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*"Promoting Birding and Conservation
as Community Educators, Volunteers, and Stewards"*

OPAS Programs for May and June

by Loretta Flanders and Bill Parker

Elwha River Restoration

presented by ONP Acting Superintendant Todd Suess, May 16 at the River Center, 7 p.m.



Please join ONP Acting Superintendant Todd Suess for a presentation on the ins and outs of the Elwha River Restoration project, the largest dam removal project to date. Removal of both dams is currently underway, and Acting Superintendant Suess will be on hand to answer questions on all aspects of the project.

Todd's first park job was with Minnesota State Parks for a summer when he was in college. After college he joined the National Park Service (NPS) as a seasonal interpretive ranger at Lincoln Home National Historic Site and Mammoth Cave National Park. Since then he has been at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Dinosaur National Monument, Pipestone National Monument, Devils Tower National Monument, and Jewel Cave National

Monument. He came to Olympic National Park in 2010 as Deputy Superintendent. He has been the Acting Superintendent since March of 2012.

Todd received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota, with a major in Resource and Recreation Management and a minor in forestry. Todd and his wife, Jackie, enjoy a fun-filled life with the great company four children can bring. Their four children, Raylie, Willow, Forest, and Blayke, range in age from 12 to 18. Todd is an avid bike rider, and enjoys hiking, snowboarding, and kayaking -- generally anything that takes him and his family outdoors.

Getting Our Young People Unplugged and Involved with Nature

presented by Shirley Anderson and the OPAS/River Center Education and Outreach Committee, June 20 at the River Center, 7 p.m.

Experience a sampling of the second, third and fourth grade activities and field trips that Shirley and her committee present with the local schools. During the year volunteers give programs about "Bird of the Month", "Mammal of the Month", and "Interactions" at grade schools, while the River Center staff has programs at all levels. Be a kid for the evening and enjoy! The program will conclude with a showing of



the annual student bird art and OPAS Environmental Award given at the Sequim Education Foundation Film Festival. **This meeting will be a potluck dinner meeting. Bring a dish to share, 6 p.m.**

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President's Message

by Tom Montgomery

Our annual Birdfest was very successful, thanks to all of our talented volunteers who contributed their time and skills to the cause. As usual, we had an inspiring after-dinner speaker on Saturday. This year it was former OPAS Board member Dr. Jerry Freilich who explained to us "Why Birds Matter."

At our June annual meeting the officers for the coming year will be elected. Your nominating committee will present this slate: Vice President-Loretta Flanders; Treasurer-Nancy Bargar; President-Tom Montgomery. The committee is still seeking a candidate for Secretary. If you are interested please contact Ken Wiersema.



OPAS Awards Documentary Videos

by Shirley Anderson

The Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society presented awards to two documentary videos at the Sequim Education Foundation Film Festival on Friday, April 20.

"One Earth" ... prefaced by sophomore Angela Bentley's observation, "usually when we talk about creating a smaller carbon footprint, we mean we will buy a hybrid car" ... features a much simpler life-style in a small village in Panama. Perhaps we can find more joys in our own backyards, and step much more lightly upon this earth.

"Reduction", by junior Torrie McIntyre and senior Skyler Lewis, touches us right here at home. Their video featured our precious local land and reminds us to think creatively and responsibly about its future.

The students were each awarded \$50 and are invited to show their videos at the final OPAS meeting, June 20.

Web Corner

by Dave Jackson

Now through mid May is your opportunity to check out the accuracy of your membership data in our new database, and to submit any corrections.

Details can be found on the OPAS website:

www.olybird.org. Contact Dave Jackson at djackson@wavecable.com if you have further questions.





OPAS Field Trips in May and June

by Bob Iddins



Birdathon Warmup

Date: Saturday, May 5, 2012

Time & Meeting places: 8:00 am at Dungeness River Audubon Center

at Railroad Bridge Park and 11:00 am at Dungeness Landing County Park

Cost: Free

Leader: Bob Boekelheide

Features: This is a preview of the Birdathon which occurs Saturday, May 12. You can expect to see and hear spring migrants and other forest and grassland birds at Railroad Bridge Park. Later at Dungeness Landing County Park, gulls, waterbirds and shorebirds will be the featured attractions.

Bring: Binoculars, field guides, snacks, water and appropriate clothing for any weather expectations.

Further information: Bob Boekelheide, 360-681-4867, bboek@olympus.net

Lost Mountain

Date: Saturday, June 9, 2012

Time & Meeting place: 8:00 am at Graywolf Elementary School parking lot on Carlsborg Road, just north of Hwy 101.

Cost: Free

Leaders: Bob Iddins & Terry Martin

Features: This is THE trip to see and hear the amazing array of land birds that breed on the North Olympic Peninsula! We expect Sapsuckers, MacGillvray's Warblers, House Wrens, Olive-sided, Willow and Pacific-slope Flycatchers, Purple Finches and much more. We will carpool to DNR land off Olsen Place and make short walks along forest roads.

Bring: Binoculars, water, snacks, sunblock and gear for any weather changes.

Further Information: Bob Iddins 360-681-2840, rriddins@olyopen.com

Neah Bay

Date: **Tuesday!!**, June 19, 2012

Time & Meeting place: 9:00 am at Washburns Hardware Store on Hwy 112 in Neah Bay.

Cost: Field trip is free, however a Makah Nation Recreational Pass (\$10 and good for one year) is required for each vehicle. It can be purchased at Washburns Hardware Store.

Leaders: Judy Mullally & Bob Iddins

Features: Gulls, shorebirds, raptors and waterbirds. Tufted Puffins, Common Murres, Pigeon Guillemots, etc may be seen off Cape Flattery. Last trip, a Gray Whale passed by the observation platform.

Bring: Optics (including scopes if available), snacks, water, lunch and appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather.

Further information: Bob Iddins 360-681-2840, Cell 360-755-5945, rriddins@olyopen.com

Note: The Bogachiel State Park Field Trip, scheduled for June 2, 2012, has been cancelled!!

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River Center Events

Wednesday Bird Walks

Date: Every Wednesday morning

Time: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

Meet at the River Center for a weekly walk to see and hear the birds of the lower Dungeness riparian forest. Information from these ongoing walks helps us understand the annual cycle of the birds of Railroad Bridge Park.



Photo by Robert Hutchison

Backyard Birder Series (BBS)

There are only two more sessions in the first series "Being a Backyard Birder". Individual sessions are \$5 for each adult over 18. The class on May 5 begins at 8 am; the June 5 class will begin at 10 am at the River Center and end at noon. After completing five sessions, students are offered a free one-year membership in OPAS.

The remaining BBS sessions are as follows:

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	LEADER(S)
May 5	Bird Songs and Calls	8 a.m.	Bob Iddins and Bob Boekelheide
June 2	Birds Out of the Nest	10 a.m.	Ken Wiersema and Shirley Anderson

Last Thursday Work Parties

Dates: May 31 & June 28

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Three short hours each month to keep RR Bridge Park looking bright and beautiful! Bring your work gloves to assist with gardening, cleaning, trail maintenance and other chores that make our park shine.



It's Spring!!!

Spring Fling for the Dungeness River Audubon Center

Dates: Through the month of May

Help keep the River Center and RR Bridge Park happy and healthy! This annual event raises funds for the programs of the River Center and to maintain our beautiful park. Join us by walking for wildlife, swimming for salmon, or biking for birds during the fundraising dates, then come to the Frolic on June 16 to celebrate our success. See our website www.DungenessRiverCenter.org for more details.

Spring Birds of Railroad Bridge Park and Beyond

Date: Sat., May 5

Time: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Time to warm up for our Spring Bird Count on May 12th. Meet Bob Boekelheide at Railroad Bridge Park to hear breeding songbirds, then travel to Dungeness Landing Park at 11:30 a.m. to view shorebirds, gulls, and waterfowl. *(Continued on next page)*

International Migratory Bird Day/Clallam County Birdathon

Date: Sat., May 12

Time: Midnight to midnight

How many birds can we count in Clallam Co. in one 24-hour period? You can help by covering a special route, joining another group, or by just counting your neighborhood or backyard. See the article by Bob Boekelheide in this issue for more information.

Late Spring Birding by Ear - Learn the bird sounds we hear every year.

1st Session Date: Thursday, Jun 21

Time: 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

\$10 donation requested. Meeting place: Dungeness River Audubon Center, then carpool. Limit 15 people.

2nd Session Date: Saturday, Jun 23

Time: 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

\$10 donation requested. Meeting place: Dungeness River Audubon Center, then carpool. Limit 15 people.



"See ME - pretty, pretty me"

White-crowned Sparrow - Photo by Robert Hutchison

2012 Clallam County Birdathon/ International Migratory Bird Count

by Bob Boekelheide



Saturday, May 12th, is the OPAS Birdathon and International Migratory Bird Day, a great day to go birding and raise money for OPAS projects at the same time. Our Birdathon typically records the highest species totals for the entire state, so please join us for this grand tradition.

The International Migratory Bird Count is different from the Christmas Bird Count, because it includes all birds counted in Clallam County in one day. No matter where you are in the county you can help out, whether you live here or are just visiting. You can count all day, count a few hours, or just hang out around your house and count your yard and feeders. Or you could also find your own special out-of-the-way place to discover what birds are there. If you need some ideas about habitats and locations we don't usually get to, please call me for suggestions.

Please use the tally sheet included with this issue of Harlequin Happenings. During and after the count, tally the birds you see, keep track of the miles and hours you walk, drive, or boat, then email your information or mail the sheet to me at the address on the back.

Before the Birdathon, we plan to have a field trip to review common birds and bird songs in our area. On Saturday, May 5th, meet us at Railroad Bridge Park at 8 a.m. to see and hear songbirds of the local forests, then travel to Dungeness Landing Park (the old Dungeness Oysterhouse) at 11 a.m. to see birds of shorelines and bays. If you're a late sleeper you can just meet us at Dungeness Landing. (Continued on next page)



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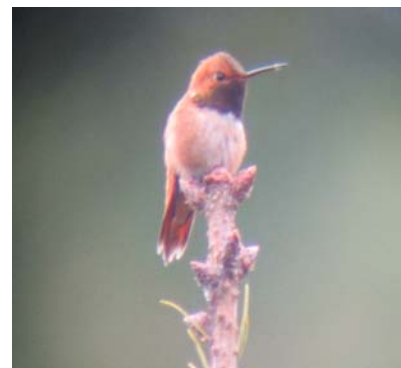
Please call Bob Boekelheide at 681-4867 or email bboek@olympus.net to sign up for the Birdathon, or just do your counting and send the tally sheet back when finished. And remember to line up some sponsors for your count, to help support OPAS, the River Center, and our wonderful programs. Thank you very much for your help!



Conservation Matters

by Mary Porter-Solberg

Did you know the Rufous Hummingbird is listed on Audubon's 20 Common Birds in Decline list? Audubon's unprecedented analysis of forty years of citizen-science bird population data from our own Christmas Bird Count plus the Breeding Bird Survey reveals the alarming decline of many of our most common and beloved birds. The population of the Rufous Hummingbird, now at 5 million, has dropped 60% since 1967 when population numbers were then at 12 million. Both their breeding and wintering ranges are subject to extensive logging and their spring migration route (through the Pacific Coast areas of California, Oregon, and Washington) is subject to extensive human development.



Roufous Hummingbird
Photo by Robert Hutchison

The Center's Endowment is Working – You Can Help!

by Sue Chickman, River Center Development Committee

Lou Muench was a strong supporter of Railroad Bridge Park and the many activities and programs offered at the Dungeness River Audubon Center (Center), including the OPAS-led birding field trips and classes. He saw the value of people having a place to get out into nature to enjoy and understand the natural processes. That is why Lou made a planned gift, requesting that his contribution match other donors' gifts, up to \$10,000.



Similarly, when Bob Boekelheide resigned from his director's post, the Center's Board asked that gifts in his honor be designated to the Endowment Fund. To date, 45 people have contributed over \$8,000 to the Honor Bob Campaign.

When you designate financial gifts for the Endowment, it goes into an investment fund where it can grow over time. In times of need, the River Center can draw up to five percent of the Endowment's earnings (based on a three-year average) to support Center operations and Park maintenance. In 2011, the Endowment contributed nearly \$60,000 towards the Center's annual budget.

Included with this newsletter is a brochure that lists the ways you might want to consider when supporting the Center's Endowment. Fulfilling our Endowment Fund goal will ensure that programs, education, and, yes, even enjoyment of the Center and Railroad Bridge Park will be there for visitors and local citizens long after we have moved on.

Just as Lou's and Bob's campaigns and several other recent honors and memorials have done, you, too, can help ensure our strong and vibrant community gem continues for generations to come.

Please keep and refer back to the enclosed brochure when you're doing your estate planning. If you are considering including the Center and/or Railroad Bridge Park in your plan and would like to discuss options, please contact the Center's Director, Powell Jones, at (360) 681-4076.



Bird Sightings

by Bob Boekelheide

Spring finally arrived on the north Olympic Peninsula, even though March came in like a lion and went out like a lion, with nary a calm sunny day all month. Once again, March storms added huge amounts to the Olympic Mountains snow pack, reaching an impressive 13 feet at the Waterhole on Hurricane Ridge in early April. April provided some spectacular weekends, encouraging many spring migrants to begin their long treks to the north and lawn mowers to run around Sequim.



As I write this on 4/28, the two wintering Emperor Geese are still in Dungeness Bay. These are the birds first discovered on 12/31/11 flying over Dungeness Spit by Sue Chickman and Bob Lynette. Other than a brief separation documented by Jan Sleight on 3/1, when one of the Emperors wandered over to Graysmarsh Beach while the other stayed in Dungeness Bay, the two birds have spent their entire time together in a fairly small area between Dungeness Harbor (the inner bay) and 3 Crabs, wandering shorelines, nibbling eelgrass and algae, and usually roosting with cormorants and gulls. Sue predicts the Emperors (aka Emperor Chen and Empress Canagica, a name suggested by Dennis Paulson in honor of their scientific name) will depart for their Bering Sea nesting areas on 5/1. We'll be watching.

Following a record 10 Yellow-billed Loons offshore on our Christmas Count, they occasionally moved closer to shore for viewing this winter. Bob Boekelheide discovered one in north Sequim Bay on 2/19, then one was viewed several times by Bruce Paige over the next two weeks, sometimes in the bay and sometimes as far north as Port Williams. On 3/8, two Yellow-billed Loons swam in the Bay, one near an impressive feeding flock of 55 Red-throated Loons on the east side of the Bay and one very close to the south edge of John Wayne Marina. Jim Owens also reported large numbers of Pacific and Red-throated Loons off the mouth of the Elwha River around 4/10.



Band-tailed Pigeon

Photo by Robert Hutchison

Early birders observed early spring migrants, despite occasional snow flurries and hail storms in February and March. Denny Van Horn wins the prestigious First Rufous Hummer award (very early on 2/28 in Dungeness) and the equally prestigious First Swallow Award (3/2 in Dungeness). Bruce Paige wins the First Band-tailed Pigeon Award (3/15 near Port Williams). Sara Cendejas-Zarelli wins the First Singing Orange-crowned Warbler Award (3/13 in Robin Hill Park). Bob Boekelheide wins the First Caspian Tern Award (3/24 in Dungeness Bay), about a week earlier than the last few years. Bruce Paige reported the first Common Yellowthroat at Port Williams on 4/12. Gretha and Doug Davis found 31 Turkey Vultures roosting in a tree at the Dungeness Rec Area on 3/27, along with 8 more flying around. As the Davises watched, they all took flight and circled north.

The last Trumpeter Swans departed our area in early April, following a peak number of 104 viewed by the OPAS swan volunteers in late February or early March. Thousands of Brant passed through Dungeness Bay during March and April; on the evening of 4/6, Barb and Bob Boekelheide witnessed an extraordinary display by the Brant as they formed immense tight flocks, flew around the bay all together, then splashed down in tightly packed groups, only to repeat it again and again over the next half hour. It may have been *Zugunruhe*, or pre-migration restlessness, shown by migratory birds prior to their flights. A lone female Canvasback was present on 3/15 at the Kitchen-Dick Ponds.

Even though the last local Snowy Owl was seen in early February, Short-eared Owls continued to haunt the area into March. Rod Norvell watched a SEOW hunting in West Dungeness in the evening of 3/7 and Mike McCleskey did the same at 3 Crabs on 3/8. One flew over the Boekelheide home in Dungeness on 3/9. Could it have all been the same bird?

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Mark Salvadalena of the ONP Owl Crew reported limited numbers of Spotted Owls found so far this season, but no problem finding Barred Owls. Terry Martin reported a Barred Owl sitting nonchalantly at Robin Hill Park on 4/10. Dave Coughlin discovered a Great Horned Owl nest on 4/10 with 3 gawky-downy chicks at Washington Harbor Rd near the back door to Batelle, easily seen from the road.

Other winter holdovers: Common Redpolls continued to hang out with Pine Siskins in Dungeness, with at least 9 redpolls in a flock seen by Bruce Paige near the Old Schoolhouse on 3/21. Denny Van Horn continued to see Am. Tree Sparrows up until 3/4 at 3 Crabs and Dungeness, where they were spotted during the Christmas Count. Dow and Marlene Lambert discovered and photographed another Am. Tree Sparrow on the grass at John Wayne Marina on 4/8. Dow and Marlene discovered 18 Western Meadowlarks flocking in the pastures by Anderson Road on 3/8, about the same number we had in that area for the Christmas Count. Ken and Janie Leuthold reported a Northern Shrike stalking their bird feeders west of Sequim Bay on 3/14.



Western Meadowlark
Photo by Robert Hutchison

Soras and Virginia Rails have been talking a lot lately. Denny Van Horn heard a Sora near the Dungeness School House on 3/9, and Bruce Paige heard another Sora near 3 Crabs on 4/26. Sandhill Crane migration is happening, including 15 flying over Dungeness, seen by Marie Grad on 4/13.

Spring shorebird migration is fast and furious, so get out there now to see new species. Perhaps most interesting was a lovely male Snowy Plover photographed on Dungeness Spit by Dow Lambert on 4/21, the first local Snowy Plover since 1996. Dow reported 2 Whimbrels on the spit the same day, also seen by Chris Tonra. Chris also reported the first Semipalmated Plovers on 4/21, also on Dungeness Spit. Denny Van Horn heard the distinctive cries of a Willet and spotted a Solitary Sandpiper at the wetlands west of the Olympic Game Farm on 4/25. One Marbled Godwit fed with six Greater Yellowlegs at Dungeness Bay on 4/24. Sue Chickman found 3 Wilson's Snipes in her backyard at Strawberry Field on 4/9.



Marbled Godwit
Photo by Robert Hutchison

Thankfully, I received several reports from the west end of Clallam County, particularly Neah Bay vicinity, which always has some surprises. Denny Van Horn rode on a fishing boat out of Neah on 4/22, seeing a wonderful variety of offshore species at a time of year when we have few observations, like Black-footed Albatrosses; N. Fulmars; Pink-footed, Short-tailed, and Sooty Shearwaters; a Fork-tailed Storm Petrel; Brown Pelicans; Red and Red-necked Phalaropes; Pomarine and Parasitic Jaegers; Common Terns; Sabine's Gulls; a Black-legged Kittiwake; Ancient Murrelets; Cassin's Auklets; Tufted Puffins; and perhaps most interesting, 2 Parakeet Auklets. On 4/23, along the Waatch River Valley, Denny spotted an amazing variety of migrants, including 4 White-throated Sparrows, 3 Chipping Sparrows, 2 Vesper Sparrows, one Brewer's Sparrow, 6 Western Kingbirds, 50 Vaux's Swifts, and several sizable flocks of migrating Sandhill Cranes,

White-fronted Geese, and Cackling Geese. On 4/23 Denny also spotted a N. Goshawk at the Waatch River, 2 Pacific Golden Plovers at Makaw Bay, 600+ Pacific Loons flying offshore, and 18 Surfbirds, 3 Rock Sandpipers, and one Wandering Tattler on the jetty at Sekiu/Clallam Bay.

Nigel Ball visited Neah Bay on 3/25, reporting 2 Mountain Bluebirds and a Glaucous Gull. Nigel also birded Neah Bay on 4/15, seeing another Mountain Bluebird and a flock of migrating Sandhill Cranes that Nigel said circled for 20 minutes "plucking up courage" to make the over-water flight to the north.

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Michael Barry visited Neah Bay on 4/5, finding 3 Brown Pelicans and an Osprey at Cape Flattery. Michael was also surprised at the number of Greater Scaup in Neah and Clallam Bays – so that's where they are!

Speaking of bluebirds, Ken and Mary Campbell discovered 2 W. Bluebirds at Pillar Point on 3/3, and Gretha Davis reported 6 W. Bluebirds on DNR land near Cassidy Rd on 3/10. Dow Lambert photographed a lovely female Mountain Bluebird at the Dungeness Rec Area on 4/26.

Don Wallace continues to get great photos of Dippers feeding chicks along the Dungeness River, documenting a nice variety of caddisflies, stoneflies, and salmon fry destined to become baby Dipper. It appears that one male Dipper is maintaining two females at two nests, flying back and forth between the two, but spending more time with one of the females. It will be interesting to see how many Dippers fledge from the two nests.

Sue Nattinger and Coleman Byrnes found 22 Gray-crowned Rosy Finches on 3/17 at the Olympic National Park boundary up Deer Park Road, perhaps pushed downslope by the March snows. Sue and Coleman also watched a Rough-legged Hawk on 3/18 perched on a power pole near Joyce, an unusual species for the north Olympic Peninsula.

Nice weather in late April brought many new migrants. Several Chipping Sparrows appeared, including 2 seen by Bruce Paige at his home near Port Williams from 4/24-26, and one seen and photographed by Margie Palmer near MacDonald Creek on 4/26. Denny Van Horn discovered a Dusky Flycatcher calling and feeding in the cottonwoods near the Towne Road dike on 4/24, a "good bird" for Clallam County, along with newly arriving Warbling Vireo, Wilson's Warbler, and Yellow Warbler. Denny also found the season's first Cinnamon Teal pair at 3 Crabs on 4/25.

Finally, some local citizens (whose name I unfortunately don't know) found a dead Dark-eyed Junco with a leg band on Bell Hill on 3/6/12, and, with Valerie Wolcott's help, submitted the band number to the Bird Banding Lab. It turns out the bird was banded as a hatching-year bird in Sequim on 10/9/03, probably by Gene Kridler, our old bird banding mentor. This makes the bird about 8.5 years old when it died, not quite as old as the oldest Junco on record, which was a bird in Virginia over 11 years old, but still really old for a small songbird.

The nesting season goes by much too quickly, so get outside and watch the birds. The month of May brings new warblers, flycatchers, Swainson's Thrushes, orioles, tanagers, and much more. Go to Cape Flattery to watch nesting seabirds. If and when the snow melts, go to the mountains for pipits, Horned Larks, and rosy finches. Please plan on helping with the Clallam County Bird Count on May 12th. Call Bob Boekelheide at 681-4867 or email at bboek@olympus.net when you see something interesting or unusual. Thank you very much for your sightings!




Western Tanager
Photo by Chris Peters

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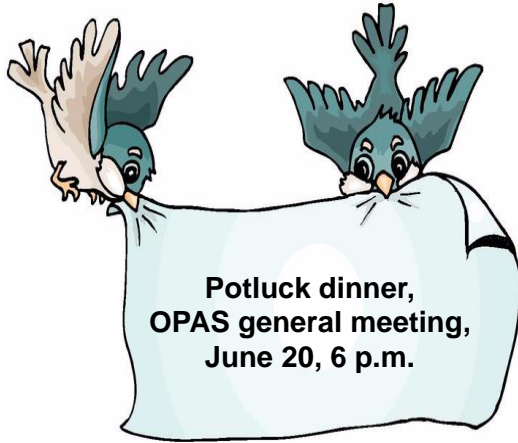


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Area counted _____ Route Leader Name _____ Date _____

WATERFOWL _____ Gr. White-fronted Goose _____ Brant _____ Cackling Goose _____ Canada Goose _____ Swan (type? _____) _____ Wood Duck _____ Gadwall _____ Eurasian Wigeon _____ Am. Wigeon _____ Mallard _____ Blue-winged Teal _____ Cinnamon Teal _____ N. Shoveler _____ N. Pintail _____ Green-winged Teal _____ Ring-necked Duck _____ Greater Scaup _____ Lesser Scaup _____ scaup, sp. _____ Harlequin Duck _____ Surf Scoter _____ White-winged Scoter _____ Black Scoter _____ scoter sp. _____ Long-tailed Duck _____ Bufflehead _____ Com. Goldeneye _____ Barrow's Goldeneye _____ goldeneye sp. _____ Hooded Merganser _____ Com. Merganser _____ Red-Breasted Merganser _____ Ruddy Duck _____ duck, sp _____ other _____	DIURNAL RAPTORS, cont'd _____ Northern Harrier _____ Sharp-shinned Hawk _____ Cooper's Hawk _____ N. Goshawk _____ accipiter, sp. _____ Red-tailed Hawk _____ Golden Eagle _____ Am. Kestrel _____ Merlin _____ Peregrine Falcon _____ raptor, sp. _____ other _____	PIGEONS & DOVES _____ Rock Pigeon _____ Band-tailed Pigeon _____ Eurasian Collared-Dove _____ Mourning Dove OWLS _____ Barn Owl _____ W. Screech Owl _____ Great-horned Owl _____ N. Pygmy-Owl _____ Spotted Owl _____ Barred Owl _____ Short-eared Owl _____ N. Saw-whet Owl _____ other _____	WRENS AND DIPPERS _____ Bewick's Wren _____ House Wren _____ Pacific Wren _____ Marsh Wren _____ wren, sp. _____ American Dipper KINGLETS, THRUSHES, ETC. _____ Golden-crowned Kinglet _____ Ruby-crowned Kinglet _____ W. Bluebird _____ Townsend's Solitaire _____ Swainson's Thrush _____ Hermit Thrush _____ Am. Robin _____ Varied Thrush _____ other _____
GROUSE, QUAIL _____ Ring-Necked Pheasant _____ Ruffed Grouse _____ Sooty Grouse _____ Wild Turkey _____ California Quail	RAILS & SHOREBIRDS _____ Virginia Rail _____ Sora _____ American Coot _____ other _____ _____ Black-bellied Plover _____ Semipalmated Plover _____ Killdeer _____ Black Oystercatcher _____ Greater Yellowlegs _____ Lesser Yellowlegs _____ Wandering Tattler _____ Spotted Sandpiper _____ Whimbrel _____ Marbled Godwit _____ Ruddy Turnstone _____ Black Turnstone _____ Surf-bird _____ Red Knot _____ Sanderling _____ Western Sandpiper _____ Least Sandpiper _____ Dunlin _____ sandpiper sp. _____ Short-billed Dowitcher _____ dowitcher sp. _____ Wilson's Snipe _____ phalarope _____ other _____	SWIFTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS _____ Vaux's Swift _____ Anna's Hummingbird _____ Rufous Hummingbird _____ other hummer _____	STARLINGS, PIPITS, WAXWINGS _____ European Starling _____ Am. Pipit _____ Cedar Waxwing _____ other _____
LOONS & GREBES _____ Red-throated Loon _____ Pacific Loon _____ Common Loon _____ loon, sp. _____ Pied-Billed Grebe _____ Horned Grebe _____ Red-necked Grebe _____ Eared Grebe _____ Western Grebe _____ grebe sp.	JAEGERS, GULLS AND TERNS _____ jaeger _____ _____ Bonaparte's Gull _____ Mew Gull _____ Ring-billed Gull _____ California Gull _____ Herring Gull _____ Thayer's Gull _____ Western Gull _____ Glaucous-winged Gull _____ Olympic Gull (Gw. X W.) _____ large pink-legged gull _____ gull sp. _____ Caspian Tern _____ Common Tern _____ other _____	KINGFISHER & WOODPECKERS _____ Belted Kingfisher _____ Red-breasted Sapsucker _____ Downy Woodpecker _____ Hairy Woodpecker _____ Red-shafted Flicker _____ N. Flicker (unk. type) _____ Pileated Woodpecker _____ woodpecker, sp. _____ other _____	WARBLERS _____ Orange-crowned Warbler _____ Yellow Warbler _____ Yellow-rumped Warbler _____ Black-throated Gray Warb. _____ Townsend's Warbler _____ Hermit Warbler _____ MacGillivray's Warbler _____ Com. Yellowthroat _____ Wilson's Warbler _____ other _____
TUBENOSES _____	ALCIDS _____ Common Murre _____ Pigeon Guillemot _____ Marbled Murrelet _____ Cassin's Auklet _____ Rhinoceros Auklet _____ Tufted Puffin _____ alcid sp.	FLYCATCHERS _____ Olive-sided Flycatcher _____ W. Wood-Pewee _____ Hammond's Flycatcher _____ Pacific-slope Flycatcher _____ W. Kingbird _____ other _____	TANAGERS, SPARROWS, ETC _____ Western Tanager _____ Spotted Towhee _____ Chipping Sparrow _____ Savannah Sparrow _____ Fox Sparrow _____ Song Sparrow _____ Lincoln's Sparrow _____ White-crowned Sparrow _____ Golden-crowned Sparrow _____ sparrow, sp. _____ Dark-eyed Junco (Ore.) _____ other _____
CORMORANTS, HERONS, & TVS _____ Brandt's Cormorant _____ Double-crested Corm. _____ Pelagic Cormorant _____ cormorant, sp. _____ American Bittern _____ Great Blue Heron _____ Green Heron	CHICKADEES, other small forest birds _____ Black-cppd Chickadee _____ Chestnut-backed Chckadee _____ Bushtit _____ Red-breasted Nuthatch _____ Brown Creeper	JAYS, CROWS, RAVENS _____ Gray Jay _____ Steller's Jay _____ crow sp. _____ Com. Raven _____ other _____	GROSBEAKS, BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES, ETC. _____ Black-headed Grosbeak _____ Red-winged Blackbird _____ W. Meadowlark _____ Brewer's Blackbird _____ Brown-headed Cowbird _____ Bullock's Oriole _____ other _____
DIURNAL RAPTORS _____ Turkey Vulture _____ Bald Eagle	FINCHES, ETC. _____ Purple Finch _____ House Finch _____ finch, sp. _____ Red Crossbill _____ Pine Siskin _____ Am. Goldfinch _____ Evening Grosbeak _____ House Sparrow _____ other _____ _____ other _____	LARKS, SWALLOWS _____ Horned Lark _____ Tree Swallow _____ Violet-green Swallow _____ N. Rough-winged Swal. _____ Cliff Swallow _____ Barn Swallow _____ other _____	Route Leaders: Please complete information on reverse side

DIRECTIONS: Count birds anywhere in Clallam Co. on International Migratory Bird Day, the second Saturday in May. When finished with the count, return your lists **ASAP** to:

Bob Boekelheide, Birdathon Data, PO Box 2450, Sequim, WA 98382.

Questions? Call 360-808-0196, 360-681-4076, or email to bboek@olympus.net

Also, if possible please get sponsors for your count and help raise funds to help support OPAS and the Dungeness River Audubon Center – Thank you very much!!

Counters: Please fill out the following and turn it in with your tally sheets.

1. AREA(S) COVERED:

2. OBSERVERS: (please include other info if we need to ask about birds seen)

<u>N A M E</u>	<u>A D D R E S S</u>	<u>P H O N E</u>	<u>e m a i l</u>
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Leader: _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Information below about TIMES and DISTANCES are essential for count analyses, enabling researchers to make comparisons between years based on party-hours and party-miles. Please keep accurate records and estimates of TIMES and DISTANCES during the day.

3. STARTING TIME:

Q U I T T I N G T I M E:

D I D Y O U B R E A K D U R I N G T H E D A Y ?

F O R H O W L O N G ?

4. PARTY MILES AND HOURS:

H O U R S covered on foot:

M I L E S on foot:

H O U R S covered by car:

M I L E S by car:

H O U R S other (e.g. boat, bicycle):

M I L E S other:

H O U R S owling:

M I L E S owling:

Location owling:

H O U R S watching feeder:

5. NOTE: If your party splits up during the day, please compute the time and distances separately for each of these sub-parties, stating how many hours in each sub-party, as well as the hours and miles of the original group above. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!!**

SUB-PARTY DATA WHILE GROUPS WERE SEPARATED:

H O U R S on foot:

M I L E S on foot:

H O U R S by car:

M I L E S by car:

H O U R S other (e.g. boat, bicycle):

M I L E S other:

H O U R S owling:

M I L E S owling: