



Shorelines

Newsletter of the Whidbey Audubon Society
April 2019

Whidbey Audubon Society is dedicated to the understanding, appreciation and conservation of birds, other wildlife and their habitats on Whidbey Island and in surrounding waters.

Whidbey Audubon Meets Thursday, April 11 in Coupeville Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together?

Stories from the Puget Sound Seabird Survey with Jennifer Lang



Jennifer Lang,
Seattle Audubon
Conservation
Science Coordi-
nator

regularly on the first Saturdays of the month from October to April to learn more about the overwintering seabird population throughout the Southern Salish Sea. Volunteers diligently identify, count and collect data on seabirds in nearshore habitats to help us learn more about seabird hotspots, both for birding and for conservation.

Join Jennifer Lang for her program, rescheduled from February. She tells some interesting stories and talks about birds that have been seen over the past eleven seasons of this citizen science program. **Please note this program is at the Coupeville Recreation Hall.**

Jenn joined the Seattle Audubon team as the Conservation Science Coordinator in August 2017 after completing several seasons monitoring and surveying all kinds of birds, from fairywrens to puffins, for various organizations around the world. She earned a master's degree from the University of Washington

Where do seabirds go when they overwinter in Puget Sound? Which seabird species hang out with one another? Are some birds more likely to be seen more frequently than others? With the help of over 200 dedicated citizen scientists braving the Pacific Northwest winter, we can answer these questions by looking at data collected for the Puget Sound Seabird Survey (psss) program. Since 2007, psss surveys have been conducted at water-

front sites

Join Us!

Thursday evening
April 11

Coupeville

Recreation Hall

901 NW Alexander Street

7:00 socializing
(donations for snacks welcome)

7:15 brief meeting

7:30 program begins



Photo by Adam Sedgely

psss volunteers calculate the distance of seabirds off the shore of a Puget Sound beach.

analyzing data from the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team and a bachelor's degree in wildlife science from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Watching and learning about birds have always been a passion of hers and she pursues them avidly whenever she can.

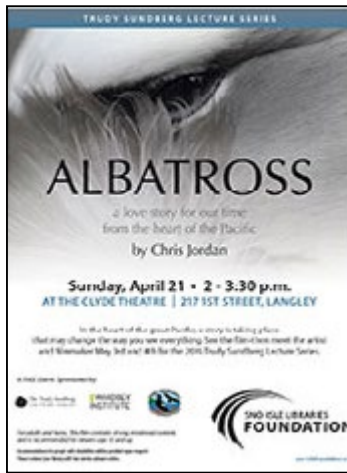
Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, April 13: WILD HORSE WIND AND SOLAR FACILITY. *This trip is presently full.* Call Linda if interested on being on a waiting list. As part of Whidbey Audubon Society's Powerful Partnership with Puget Sound Energy, we will be visiting the wind and solar facility east of Ellensburg. Following a catered lunch with a presentation, we'll have a tour of the facility. The group is limited to 20 participants, who will carpool to the facility. Plan for an all-day trip, with the possibility of a stop for birding on the way home. Please contact trip leader Linda Perry

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Conservation Column: Global Impacts

In the last year, I've had the good fortune to travel to a number of exotic locations. (I'm working on offsetting my travel-carbon expenditure — more on that in a future column.) While



the scenery and wildlife and people were wonderful and the adventures thrilling, in every place I was saddened to see the detritus of our plastic, single-use lifestyle. On remote beaches in Baja California Sud, there were plastic straws, water bottles and styrofoam bits. Roadsides in Costa Rica were littered with plastic bags, fast-food containers and bottles. And even on remote islands in the Andaman Sea off

the coast of Thailand, there was plastic flotsam on every beach.

Our carefully recycled plastic waste, that was once sent to China, is now taken in by less industrialized countries, which pick it over and discard most of it. The rejected material is dumped in gullies, ravines, or primitive unsealed landfills, where it blows or washes into the nearest waterways. The impact on animals and birds is well-known; microplastics are in our food chain.

Banning single-use plastic bags is a start. Fabric multi-use bags are widely available and inexpensive. Avoiding single-use water bottles means thinking ahead a bit in this country, where tap water is drinkable and tastes are easily removed with a Brita or similar pitcher. Those plastic water bottles and plastic bags, no matter how carefully you recycle them, are going to cause harm somewhere in the world. We can do better, and we have to try.

— *Kim Shepard, Conservation Chair*

We Can Help to Make Your Yard More Bird Friendly

Have you struggled to identify or attract birds in your yard? Wondered what native plants best support birds and might work in your garden? Thought about thinning your trees or re-landscaping your land to make it more wildlife friendly? Wondering about your shoreline or bluff? Whidbey Audubon would like to help! We have board and committee members with expertise in all these things. While perhaps not all certified professionals, many of us have information and experience we'd love to share. If you'd like a brief (under two hour) visit from a couple of us, please reply to backyardconsultations@whidbeyaudubon.org.

Tell us what information you need or what issues you'd like to discuss. If you'd like to get your backyard certified for "Plants for Birds" (an Audubon Bird-Friendly Community program) or certified as a National Wildlife Federation backyard habitat, we can help with that, too. We will be in touch to arrange a time. There will be no charge for this consultation, although, of course Whidbey Audubon would be grateful for any donation you care to make. This is a new undertaking for us and we look forward to meeting with you!

Candidate Slate for May 9, 2019 Election

All Whidbey Audubon members in good standing who are present at the May membership meeting on May 9, 2019, are eligible to vote for the open board positions. Our nominees are:

Treasurer: Sheri Croll
Secretary: Cathy Queeno-Wall

Candidate for Treasurer Sheri Croll

I have an appreciation for birds going back to my childhood, where we tracked the local birds at my grandparents' cabin in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I got married and moved to Alaska for 28 years. The marriage didn't last, but I became familiar with the more northern birds and discovered I really loved Ravens, and that *has* lasted. I bought my house on Whidbey five years ago and moved here permanently in 2017. I'm currently attending the birding class in Freeland. I enjoy learning deep information about our birds and how to look for the ways to tell one from the other.

I have been in accounting and finance for all of my work career, that being (cough, cough) 40-odd-years-long. I look for-

ward to helping Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) keep good track of its funds, and am gratified to be part of an organization that matches my own values about the environment and all the creatures who rely on its continued healthy existence.

Candidate for Secretary – Cathy Queeno-Wall

I have been the Secretary for Whidbey Audubon since the last election in May, 2018. I've been a member of Whidbey Audubon since 2002 and took the birding class in one of those early years. My husband bought me my first bird book 20 years ago on our honeymoon after seeing a Tufted Puffin for the first time. I took part in the Pigeon Guillemot project monitoring various and sometimes multiple beaches from Coupeville to Forbes Point for nine years. I have lived in Oak Harbor about 40 years and I am still working full time, which has hindered my ability to actively participate in several committees, but I have been enjoying helping the board as secretary. I am forever grateful for all Whidbey Audubon has taught me about birds and habitat.

Getting Ready for 2019 Birdathon!

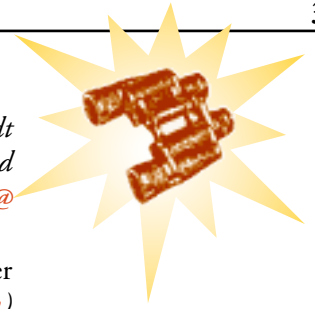
In early May, during peak spring bird migration, teams of birders will traverse Whidbey Island with their scopes and binoculars, counting all species of birds they observe over a 24-hour period. This is the 2019 annual Whidbey Audubon Birdathon, modeled after the Cornell Lab's Global Big Day event where, in 2018, over 30,000 people from around the world noted over 7,000 species in a single day. See "Global Big Day, May 4 2019" at ebird.org/news/global-big-day-4-may-2019.

Our Birdathon is as much a fundraising event as a species count. How can you take part in this event and help support Whidbey Audubon? You are very welcome to start your own team, take pledges and record bird species, or you may support one of the existing teams by pledging a specific amount per species observed or a lump sum. Simply contact one of the team leaders listed below, or go to the Birdathon table at the April 11 Audubon meeting. If you are a Microsoft, or Boeing employee (current or retired), your donation will be matched by these companies.

At this point I believe the following teams plan to participate:

- **The Coupevillains**, Steve and Martha Ellis (sremse@comcast.net)
- **The Fledglings**, Jenny Brown (jennywahere@gmail.com)
- **Wild Women of Whidbey**, Ann Casey (cspcoach@aol.com)

- **Winging It**, Sarah Schmidt (4bats@ixoreus.com) and Janet Hall (birderbiker56@gmail.com)
- **Shore Thing**, Cathi Bower (whidbird@whidbey.com) and Kathy Obersinner



This year, for the first time, there will be TWO awards for Birdathon teams to strive for. The traditional Golden Binocular Award will continue to go to the team that sights the most species. It will be awarded in May, while a new award, The Bird Bank, will be given to the team that raises the most money. This second award will be announced at the September meeting, as we won't have the final figures until early summer.

Again, thank you, for your generous support. Last year we raised \$6,884 for our general and scholarship funds, with the "Winging It" team taking the lead in contributions, raising \$2,346.75. Great job! The Coupevillains took the Golden Binoculars Award, sighting 129 bird species!

Birdathon coordinator Kathy Obersinner will answer questions at the April meeting. For additional information, email her at obergage@gmail.com or call 503-964-0873.

Please Resubscribe for Unusual Sightings or Notifications

Attention website users, a software change at Whidbey Audubon's server host has rendered the subscriptions for Unusual Sightings and Special Notifications inoperable. Please resubscribe at www.whidbeyaudubon.org/subsightings2.htm or, for notifications only, at www.whidbeyaudubon.org/subnotifications.htm.

I deeply regret this inconvenience. If you encounter other problems or have ideas for adding or improving features, please send them in, using the Contact Us link on the main page: just click on the website box.

— Rob, The Website Guy

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Dwight at 360-678-5255 or treasurer@whidbeyaudubon.org.

Tuesday April 16: BIRDING PORT TOWNSEND AND BEYOND. We'll hop an early ferry and head over to Port Townsend for some morning and early afternoon birding across Admiralty Inlet. Please meet at the Coupeville Ferry parking lot at 8 a.m. sharp so we can carpool and get in the ferry line for the 8:45 ferry. Bring a lunch and we can pick a spot of interest to enjoy. We will be catching the 3:30 ferry back to Whidbey. All cars left at the Coupeville parking lot must have Discover Passes. We will need to make vehicle reservations, so space will be limited. Please contact Ann Casey at cspcoach@aol.com by April 11 to make a reservation for this trip. FYI ferry costs for the vehicles will be shared by the participants. Looking forward to a fun day birding.

Saturday, May 11: BIRDING IN EDMONDS. Trip Leaders are Bev Bowe and Sarah Schmidt. Bev is an Edmonds resident and bird photographer who will meet us in Mukilteo and lead us to some of her favorite Edmonds birding spots for both land and water birds. Potential places we'll visit include Pine Ridge Park, Yost Park, Edmonds Fishing Pier, Brackett's Landing Shoreline Sanctuary and Edmonds Marsh. Bring a lunch; we'll return mid-afternoon. Meet

at 7:40 a.m. at Bayview Park and Ride to carpool to the 8:30 ferry to Mukilteo. Contact Sarah Schmidt at 360-929-3592 or 4bats@ixoreus.com to register. There is no participant limit.

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 pattypipe@gmail.com.

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Photo by Sarah Schmidt

White-fronted Goose, left, flocking with Canada Geese.

March 5: At Dugualla Lake, one **Greater White-fronted Goose** was flocking with **Canada Geese**. Also in the flock something I've never seen before: two Canada Geese with pale gray feathers where they are normally black and brown. I'm posting some photos. Perhaps a form of leucism, but the lightly pigmented areas were gray, not white.

— *Sarah Schmidt*

March 8: Five **White-fronted Geese** at Ewing (Long's) Ponds. Not rare in spring, but unusual at that location I think. Grazing in the pasture grasses with a gaggle of **Canada Geese**. — *Dyanne Sheldon*

March 10: First **Tree Swallows!** Same day as 2018. Checking out nest box at our place. Only two birds, I think. Location: Clinton: Cultus Bay Road and French Road.

— *Dyanne Sheldon*

March 14: I live where I can view into the western Deer Lagoon back bay. We saw what we believed were White Pelicans, but upon closer examination, they appear to be white **Tundra Swans** or **Trumpeter Swans**. Never seen them in the lagoon before. Flock is approximately 10 birds, located towards islands on the far west end. Confirmation: What we

thought were long, yellow beaks of the white pelican were some kind of yellow feathers on the front of the birds. Birds have long necks and short beaks, like swans. Originally, I thought they had yellow beaks, like snow geese, but upon another look with my binoculars, beaks are black. — *David Berkey*

March 14: A tight flock of over 200 **Brant** has been hanging around in Saratoga Passage. Unusual for this location. Also, **Horned Grebes** are beginning to mass in a tight flock just offshore. This springtime flock usually reaches 200+ birds.

— *Dave Parent*

March 16: First **Turkey Vulture** of the season. Appeared overhead about 200 feet for about ten minutes, then reappeared half an hour later. Location: 1.5 miles east of Polnell Point. — *Vince Hagel*

March 18: **Turkey Vulture** soaring — seems a bit early. Location: Useless Bay Golf Club. — *Darwin Wile*

March 21: **Sandhill Crane** preening at the lake side. I was able to watch it for an hour, first creeping up to the blind here, and then sat for a while until it took off and circled over the lake a few times. It was such a treat to see it here, but I hope it finds its friends. Location: Maxwellton Valley at Miller Lake. — *Cathi Bower*

March 21: What a thrill to come across these gorgeous swans on my morning drive thru Crockett Lake today. I'm (cautiously) identifying them as **Tundra Swans** which according to eBird are "unreported" in that location. I



Photo by Jann Ledbetter

Tundra Swans seen on Crockett Lake.

did not see them there when I went back late afternoon.

— *Jann Ledbetter*

March 24: **Townsend's Solitaire**. Location: Seen today in the Garry Oak plantation, Pacific Rim Institute (PRI), Coupeville. — *Jay Adams*

March 24: **Rufous Hummingbird** at feeder and zipping anxiously around. Location: Lagoon Point.

— *Mary Hollen*

March 25: Thanks to Jay Adams's tip yesterday, I went to PRI today, with camera, to see if I could photograph the **Townsend's Solitaire**. Suc-



Photo by Michael Sheldon

Townsend's Solitaire

cess! — *Michael Sheldon*

March 28: One thousand **Snow Geese** (give or take) heading north at their "we're outta here" cruising altitude. Heading north over Clinton, so I'm guessing these are birds from farther south, not the Skagit. Winter is passed. Location: Red Door Farm, Clinton. — *Dyanne Sheldon*

March 29: Two happy healthy **Bewick's Wrens** energetically selecting bugs from the winter debris in my yard. Location: Lagoon Point.

— *Mary Hollen*

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*.

Pigeon Guillemot Summer Research Study

A signature program of the Whidbey Audubon Society is our on-going Pigeon Guillemot breeding survey. Every summer volunteers spend one hour per week on the beaches of Whidbey Island recording population numbers and behaviors of these engaging seabirds. Volunteers usually work in teams at the approximately 26 guillemot colonies around the island. We will train you and assign you a team. You only need binoculars and a willingness to commit to recording activities of these birds from mid-June to the end of August. (We allow for vacations, too.)

If interested please plan to attend

our volunteer training on Wednesday, May 8 at the Unitarian Universalists Congregation meeting house, about a mile north

of Freeland on 525. New volunteers or those wanting a refresher should arrive by 6:30 p.m. and returning volunteers plan to arrive by 7:15. We would love to have you join us.

For more information visit our website www.pigeonguillemot.org where you will find a description of our survey. For further information contact Frances Wood, wood@whidbey.com.



Photo by Govinda Rosling

Pigeon Guillemots

eBirding — Just Another Citizen Science Project

For those who have attended such fascinating Whidbey Audubon Society programs as Molt Migration or Dr. Parent's cool wildlife presentations, you may believe that real professional scientists have all the fun, but beyond contributing to various local and worldwide habitat efforts, there's more than one way to include your own two cents in studies around habitat and its inhabitants.

Managed by Cornell Lab of Ornithology, eBird is an on-line project, which collects input from contributors all over the world. It is a grand social network of birders who love to post what they observe, without ever talking about it with one another. eBird does host a Facebook page, but human social connection is far from its main focus.

Use eBird to keep track of your own observations, to share sightings with our local community and to contribute to a variety of studies across the globe. If you'd like to know when a specific species is due to show up, that may be tracked by looking up the species map. If you're planning a trip to an unfamiliar area, you can look up your destination and research what you might see during any given time of year, as well as the locations of local birding Hot Spots there. Birdathon teams use the reports to plan their Big Day strategies.

EBirders often include recordings and photos, and this year the Macaulay photo library received its one millionth image. A network of vigilant online observers is always ready to flag incorrect information and mislabeled media, so there's no need to be anxious about posting something in error, and it adds confidence that with very few exceptions, photos used for ID are reliably accurate.

All this data is mined by researchers for studies all over, and in a world that may often seem full of destruction, this type of Community Science feels like constructive contribution. Since



Review the tutorial called eBird Essentials on the web, ebird.org/about.

I began the use of eBird early in 2015, I personally was quickly hooked on the resource and the challenge. At the time of writing, I've submitted over 1,500 lists there, with a "streak" of 842 days — a list every day for over two years straight — having observed 225 species, 168 of them in Island County, and the rest in 14 other States and British Columbia. This is the sort of tracking that a person can take to any level they (or the family and friends around them) can handle. On top of all these

exciting applications, eBird offers a monthly challenge, of which the winner receives Zeiss binoculars. I don't hope to win the binoculars (Okay, yes I do), but each month I've completed the challenges, which range from entering certain types of lists, to sharing them, to tracking them, to uploading media to the site.

Recent additions of mobile apps have made it super easy to record while birding, and it's excellent for recording Christmas Bird Count numbers, for example, if your fingers aren't too cold at the time.

To find out more, see the link below to go online to Cornell's eBird website, or contact me for tips about using eBird. Most everything you'd ever want to know is clearly explained throughout the site, and I recommend reviewing their tutorial called eBird Essentials, ebird.org/about. The only drawback is that apparently no support is offered there for eBirding addicts — I guess we have each other for that.

— as experienced by *Cathi Bower*, whidbird@whidbey.com,

Field Trip Reports: Cornet Bay and Hoypus Point

The morning of March 15 was sunny and calm, but it wasn't long enough for the seven birders who met at Cornet Bay. We scoped the harbor at the (closed) store and also at the boat launch, with some interesting results. A close-up of a yellow-legged, clear-breasted, eye-striped peep caused an intense discussion, with much consultation of the bird checklist and a few books. Then it began to bob its tail and we all nodded in unison — **Spotted Sandpiper**.

BIN South Sends Off Winter; Welcomes Spring

February 28: Super day with a big group out at Ewing Marsh and Sunlight Beach. Between both locations, we saw and/or heard 43 species, plus the **Yellow-shafted Flicker** at Ewing. Not even included here are the half dozen additional species that Gideon spied when she continued out the Deer Lagoon East dike afterwards. There was even a **Pheasant** out there.

March 14: **Tree Swallows** at Deer Lagoon — yay! A really pleasant stroll this morning, where we saw and/or heard at least 46 species. Hundreds of **shore-walkers** of all kinds, lots of **ducks** and all the rest. We spotted a **House Finch** who was very yellow-orange, hanging with the usual red ones, and a nice **Fox Sparrow** posed with a **Song Sparrow** for comparison. Really busy out there, but for one glaring missing subject — guess where all the **American Wigeons** were after all? As we were heading out, our carload spied dozens of them together in a field off of Millman, but we didn't stop long enough to see if they had the Eurasian with them.

— Cathi Bower, *Happy Spring! Bird early – bird often*

Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) South meets every other Thursday. Time varies with the season. Contact Cathi Bower at whidbird@whidbey.com.

BIN North Waves Goodbye to Winter

March 13: It was still a bit wintery at Crockett Lake, but the promise of Spring was evident at the lighthouse. It was a cacophony of sound and activity as the birds pair up for the nesting season. We heard and saw **Juncos**, **Pacific Wrens**, **Golden-crowned Sparrows**, **Song Sparrows** and both **Eurasian-collared** and **Mourning Doves**, singing and calling.

At the beach we saw the expected species but were also treated to a **Common Loon** and many **Ruddy Ducks**. It wouldn't be Crockett Lake without a **Harrier**, **Killdeer**, **Belted Kingfisher**, **Pelagic** and **Double-crested Cormorants** and the **Harlequins**. In all, we saw or heard 31 species including the soon to be more common large bird, the F-18 Growler.

— Marcia Lazoff

Birding in Neighborhoods (BIN) North meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. To receive information about location, contact Marcia Lazoff at mlazoff@comcast.net.

Before we got to the entrance to the Hoypus Point Trail, we had also seen all three species of **Merganser** and a single **Pigeon Guillemot**. On the Hoypus Point Trail, all the birds were singing. The ones we could identify by sight were **Black-capped Chickadee**, **Bushtit**, **Red-breasted Nuthatch**, **Bewick's Wren**, **House Wren**, **Pacific Wren**, **Ruby-crowned Kinglet**, **American Robin**, **Varied Thrush**, **Spotted Towhee**, **Fox Sparrow**, **Song Sparrow**, **Dark-eyed Junco**, **Red-winged Blackbird**, **Purple Finch** and **House Sparrow**. At the same time, we were marveling at the old-growth trees of varied species, height and width, and looking at views to our left of the bay, the bridge and the nearby islands.

This was the perfect almost-spring field trip, with 39 species seen, great scenery on the "other" side of Deception Pass State Park and excellent company.

Note: Hoypus Point contains a hill of old-growth forest which was protected by Whidbey Island environmentalists and incorporated into the State Park.

— Susan and Stephen Bennett, *Trip Leaders*

Semiahmoo Spit and Birch Bay State Park on March 20

The late December storm that thumped Whidbey also left closed trails, downed trees and woody debris on the Spit and along Birch Bay. But we enjoyed a sunny, warmish day with views of snowy Mount Baker. Most birds were well offshore but we scoped **Long-tailed Ducks**, **White-winged** and **Surf Scoters**, **Pacific** and **Common Loons**, and several **grebe species**, along with large rafts of **Brant**. **Eagles** were everywhere! By the time winter officially ended at 3 p.m. we had counted 60 species, thanks to some of our carpools picking up a few additions at the West 90 junction in Edison on the way home.

— Kim Shepard, *Happy spring!*

Hummingbird Platforms Donated

Girl Scout Troop #44473 joined our March 14 meeting bearing gifts. The girls had been busy making platforms for hummingbirds on which to make their nests and wanted to donate them to members of Whidbey Audubon.



Photo by Kim Shepard

They suggest putting the birdhouse in high places like a tree-protected from the wind, rain and predators. If you have more than one hummingbird house, make sure to keep them in them in separate places as the birds are territorial. Place a feeder nearby so they will stay. Thank you, Girl Scouts!

Kim Shepard already has her platform in place and, hopefully, will soon report a success story.

Dates to Remember

APRIL

Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month, www.whidbeyearthday.org

8 or 11: Volunteer Training for Maxwelton Outdoor Classroom, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

11: Whidbey Audubon Program: *Do Birds of a Feather Flock Together: Stories from Puget Sound Seabird Surveys* with Jennifer Lang, Coupeville (Rescheduled from February)

13: Field Trip: Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility, wait-listed

16: Field Trip: Port Townsend

18: Deadline for May Shorelines

21: *Albatross* by Chris Jordan, 2 p.m. at the Clyde Theatre

22-24: Othello Sandhill Crane Festival, www.sandhillcrane-festival.org

25: Board Meeting, Freeland Library 7 p.m. Members welcome

27: Class: Spring Birding by Ear, 8 to 11:30 a.m. www.padilla-bay.gov; Also offered May 25

MAY

3 to 5: Grays Harbor Festival, Hoquiam, www.shorebirdfestival.com

4 or 5: Birdathon

9: Whidbey Audubon Program: *Birding Whidbey Island* with Craig and Joy Johnson, Coupeville

11: Field Trip: Birding in Edmonds

16: Deadline for June Shorelines

24 to 27: Wenas Audubon Campout, www.wenasaudubon.org

25: Class: *Spring Birding by Ear*, see April 2

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New

Kim Roth Nelson
Ken and Shannon Wolfe

Patricia Duarte and Tom Pocock

Renewing

Val and Joe Hillers

Merilyn Ohlson

Jenny Brown (Pigeon Guillemot)

Sego Jackson and Raven Jirikovic

Cathy Queeno-Wall

Barbara Paul

Cathi and Chuck Bower

Alice Lindahl

Becky and Ed Breeze

John and Judy Opheim

Barbara Seely

Jean and Tom Ascher

Dan Pedersen

Chris and Todd Peterson

Dave and Karen Anderson

Judy and Lyall Bishop (Scholarship Fund)

Arlene and Bill Stebbins (Spotted Towhee)

Judi Shellenbarger (Spotted Towhee)

Susan Prescott and Michael Seraphinoff

Sherry and Tony Zoars (Spotted Towhee)

Leigh and Laverne Power (Pigeon Guillemot)

Lynda and Bob Blakely (Pigeon Guillemot)

Paul and Stephanie Neis (Spotted Towhee)

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— Linda Bainbridge, Membership Chair

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