



Shorelines

Newsletter of the Whidbey Audubon Society
November 2017

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 Society Meets Thursday, November 9 in Freeland Wading into Smith and Minor Island Aquatic Reserve's Exquisite Ecosystem with Rick Baker

Resting comfortably along Whidbey's western shore, encompassing two eco-protected islands, emerging from the sea floor, reaching up towards the light is the largest persistent bull kelp forest in Washington. This exquisite ecosystem supports an oasis of biodiversity, a bounty of life. The species range from sea stars to marine mammals, and the bird life is particularly rich. Loons, murrelets and Harlequin Ducks are just some of the birds found within the reserve. Dive deep into past and current research occurring within the boundaries of our island's only Aquatic Reserve and discover how you can get involved.



Rick Baker

Rick Baker currently serves as executive director of the Whidbey Watershed Stewards, which is an organization focused on environmental education for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Watershed Stewards also engage in public outreach, research and habitat restoration and protection.

Rick also serves as the chair of the citizen stewardship committee for the Smith and Minor Islands Aquatic Reserve. This com-

Join Us!
Thursday evening
November 9
**Unitarian Universalist
Congregation**
20103 State Route 525
two miles north of Freeland
7:00 socializing
donations for snacks welcome
7:15 brief meeting
Vote on amended bylaws
7:30 program begins



Photo by Liz Heinrich

Rick about to wade into the water.

mittee facilitates all the citizen science research and public outreach for the Reserve.

Before retiring to Whidbey Island, Rick Baker was the vice president and director of education at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, California, where he worked for 22 years. The Ocean Institute is an informal educational center focused on Marine Science and Maritime History. Each year, it provides programming for over 120,000 students. In addition, Rick taught Oceanography for 14 years at Palomar College in San Marcos, California.

Please note the meeting is in Freeland this month. At the meeting, members will be voting on the new bylaws. If you haven't read them yet, they are posted on the *Whidbey Audubon Society* website (click on red text for direct connection).

Remember to check the website by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting in case there is a change due to bad weather or a cancellation. Sign up for notifications on the website too.

Upcoming Field Trips

Saturday, November 11: SMITH & MINOR ISLAND AQUATIC RESERVE. View wintering loons, grebes and other water birds that are attracted to the most diverse kelp beds in Greater Puget Sound. We'll also visit nearby Ft. Ebey State Park to look for forest species. Meet at Point Partridge (end of Libbey Road) at 9 a.m. for this half-day trip. All vehicles entering the state park will need a Discovery Pass. There is some walking. Contact trip leader Steve Ellis at 360-678-2264.

Upcoming Field Trips, see page 3

Happy Holidays and see you in January!
There'll be no meeting or *Shorelines* in December.

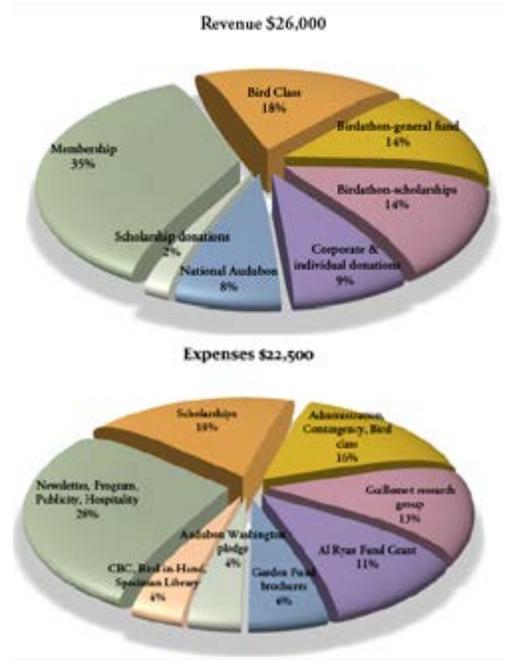
2017 Fiscal Year Report

Total revenue was about \$26,000. Donations included a \$1,000 grant from the Allstate Foundation. Annual revenues for membership and Birdathon (both general fund and scholarship) exceeded Fiscal Year (FY) 2016.

Total expenses were about \$22,500. Total general fund expenses were about \$14,300 and restricted fund expenses, which include the final distribution of the Al Ryan fund to Coupeville High School, payment for new brochures from the garden club fund (a grant obtained for printing educational materials) and \$4,000 from the scholarship fund totaled about \$8,200. Annual income exceeded expenses by about \$3,500.

Whidbey Audubon Society (was) currently maintains sufficient funds for two years of operation and additional funds are used for special projects. On May 26, 2016 the was Board of Directors approved the conservation committee recommendation to award \$10,000 to the Whidbey Camano Land Trust for habitat protection on the Borgman property, as described in the September 2016 *Shorelines*. This purchase is still pending, but the funds are included in our FY 2018 budget.

If you would like additional details, please contact Treasurer Linda Perry Dwight, treasurer@whidbeyaudubon.org.



Conservation Column: Go Native

Let's see...in the last month, I've seen the harvest moon, the northern lights, an American Golden Plover, two Lapland

Longspurs, a Horned Lark — along with the more common but still amazing flocks of migrating shorebirds, geese and ducks. My yard regularly features five deer (triplets and a couple of adults) and up to five coyotes. It's easy to take some of this for granted, but this green island is a unique habitat with a sole-source aquifer (recharged only from precipitation) and it is vulnerable to change.

You may have noticed this was a beautiful and dry, summer. Here on central Whidbey, the Washington State University (wsu) weather station reported 7.78 inches of precipitation from January 1 to September 30, 2017. Our yearly average for the last eight years (2008 to 2016) has been 19.7 inches. We have three months to catch up, but a foot of rain in three months here is not common. If climate change gives us more hot, dry weather, our landscapes will require more precious water or will wither. It could mean wells start to dry up or suffer salt-water intrusion. It could mean more fire danger. It could mean warmer coastal temperatures that may change kelp growth and affect forage fish, salmon, birds and orca. There are a lot of unknowns.

Think about shrinking your lawns or high-maintenance flower beds and adding native plants which are inexpensive, hardy, attractive, bird-friendly and mostly drought-tolerant. The Whidbey Island Conservation District native plant sale begins November 1 (preorder November through January, pick up is late winter) and you can learn more on the *Whidbey Conservation District* website. Advocate for the birds, the protection of natural areas and think about water-conserving practices in your home. We all thank you.

— Kim Shepard, Conservation Chair

WICD ANNUAL NATIVE BARE ROOT PLANT SALE





To sign up for plant sale email notifications, volunteer opportunities, and to find native plant information, visit:

www.whidbeycd.org/native-plant-sale/

Plant Sale pre-ordering begins in November and runs through January, with pick-up of plants in late February.



Native plants improve our water quality, reduce soil and wind erosion, clean the air, reduce energy costs, attract and support local wildlife, and enhance your property!







Plant Sale Volunteering

Each year we count on a team of intrepid volunteers to sort, bundle, and pack our plant sale pre orders. No plant knowledge necessary, but this is a great opportunity to learn more about native plants and to meet other plant enthusiasts! Volunteers who have placed orders get to take them home early, AND volunteers receive a plant gift for their service. Interested? Complete and submit the volunteer sign-up form located at:

www.whidbeycd.org/native-plant-sale/




Whidbey Island Conservation District • 888-678-4922 • P.O. Box 490, 1 NE 4th Street • Coupeville, WA 98239

Volunteer Corner:

Join the 118th Annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is the longest and largest running citizen science survey in the world. The data is public and provides information for research, planning and conservation. You can explore the data from the last 118 years (or less) on the *National Audubon Society* website (click red to get to website). Search for Christmas Bird Count.

The Whidbey Audubon Society has participated for the last 30 years (data is on our website, select “*Stewardship*”). We have two circles that are divided into regions. These regions are then assigned to birders to count every bird they see on a given day. The specific information for the 2017 count is as follows:

The **Oak Harbor Christmas Bird Count** will take place on **Saturday, December 16**. Birders who have not participated previously should contact count compiler, Jay Adams, protectionisland8.9@gmail.com, about possible team openings. A minimum of two volunteers are definitely needed to help set up for the post-count tally gathering, which will take place at Pacific Rim Institute beginning at 4 p.m.

Last year, forty-four participants counted a total of 20,860 birds representing 113 species. The average yearly number of species for this count circle is 107. Since its inception in 1987, 180 true species (not birds listed as “sp”) have been tallied.

In addition, Rick Taylor, who is the compiler for the **Edmonds CBC**, also on **December 16**, states that their circle includes a little tiny section of Possession Point, and if anyone is interested, contact Rick at taylorrl@outlook.com. His phone number is 425-214-2764.

South Whidbey Christmas Bird Count will be on **Saturday, December 30**, rain or shine. Contact Govinda Rosling govinda@whidbey.com for more information about being a field or feeder observer “We need volunteers!” she says.

- Experienced birders, who would like to lead an area section
- Non-experienced birders who can be an extra pair of eyes in the sky to say, “Hey, what’s that?”
- Intermediate birders who know some birds.
- Feeder watchers, count birds from the comfort of your living room
- Teams are looking for hot spots to count; do you have lots of birds on your property? Let us know and we would love to come over and count birds
- There is also a separate nocturnal birding data for your owling efforts.

Volunteers are placed in teams; meet in the morning, typically 8 a.m., and bird, typically until 4 p.m. (daylight hours) At the end of the day we meet for post tabulation food and fun at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland.

In addition to field observers we need kitchen help and volunteers to donate side dishes for those hungry birders. Do you

make a mean zucchini bread or squash soup? We need you! Contact Nicole Luce at ilndgals@whidbey.com for information regarding food.

Become a citizen scientist for a day or two — you can participate in both counts this December. Join us for the Whidbey Audubon Christmas Bird Count!

Upcoming Field Trips, from page 1

Saturday, December 16: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT NORTH

Saturday, December 30: CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT SOUTH

Wednesday, January 17, 2018: EBHEY’S LANDING AND SURROUNDING AREA. Meet first at the beach at Ebey’s Landing at 9 a.m. to look for ducks and seabirds. We will then park up at Sunnyside Cemetery on Sherman Road and walk the Pratt Loop trail looking for hawks, eagles and forest birds. Bad weather will cancel the trip. Contact trip leader Kim Shepard at kwshephard@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 27, 2018: LOONS AT DECEPTION PASS. Trip leaders are Sarah Schmidt and Joe Sheldon. Meet at 10 a.m. at the north end of West Beach parking lot, Deception Pass State Park. We’ll bird both beach and lake, and hope to see hundreds of Red-throated Loons gathering to feed in the outflowing current of Deception Pass. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Depending on weather and interest, we will end at about noon, with a possible stop at Dugualla Bay on the way back toward Oak Harbor. If you like, bring water, a snack or a hot drink. Dress warmly and prepare for wind. To carpool, meet at 9 a.m. in Coupeville at Prairie Station Transit Park on the east side of South Main Street; or at 9:30 at City Beach Park in Oak Harbor, at the end of South Beeksma near the water. Cars parking at state park will need a Discover Pass. Questions: contact Sarah Schmidt, at 4bats@ixoreus.com or call 360-929-3592.

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 Ann Casey at cspcoach@aol.com.

Sightings Sightings Sightings Sightings Sightings

September 26: Driving out East Harbor Road near Free-land, I saw a **Barred Owl** perched on a telephone pole. Coming back, about an hour later, there was a **Merlin** sitting in the same place.

— *Darwin Wile*

September 26: Lapland Longspurs. A small group of us led by Jay Adams went to Deer Lagoon; as we walked down the west dike, Jay scanned the trail ahead with his scope and found these two Longspurs feeding.

— *Gideon Seraphine*



Lapland Longspurs

September 28: Saw the (or “a”) **Lapland Longspur** at Deer Lagoon today. My first “life bird” on Whidbey Island!

— *Linda Bainbridge*

September 26: Short-eared Owl. Seems a bit early. Just passing through? Location: Keystone Spit. — *Dave Parent*

October 1: Red-necked Phalarope; location: Deer Lagoon — fresh water side of west dike. — *Darwin Wile*

October 2: I just witnessed a contretemps between a **Great Horned Owl** and a **Cooper’s Hawk**. The latter flew into a madrona tree on the cliff between my house and Deer Lagoon. Shortly (c.15 seconds) after, a male **Great Horned**

Owl flew into the same tree and began hissing enthusiastically at the accipiter. The hawk hissed just as enthusiastically in return. About a half minute of this confrontation continued, and then the hawk flew away. The owl remained.

— *Darwin Wile*

October 6: Pacific Golden Plover (PGPL); location: seen at Crockett Lake on the flats north of the road and east of the Audubon viewing platform. First viewed this morning thanks to the help of Sarah Schmidt. The bird was

feeding in association with an **American Golden Plover**. Seen again later by itself in the same area. Identified by primary extension (three primary tips seen beyond the tertials). Many

golden highlights, especially on the back. Note: An **American Golden Plover** was also seen later, west of the PGPL. This bird was not as bright as the PGPL and showed four primary tips beyond the tertials). In addition, three **Pectoral Sandpipers** were seen when leaving the marsh in the afternoon, in the same flats but across from the pond with the pull-out. — *Jay Adams*

Sightings retraction: Upon further study, the bird I reported on October 6 as being a Pacific Golden Plover turns out to have been an **American Golden Plover**. The confusion grew out of my own experience with the species and the conflicting emphasis in the

various field guides as to the key field marks to look for. In summary, Pacific Golden Plover primaries extend only to the tip of the tail, not beyond the tip as on American Golden Plover. In addition, the reference in many guides to the number and spacing of primary tips turns out not to be a dependable field mark. What is dependable is the length of the tertials in relation to the tail. In Pacific Golden Plover the tertials cover nearly the entire tail. In American Golden Plover, the tertials cover just part of the tail. A good learning experience. Beware all ye who enter here. — *Jay Adams*

October 6: Black-chinned Hummingbird feeding at my hummingbird feeder. I first noticed the very short tail and small size. The bird sat still and I was able to see the purple band under the chin and the clear white breast. Location: Wilkinson Road, about half way between Langley and Clinton. Confirmation: I am familiar with this species, having seen it in California and Mexico. This was a close viewing with good lighting. — *Frances Wood*

October 8: Just wondering if anyone else has noticed the enormous flock of **Surf Scoters** near the mussel farm in Penn Cove. Viewable from Madrona Lane. Must be a few thousand. Do you suppose they are here for the winter? Or going to continue south? They’ve been growing in number for the last several days.

— *Martha Hollis*

October 14: Rough-legged Hawk flying over the prairie at Pacific Rim Institute. The bird landed in the top of

a small Douglas fir tree just north of Morris Road. This is one of the earliest fall records of the species at Pacific Rim.

— *Joe Sheldon*

October 23 (and many prior dates): A **Song Sparrow** has hung around our house for over a week and repeatedly flies to windowsill and proceeds to peck repeatedly on the glass. He does this hour after hour and day after day. On various windows of the house. Bizarre!! Not the usual spring “fly at the window” routine at all. Any ideas or advice? Can’t get rid of him. Appreciate any clarification Location: Langley.

— *Ed Severinghaus*

October 22/23: Six **Snow Geese** in the middle of Deer Lagoon on Sunday. They were still there on Monday, but at about 2:15 p.m., they flew off in the direction of Sunlight Beach. — *Roy Branson*

October 24: A flock of **Western Meadowlarks** at Crockett Lake this morning about 9 a.m. — at least a dozen, maybe more. They were next to the road, lakeside, across from the second gravel pond. Also I scoped the **cormorants** on the old offshore dock, finding all three species present: **Double-crested**, **Brandt’s** and **Pelagic**. I noticed one **Pelagic** looked odd, like it had a strangely thick neck, and as I watched it made a series of retching motions, then cast up a pellet! Turns out that all cormorants regurgitate pellets with fish bones, etc. Analyzing these pellets is a primary source for researchers studying cormorant diets.

Sightings, see page 5

Litter Pick Up Results

The weather on October 14 was dry, allowing for decent litter pick up conditions. We removed over 40 pounds of litter from the two -mile stretch of West Beach Road adopted by our chapter.

My sincere appreciation goes out to Cheryl Bradkin, Sarah and Phil Brazeau, Susan Bennett, Martha Ellis and Wendy Wilson for helping with the pickup.

Cheryl had the find of the day — a \$20 bill, which she promptly donated to the chapter. It shows you can really clean up in more ways than one.

Birds noted during the pickup included **Pileated Woodpecker**, **Northern Flicker**, **Pacific Wren**, both **chickadee** species and **Red Crossbills**.

Another pickup will be scheduled in the spring. See you there.

— Steve Ellis



If you use Amazon for holiday shopping, support Whidbey Audubon Society using: www.smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0488910.

New Photo Feature Replaces Photobucket

Because of changes in Photobucket's business practices plus general dissatisfaction with excessive and intrusive advertising, we've started doing the photo sharing feature on the Whidbey Audubon Society website with software on our own server host. On rare occasions there will be longer delays in posting the photographs because the photo editor must use a computer

instead of a phone, but otherwise the process will be the same. Please keep sending in great photos! Please include the name of the bird and location, as well as the name of the photographer.

— Rob Craig, Webmaster, www.whidbeyaudubon.org

Sightings, from page 4

Among the gulls on Keystone Jetty were some that I believe to be the newly lumped **Thayer's/Iceland Gull**. Black wingtips with white spots, with plain pale underside to the folded primaries and a red spot on a yellow bill noticeably smaller and more slender than the bill on a nearby **Glaucous-winged Gull**. There looked to be three **Iceland Gulls**, two **Glaucous-winged** (or **GWxWestern hybrid**) **Gulls** and two **Heermann's Gulls**.

— Sarah Schmidt

October 29: There was a **Blue Jay** at our feeder this morning, eating sunflower seeds from a platform feeder. We live in a wooded area off Zylstra Road, 300 yards from the Del Fairfax Preserve.

— Kate Krause



Photo by Kate Krause

Blue Jay

Dan's Blog: Mental Health Days

by Dan Pedersen

Bill [Dan's neighbor] is getting acquainted with a new digital single-lens reflex camera, so he's feeding me images as he finds subjects to photograph. A few days ago he came upon another icon



Photo by Bill Reed

Barred Owl on a deciduous tree in my neighbor's yard.

of the woods, a Barred Owl framed amid autumn leaves. Barred Owls and Great-horned Owls don't usually share territories. On our road the Barred Owls seem to favor Bill's end of the road and the Great-horned Owls gravitate toward mine. But every rule has its exceptions, including the divvying up of owls.

Read more for Dan's Blog of October 14, 2017, #267, by following this link, <https://pedersenwrites.blogspot.com/2017/10/267-mental-health-days.html>

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*.

Field Trip Report: Whatcom Falls Park

The trip that was supposed to happen October 17 was postponed till the 25th due to rain, and that was a good thing. Nine of us carpoled to the park on a bright and beautiful morning.

Whatcom Falls Park is in the middle of Bellingham. There are entrances all around from every neighborhood, and the residents use it for walking, running, biking and of course birding. The trails are well maintained, but several of the trails are connected with long flights of stairs.

We started over the Work Projects Administration (WPA) stone bridge and immediately stopped to admire the several waterfall cascades — and the **American Dipper** working from a small rock at what it does best, diving for bugs. After watching for quite a while and listening to it sing, we continued down the trail along Whatcom Creek towards Scudder Pond, a wetland near the far end of the park. One stop was to admire a snag that looked like it was popular with woodpeckers, and sure enough two **Hairy Woodpeckers** showed up. Another stop was for a mixed flock of **Chestnut-backed** and **Black-capped Chickadees**, **Red-breasted Nuthatch** and at least one **Golden-**

crowned Kinglet. Then there were some **Steller's Jays** passing through and announcing themselves.

We were looking for rails and Wood Ducks at Scudder Pond; there were none, but a passing couple said there were Wood Ducks at Derby Pond, so we walked back to a bridge to get to the other side of the creek and down to Derby. First, however, we had to stop on the bridge to watch a **Fox Sparrow** on a rock bathing. The trail was pleasantly shady, with some very large trees, and a **Pacific Wren**. At Derby Pond, people were feeding the large flock of **Mallards** and three **Wood Ducks**, two male and one female. A female **Hooded Merganser** was hunting her own food. We came back to the picnic area for lunch, but a couple of laggards got to see a **Red-breasted Sapsucker** on their way.

After lunch, we crossed the Stone Bridge and went the other direction down the Creekside trail, but the birds didn't come out to see us. Still, the walk through the big Cedars, Hemlocks, and Fir trees was lovely. That pretty much tired us out and we left soon after.

— Susan Bennett, Field Trip Leader

Birding in Neighborhoods South: Rain and Shine

October 12: Nine hardy birders braved the weather forecast and saw at least 35 species during our short hour out at Deer Lagoon.

Conditions were not great for identifying, so we weren't sure about a possible finch or the particular chickadees or some kind of falcon, as the rain was really coming down by then. Looking back at pictures, there might have been a couple **Olive-sided Flycatchers** (but no one has seen them lately around here, have they?)

But some of us did see a **Northern Shrike!**

Some of our **Pelicans** were still out there last week, and also this week, we caught a sighting of Frances talking about them on Whidbey TV!

And perhaps the most excitement was on the way over to Deer Lagoon, when a **Ring-necked Pheasant** dodged all the highway traffic near Bayview, and ran across the road right in front of us.

October 26: A gorgeous and productive day out at Sunlight Beach (great call, Phyllis). Entertainment provided by several clouds of shore birds lifting and landing amongst the **gulls** and **mergansers**.

With further study and input, I'm calling ALL those dozens of mergansers **Red-breasted**, unless someone is absolutely convinced there was a Common among them. Tho' we maybe dropped a species from our list, we gained some **Fox Sparrows** during photo review. Plus, the last car to leave added **Bushtits**, **Black-capped Chickadees** and a *hummer*. AND — did you

see all the **geese** in the field up off of the road on the way back?

We saw at least 38 species all in all. Next BINS is November 9.

— Cathi Bower, Bird early – Bird often

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

BIN North: Crockett Lake Access

October 11: A group of six birders had the opportunity to explore the northeast side of Crockett Lake, thanks to Bill Young, who allowed us to access the recently-acquired Whidbey Camano Land Trust tract from his property. Bill is clearing a trail for the Trust that he expects will be completed by the spring, so he directed us to a narrow path through reeds and cattails to reach the stream that enters the lake from the east side.

We saw 35 species, including **American Pipits** and observed shorebirds including **Western Sandpipers**, **Dunlin**, **Greater Yellowlegs**, **Long-Billed Dowitchers** and **Pectoral Sandpipers**. At the end of the morning, we had a close look at three **Least Sandpipers** near the café on the west end of the lake and saw both **Cackling** and **Canada Geese** flying overhead.

— Linda Perry Dwight

BIN North meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact Marcia Lazoff at mlazoff@comcast.net.

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

- 1: Native Plant Sale** preorder begins. www.whidbeycd.org/native-plant-sale.html
- 9: Whidbey Audubon Program: Smith and Minor Island Aquatic Reserve** 7 p.m. Freeland
- 11: Field Trip: Smith and Minor Island Aquatic Reserve**
- 10 or 11: Class: Fall Birds of Padilla Bay and Samish Flats,** 8 a.m. to noon, www.padillabay.gov
- 23: No Board Meeting. Happy Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER

- 7: WAS Board Meeting,** 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Coupeville. Members welcome.
- 14: No WAS meeting or program**
- 21: Deadline for January Shorelines**
- 16: Christmas Bird Count North**
- 30: Christmas Bird Count South**

JANUARY

- 11: Whidbey Audubon Program: Bird Rehabilitation** with Dave Parent, DVM; 7 p.m. Freeland
- 17: Field Trip: Ebey's Landing**
- 18: Deadline for February Shorelines**
- 25: WAS Board Meeting,** 7 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Coupeville. Members welcome.
- 27: Field Trip: Loons at Deception Pass**

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New

Geda Condit (Osprey)
Joe and Joann Quintana (Red-tailed Hawk)

Renewing

Joan Benedusi	Agna De Clercq
Christi Shaffer	Pam and Scott Wessel-Estes
Ingrid De Jong	Rebecca Bolte
Pat France (Scholarship Fund)	Stella and David Schoen
Ed and Sharon Wilkins	Jeff Campbell
Cheryl and Bill Bradkin (Spotted Towhee)	
Mark and Susan Bigger (Spotted Towhee)	
Ann Sullivan and John Leaser (Scholarship Fund)	
Mary Jo and Michael Stansbury (Osprey)	
Randal Cowart and Bonnie Thie (Spotted Towhee)	
Sharon Vanderslice (Scholarship Fund)	
Marilynn Strayer and Sam Wolfe (Spotted Towhee)	
Martha and Vern Olsen (Spotted Towhee)	

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— *Linda Bainbridge, Membership Chair*

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