 27th decision further invalidates the LUCS on the basis that the County Commissioners improperly determined two important issues: a) the terminal and pipeline will not protect salmon and b) the project is not small to medium.

2) Governor Kulongoski, through his new AG, John Kroeger is appealing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) conditional approval. The 9th Circuit Court can take a year to schedule oral arguments in a new case, and potentially 18 months to two years to resolve it.

Columbia Riverkeepers, WHAS and other Coalition members are also filing a separate appeal.

3) Mr. Kroeger will have excellent help from his newly appointed counsel on the environment, Brent Foster, the former Executive Director at Columbia Riverkeepers. Brett VandenHeuvel is the new Executive Director of Riverkeepers.

4) The Department of Land Conservation and Development, which determines if the project is consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act, has stayed the project (delayed) for the 3rd time until May 13, 2009. Additionally, the State of Oregon cannot legally process permits without a valid LUCS.

5) The Salem Rally was a success with approximately 400 people in attendance.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Kelliher resigned as head of FERC on January 20th, with the parting gesture of denying the Rehearing Request, which triggered the appeal to the 9th Circuit Court mentioned previously.

President Obama named Jon Wellinghoff as the new head. As an energy law specialist, his private practice focused exclusively on

client matter related to renewable energy, energy efficiency and distributed generation. Wellinghoff was also the only dissenting vote for the Bradwood Terminal.

PALOMAR PIPELINE

And as if all the above wasn't enough....wait....there's more! It came to light in July of 2007 that the Palomar Pipeline was part and parcel of this many-headed hydra; it has now been proven, despite repeated denials.

WHAS and Salem Audubon Society have entered intervenor status with Columbia Riverkeepers and other environmental organizations.

WASHINGTON DEPT OF ECOLOGY:

Please send in your comments on LNG!

State of Washington Water Quality Certification: On Jan 9, 2009, Ecology issued a Public Notice for the NorthernStar Energy LLC application for a Water Quality Certification. Comments are due by March 9, 2009.

Information received from public comment will be compiled and reviewed by Ecology, and then considered during Ecology's review process for the Certification. A final decision on Certification will be made after the SEPA process is complete.

The Public Notice is on Ecology's website at:

www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/fed-permit/swro/SWRO_PNs.html, or individuals may request a hard copy by mail by contacting Donna Nicholson at 360-407-7058 and ask to be added to the mailing list

Willapa Hills Audubon Society Announcements email List

Willapa Hills Audubon has set up an email list to facilitate *occasional* communications with members. The purpose of this list is to announce or send reminders about programs, field trips and mission-related actions that may interest members. It is also used to help communicate last minute schedule changes for programs or activities due to weather closures or other issues.

This email list is designed to convey information only, and will not permit discussion, as the goal will be to keep communications brief and occasional.

If you are not receiving these occasional emails yet and would like to be included, please send an email to WHASAlert@gmail.com with "subscribe" in the subject line, and we will add your email address. Of course, we will not share your contact information with anyone.

Moths: Most are Fly By Night

By Richard Wilson, Ph.D.

I have noted some bird watchers expand interest to other animal groups such as moths. Moths and butterflies make up the huge insect order Lepidoptera with the moth species the more numerous. For example, in the past couple of years, I photographed nearly 300 species from here in Bay Center. I think there must be somewhere around 1000 species along the Columbia River corridor in Oregon and Washington.

860 *Arctia caja* - Garden Tiger Moth 8166



Moths are interesting because they are illusive yet numerous and variable with often incredible beauty in their different sizes and shapes. Most are night flying and attracted to light. The adult phase seems solely for the mating purpose and getting those eggs deposited. Their often-amazing morphological adaptations for survival such as pattern camouflage and the blending of coloration with shape is striking. The moths are diverse in habits in their flight times (day or night), time of year, habitat, and probably many other traits that are still being discovered.

1191 *Autographa mappa* - Wavy Chestnut Y 8912



They can also be very selective in which vegetation their larvae will eat and

probably for nearly every plant there exists a caterpillar to partake of it. Many are pests while some are beneficial (e.g. Cinnabar Moth).

1217 *Callizzia amorata* - Gray Scoopwing Moth 7650



I originally observed moths at a couple of porch lights years ago. Seeing the many different sizes, shapes and colors resting on the walls around the lights I would attempt an in situ close up photo. It invariably seemed the flash or ambient light was not right or the moth just a little out of reach even if standing on a chair. The result was mostly a mediocre bunch of images. However, those initial pictures did clearly show there was an ever-changing seasonal parade that fly by night.

In 2007 I started bringing the captured moths inside to take macro photos. With inexpensive desk lamps and the moth in a short clear section of PVC pipe I wait for it to settle then take the image. I would be happy to detail the methods I use to anyone interested. Unlike most moth experts, I do not pin and mount the specimen. I capture, photograph inside then release them alive outside.

1125 *Drepana arcuata* - Arched Hooktip 6251



Often moth identification to a species or even genus or family level can be difficult. Often taxonomic placement is dependent upon dissection and examination of specific anatomical areas

such as the genitalia (best left for the experts I think). Moth distributions also are often poorly known and as a result I added 70 species to the Pacific County record in one moth family during the past couple of years. As more moths are identified in various localities their biogeography will become better known.

1121 *Mesoleuca gratulata* - Western White-ribboned Carpet Moth 7308



Many good moth photo references are available. One public collection of live nearby specimens is by John Davis, a retired USFS biologist from upstream at Stevenson along the Columbia River: http://www.flickr.com/photos/johns_pics/collections/72157602680911564/ My moth images are on Flickr.com also and arranged in sets as are John's. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/76798465@N00/collections/72157602004962512/>

1173b *Panthea virginaria* - Cascades Panthea Moth 9178-79



Leave a porch light on and take a look in the morning. Moths can become a fascination especially with a digital camera, which can take the macro images to allow viewing the detail.

Birding Bits

By Russ Koppendrayner

During the last two weeks of January 2009, I made a birding trip to western Venezuela. Three primary areas were visited, with about four days of birding in each area. The first segment focused on the birds of the Santo Domingo Valley Road as it followed its namesake river up into the Andes. One day was devoted to the above-timberline habitat known as the Paramo. The second area was a huge ranch known as Hato Pinero that caters to eco-tourists as well as being a fully functional cattle ranch. This mostly flat landscape is subject to wet season flooding, but things were drying out, as we were there a couple months into the dry season. This is primarily grassland, interspersed with substantial forested areas.

This eco-system is known as the Llanos. Lastly we spent four days birding Henri Pittier National Park in the forests of the Coast Range, northwest of Caracas.

Day two in the Andes was my favorite day of the trip, when we hiked the mine trail through the forest at about 4500 feet elevation. (A couple days later, in the paramo, we topped out at 13,400 feet.) This trail got its name from the active Kaolin mine that needed to be traversed to reach the trailhead. We hiked through before mining started in the morning, and the workers were kind enough to stop work and wave us through in the afternoon return. But, oh the colors and uniqueness of the birds we saw that day! The first highlight was the Booted Racket-tail, a wonderfully brilliant green hummingbird with little white puffs of feathers where the legs come out of the body (boots). The two outer tail feathers are long bare shafts with black “rackets” on the end.

The balance of the day was to be highlighted by my introduction to some of the cotingas of Venezuela. Cotingas are a family of fairly large, docile, fruit-eating birds of the forest canopies of Central and South America. One of our group found a bird sitting quietly at eye level in the canopy (Big tree – down a steep

slope). This unusually patterned olive and brown bird appeared scalloped and had our guide exited as soon as he saw it. After twenty years of birding and leading tours in Venezuela, it was his first life Scaled Fruiteater. A few hours later, on the hike out, in nearly the same spot, (good fruit) were two more cotinga family species. First was a Red-ruffed Fruitcrow; a crow-sized black bird with a brilliant orange breast. Putting your binoculars down, the black would disappear, but there would still be an orange glow from the forest as the breast gave its location away. Also seen was the Andean Cock-of-the-rock, my favorite bird of the trip. This foot long, round bird is a glowing fluorescent orange-red



red with a skinny head and a fluffy, flop-over crest that almost covers the bill, finished off by black wings and tail, for the males. Females have the same crest but are an all-over dull reddish-brown. Five males and four females were actively feeding in the open for us to feast our eyes on for some time. What a treat!

Then there was the experience in the Llanos of an Ornate Hawk-eagle flying in and perching where we could get excellent scope or binocular looks. It stayed until a troop of Wedge-capped Capuchin monkeys swung over to make a lot of noise and shake sticks at the Hawk-eagle from a distance. Per my “Birds of Venezuela”, the monkeys are one of the prey items for the Ornate Hawk-eagle, but with his ability to ambush gone, he decided to move on.

These were just a few highlights of the 371 species of birds, seen in the two weeks. Included in them were 24 species of hummingbirds and 29 species of colorful tanagers. Other sightings included uncountable copybaras, scores of caimans, and of course, there, fifty feet away, in the ditch, by the road, stealthily hunting and ignoring us, was the ocelot, possibly everyone’s top sighting.

Good Birding.

Nelson Creek Committee

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking forward to a busy time at **Nelson Creek** this spring and summer. Egg mass surveys for frogs and salamanders in March, vegetation transects in April, and building demolition in May, just for a start. As Columbia Land Trust firms up funding, more activities will be occurring.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!! If you are interested in participating and having a great time, send your name, phone number, and e-mail address to Russ and Ann Kastberg, 360-274-7091 or 360-431-5541 or rkastberg@cni.net. We will put you on our list and contact you as these activities are scheduled.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Russ and Ann.

Willapa Hills Audubon Society Discussion email List

Did you know that WHAS has a discussion email list? Go to <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/willapahillsaudubon> for more info. You are invited to join by clicking on the <Join This Group!> button on the above website.

The purpose of the discussion email list is to allow members to announce and discuss items of general interest to the entire group, and even send digital images. This is a good way to give notice of bird sightings. The list and information therein is restricted to prevent spammers, but once the moderators have approved your participation you can post or read messages on the list.

The list can be accessed through your browser and/or regular email or a free Yahoo account. If you have questions or need further information contact Dick at bcfarms@willapabay.org.

Book Review

By Carolyn Norred

The Birds of Heaven: Travels with Cranes

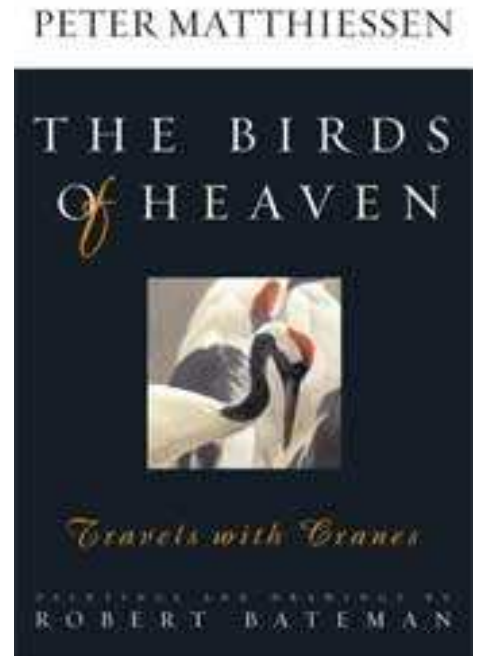
Peter Matthiessen; North Point Press, N.Y., 2001.

On January 17, 2009, John Green led a fun bird tour through the Woodland, WA bottomlands. Of the 47 species we saw on the trip, the sandhill cranes may not have been the most amazing, but they definitely were the most persistent. In *The Birds of Heaven: Travels with Cranes*, (North Point Press, N.Y., 2001) Peter Matthiessen tells us, "That the sandhill shares distinctive traits with every other crane strengthens its status as an "ancient one"...among Wyoming fossils nine million years old...the elegant creature [is] the oldest living bird species on earth" (271).

March is an ideal month to go in search of these lanky wonders as they migrate through SW WA, and Matthiessen's work adds to the excitement of the trip. As a writer, it might be said that his work is as elegant and timeless as the sandhill itself. *The Birds of Heaven* is a thorough, beautifully written examination of the art and science of cranes, worldwide. It includes maps of crane ranges, migratory and non migratory, an evolutionary chart, visuals of the world's 15 species, historical and mythical functions, and delightful descriptions of his personal experiences as he traveled across five continents studying and writing about these creatures.

This is a book to read before, and re-read after, any trip to view the spring migration of the sandhills in SW WA.

Carolyn Norred is a retired English teacher who lives in Longview, WA, and enjoys both birds and books.



Invitation

WHAT: Earth Day Celebration
WHEN: Saturday, April 18
TIME: 10:00-3:00
WHERE: Cowlitz County Fairgrounds

Come and share your enthusiasm for protecting our earth. Help others catch that excitement. We need people to talk with adults as they come by the booth. We also need people to help the children make bird feeders from toilet paper rolls, peanut butter and bird seed. Please share an hour and a half of your time for a VERY worthwhile cause. Call Pat Reistroffer at 360-636-5125 or email preistrof@aol.com and let her know you would be willing to help.

More about the Whistler

Did you know that you can read the Whistler online at our website? To see the pictures in color or in case you missed a previous issue just go to <http://www.willapahillsaudubon.org/whistlercontent.html>

Deery Memorial Signage

By Margaret Green

We are moving steadily towards the reality of avian interpretive signage for Lake Sacajawea in Longview. WHAS applied for, and was fortunate to receive, both a National Audubon Grant (chosen by Audubon Washington) of \$530, and a Longview City Tourism Grant of \$500. An application has been submitted for a matching funds grant from Longview Parks and Recreation. Featuring local artists, the signs will be a beautiful tribute as well as an educational and recreational enhancement to the park, which is a site on "The Great Washington State Birding Trail."

Grateful thanks to the many of you who have contributed towards this wonderful project. For those who wish to help, we are still accepting donations by mail to WHAS at PO Box 399, Longview, WA 98632. Please feel free to call 360-575-9238 or email jgreen2317@aol.com Margaret Green with any questions or comments.

Get Back the High Lakes

By Charlotte Persons, *President*

In northeast Cowlitz County and the bordering part of Skamania County, there is a beautiful area called High Lakes that for many years has been a favorite place for camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting. The area abuts the boundary of the Mount St. Helens National Monument and includes Elk, Hanaford, Forest and Fawn lakes. In January 2007 Weyerhaeuser Co. sold this area to a developer, who has split half the land into large lots. A group of local residents who are concerned that this area will no longer be accessible to the public have organized to try to save this area for public recreation. The group is led by Gifford Pinchot Task Force and is made up of local fishing, hunting, and environmental organizations, including WHAS.

One idea is to create legislation that will help prevent this situation in other parts of Cowlitz County and the rest of Washington. A couple of legislative models that have been successful in other states are being explored. In addition, Gifford Pinchot Task Force has applied for grant funds to buy at least one parcel, but a campaign for public donations is also being initiated.

Another step was to ask Cowlitz County Commissioners at their January 19 meeting to impose a moratorium on building permits in areas outside of local fire districts until the county can create a comprehensive plan and zoning for all land outside of cities' limits. A moratorium of this sort has already been put into place by Skamania County. The Cowlitz Commissioners have agreed to hold a public hearing on the possibility of such a moratorium soon. In advance of this hearing, in March the Get Back the High Lakes group will be holding public information forums in Longview and Toutle. *Keep your eyes open* for information through *The Daily News* that will announce these public forums.

For more news about the land sale, you can access an article in Seattle's KOMO news website at www.komonews.com/news/local/13919357.html. If you would like to be part of the effort to preserve this forestland for wildlife and public access, contact Charlotte Persons at cpersons@yahoo.com or 360-442-2575.

Recent Programs

Ivy Pull Field Day

By John Green



Photo by Margaret Green

On January 10, 2009, 17 hardy souls from WHAS and LCC Biological Club spent a chilly morning pulling ivy at Lake Sacajawea Park in Longview. The island at the north end of the lake near Ocean Beach Highway has been invaded with ivy, which is strangling the life out of the many trees, and is threatening to suffocate all vegetative life, native and otherwise. Amazing 6" trunks of "old-growth" ivy were daunting but did not deter these determined warriors.

The crew shared pizza and stories after 3 ½ hours of hard work. Sightings of a ruby-crowned kinglet, and a raccoon, proving that native wild life still inhabits the island, were encouraging. Many thanks are due to WHAS member Louis LaPierre and his group from LCC, and of course all the WHAS members who participated in the pull.

There is much more work to be done, so anyone out there wishing to participate in future projects, please call John Green at 360-575-9238 or email at jgreen2317@aol.com.

Woodland Bottoms - Journey of Discovery

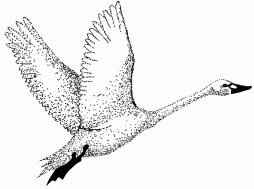
By John Green

On the 17th of January 2009, a very cold Saturday, ten birding enthusiasts participated in a field trip to Kalama and Woodland Bottoms. While all 47 species spotted on this day were a delight, the red-shouldered hawk found on Caples Road, and the mountain chickadees at Horseshoe Lake, were special. The red-shouldered hawk is seldom seen in our area and the mountain chickadees are normally found at high altitudes.

The dancing sandhill cranes entertained the group with their displays, and the many tundra swans and great egret found, also

were enthralling. Everyone was amazed at the numbers of raptors, especially red-tailed hawks and northern harriers found that day.

Our leader, caught up in the excitement of the chase, pushed without a lunch break. Thankfully, the group was rescued by Linda Jennings' delicious scones. In the afternoon, the sun peeked out and offered to warm fingers and toes, and added a glowing finish to a great day of birding.



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Complimentary copies are sent to organizations and prospective members. All WHAS activities and programs are open to the public.

The *Willapa Whistler* is printed on recycled paper using soy based ink.

Upcoming WHAS Programs

Mark Your Calendar

It's "Twilight Time" in the Willapa Hills - Bats are Flying

Saturday, March 7, 2009 - 5:00 PM Lower Columbia College, Longview Physical Science Room (PSC)102, Adjacent to 15th Ave Parking Lot, see also map online at <http://lcc.ctc.edu/maps/>

Andrew Emlen will be presenting a slide lecture on the fascinating lives of bats. (More on page 1)

Annual Membership Meeting and Social

Saturday, March 7, 2009 - 6:15 PM, (give or take) Vernie's Pizza at 900 Triangle Mall, Longview (9th and Washington Way) Immediately following the Bat program, join your WHAS friends for a great event, our annual "banquet". (More on page 1)

"Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness"

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 - 7:00 PM Cowlitz PUD Auditorium, 961 12th Ave, Longview

A multi-media slideshow documents citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This 15-minute journey through red rock splendor invigorates and motivates to support protection of these unique lands. In conjunction with the program, a presentation on the current status of the Utah wilderness movement, will be given by Bob Brister, Interregional Outreach Coordinator for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. This is a must see event for those who want to learn about this tremendous American public lands conservation effort.

Upcoming WHAS Field Trips

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Shorebird Field Trip

Saturday, April 25, 2009. This trip will take place during the spring migration for shorebirds and holds promise for sights of thousands of birds heading north to the breeding grounds. We normally see song birds as well as raptors and falcons hoping to snatch a meal. Call John Green at 360-575-9238 or email at jgreen2317@aol.com to make a reservation. Meeting time and place will be announced later after consulting tide tables. Be prepared for most any type of weather, bring lunch, and be ready for some moderate walking and a full day of birding.

The Mission of the Willapa Hills Audubon Society is to support ecologically responsible ways of life, to help maintain biologically diverse habitats, and to promote environmental understanding and enjoyment of nature.

Check out our website at www.willapahillsaudubon.org