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*Promoting Birding and Conservation as Community Educators,  
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## OPAS Programs for May and June

By Ken Wiersema and Bob Boekelheide

**May 20, 2015 Program - "Mothers of Nature: The Extraordinary Women Conservationists of Washington", 7 p.m. at the River Center**

Presented by **Dee Arntz**



Dee Arntz

Courageous women have earned our thanks for many of Washington's environmental conservation successes. Bonnie Phillips, Melanie Rowland, and Helen Engle battled harmful timber cutting. Polly Dyer and Emily Haig worked to expand Olympic National Park, and organized efforts to establish North Cascades National Park. Women helped create the Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conservation Voters. As a state representative, Jolene Unsoeld led the fight against Boeing and other major corporations to pass the state's Model Toxics Control Act. Author and Washington conservationist Dee Arntz recounts these important stories and many others, demonstrating that the legacy of Washington's women conservationists is nothing short of extraordinary.

Dee Arntz graduated from Boston College with BA in political science. She later earned a master's in

anthropology from San Francisco State and a certificate in wetland science from the University of Washington. She is a writer and a member of the National Audubon Society, a former board member of Seattle Audubon, and the former chair of that group's nationally recognized Washington Wetlands Network. She has also served on the Board of Stewards for Audubon Washington and on the Washington Environmental Council. She will have copies of her new book, just released in Mar 2015, available for sale and autographing.



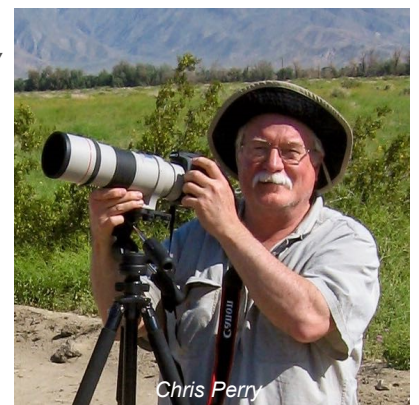
Emily Haig, Hazel Wolf, and Jennifer Belcher

**June 17, 2015 Program—"Photographing Birds in Flight", 6 p.m. at the River Center**

Presented by Chris Perry

**Note:** Pot Luck starts at 6 p.m.; program at 7 p.m. In addition to our Speaker, Bob Boekelheide will summarize the May Birdathon count, and the OPAS Harlequin and Conservation awards will be presented.

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Chris Perry

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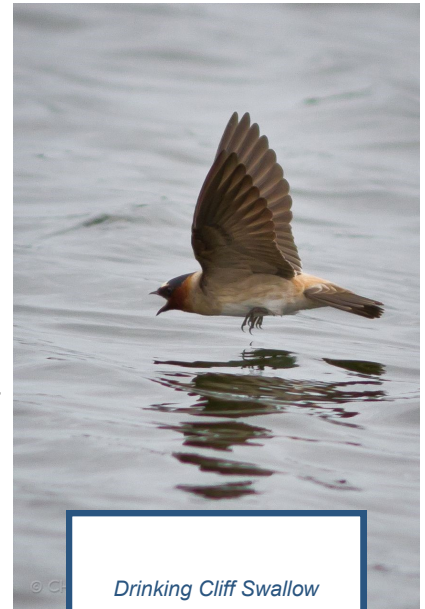
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After thirty-plus years as an action-photography enthusiast, Chris retired to Sequim and decided to concentrate on capturing birds in flight (BIF). He will share some his favorite BIF images and divulge methods used to capture them. Chris has been an invaluable member of the BirdFest planning committee, and has taken the lead in providing and selecting both the images used in the BirdFest web site, and our excellent advertising fliers and brochures. He has also organized and set up our popular nature photographic workshops at BirdFest. His skills and dedication to detail and high quality images makes our BirdFest one of the best in WA. He will answer photography technique and equipment questions at the conclusion of his talk.



Drinking Cliff Swallow  
Photo by Chris Perry

## Presidents Message

*by Jim Gift*

As most of you know, a multi-day rain event in early February resulted in very high Dungeness River flows and resultant damage to the access trestle to the Railroad Bridge.

Due to the extent of the damage, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, which owns the surrounding land and the bridge, was forced to close access to the bridge for safety reasons. The old Railroad Bridge is a key link to the Olympic Discovery Trail and many people use the bridge to provide bicycle and pedestrian river crossing. Some individuals and groups have expressed concern over the time it is taking to get the bridge access trestle repaired.

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The *Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society* meets monthly (except July, August, and December) on the third Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Dungeness River Audubon Center, 2151 Hendrickson Road, Sequim, WA. The public is welcome.

I have the privilege to sit on the Executive Committee of the River Center Board. The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe is a key partner with OPAS in supporting the Dungeness River Audubon Center. The progress on the bridge access repair is an ongoing discussion at the Board meetings. I can assure everyone that the timely repair of the bridge is a very high priority to the Tribe. It is however, a very complicated effort. They are undertaking both short- and long-term fixes to address the problem. First they have had to work with insurance companies to establish what portion of the damage is covered by insurance. They are working on a short term design that will get the bridge opened again. In addition, they are working to secure the funding to start the design for final permanent repair of the bridge trestle.

These are complicated efforts. In many cases permits have to be received before work can start. This process is further complicated by the fact that the Dungeness River supports threatened salmon populations, and this limits the time when work can be undertaken in the river.

To sum it up, the Tribe is working very hard to move this project forward. They know the importance of bridge access to the community, as well as to the River Center itself. We are very blessed to have the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe as a partner. When you see tribal leaders or members in the future, thank them for all their efforts to correct the bridge damage and for their continued support for the Dungeness River Audubon Center.

Lastly, May is important to OPAS. We hold our annual Birdathon, and this is our principle fund raiser for the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society. Please participate in the Birdathon itself and support our organization generously.



**Pied-billed Grebe**  
Photo by Robert Hutchison



## OPAS Field Trips in May and June

by Bob Iddins

### Bird Walks

*Date: Every Wed. morning; Time: 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.* Meet at the River Center for a lovely walk to see and hear the birds of the Dungeness riparian forest. Information from walks helps us understand the annual cycle of birds in RR Bridge Park.

### Dungeness River Dike

*Date & Time: Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 6:00 a.m.*

*Cost: Free*

*Leaders: Gary Bullock & Bob Iddins*

*Meeting place: Old Dungeness School, Anderson and Towne Road*

*Features: New spring migrants along the river- warblers, flycatchers, orioles, etc.*

*Bring: Optics, water, snacks and appropriate clothing for the weather.*

*Further information: Gary Bullock 681-8611 or Bob Iddins 681-2840*



**Western Tanager**  
Photo by Robert Hutchison

### Toppenish to Ellensburg

*Date: Tuesday-Thursday, May 27-29, 2015*

*Time: 6:30 a.m. Tuesday (Wednesday and Thursday’s starting times and places will be determined later)*

*Meeting place: Main entrance of Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge at Pumphouse Road and Highway 97, about 10 miles south of Toppenish.*

*Leaders: Bob Iddins, Bob & Enid Phreaner*  
*Cost: Free, but a Discover Pass is required for entry into a state park. All lodging and meals are the participant’s responsibility.*

*Features: A visit to the dry side of the state provides a different array of birds,*

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such as Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Loggerhead Shrike, Meadowlarks, Magpies, Lewis' Woodpecker, Yellow-headed Blackbirds, Swainson's Hawks, etc.

*Bring:* Optics, field guides, water, lunches and snacks, sunblock, insect repellent, and appropriate clothing (weather can be expected to be hot and sunny).

*Further information:* **Preregistration required**, contact: Bob Iddins, 360-681-2840 [rriddins@olympen.com](mailto:rriddins@olympen.com)

**Note: Taylor Cutoff, Fish hatchery field trip, scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2015, has been cancelled!**

## Lost Mountain

*Date:* Thursday, June 18, 2015

*Time:* 7:30 a.m.

*Cost:* Free

*Leaders:* Bob Iddins & Gary Bullock

*Meeting place:* Graywolf Elementary School on Carlsborg Road just north of Hwy 101.

*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, MacGillivray's Warbler, House Wren, Olive-sided and Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Purple Finch and much more. We will carpool to DNR land off Olsen Place and make short walks along forest roads.

*Bring:* Binoculars, snacks, water, sun block and gear for any weather changes.

*Further information:* Bob Iddins 360-681-2840

## 2015 Clallam County Birdathon/International Migratory Bird Count

by Bob Boekelheide



Saturday, May 9, is the OPAS Birdathon and International Migratory Bird Day, a day to count Clallam County birds and raise money for OPAS projects. The International Migratory Bird Count is different from the Christmas Bird Count, because it includes all birds counted in Clallam County in one day. You can help no matter where you are in the county, whether you

count all day, count an hour or two in the morning or evening, or just hang out around your house and count your feeders. Even the robins and hummingbirds in your backyard are important.

During and after the count, use the tally sheet included with this issue of Harlequin Happenings to record birds and keep track of the miles and hours you watch, walk, drive, or boat. If you visit several different areas, keep a count for each. After the count, promptly email your information (best!), or snail-mail the sheet to me at the address on the back.

We learn a huge amount about birds of the Olympic Peninsula through this count. In 2012 our Clallam County Birdathon set a record for the most species seen in one WA county in one day with 202 species, the first time 200 or more species had ever been seen in one WA county in one day.

Before the Birdathon, join us on Saturday, May 2, for a field trip to review common birds and bird songs. We meet at Railroad Bridge Park at 8 a.m. to see and hear songbirds of the local forests, then travel to Dungeness Landing Park at 11 a.m. to see birds of shorelines and bays.

Please call Bob Boekelheide at 360-808-0196 or email [bboek@olympus.net](mailto:bboek@olympus.net) to sign up for the Birdathon. Or just do your count and return the tally sheet when finished. Please line up sponsors for your count, to help support OPAS and River Center programs. If you're so inclined, please sponsor the count and we'll represent you as we tally the birds. Thank you very much for your help!

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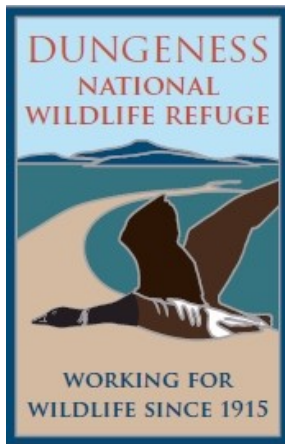
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## Other Events



### DNWR Events in May and June

The Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge celebrates 100 years with activities throughout 2015. Activities scheduled for May and June are:

- May 16, Saturday 1–3 pm Presentation by the Coastal Watershed Institute at the Dungeness River Audubon Center
- June 20, Saturday 10 am–3 pm KID’S DAY at the Refuge. Many hands-on activities

Visit: [www.dungeness100.com](http://www.dungeness100.com) as the year goes on for up-to-date information on the many events planned for the year-long celebration.

### River Center Classes

by *Dave Jackson*

#### Birding By Ear

*Dates:* Eight Thursday mornings -- first class on Mar 19; subsequent classes on Apr 2, 16, 30; May 14 & 28; Jun 11 & 25.

*Times:* All sessions 8:30 am to 11:30 am

*Meeting place:* Dungeness River Audubon Center (first session).

*Leader:* Dave Jackson

*Features:* This eight-session class, led by Dave Jackson, is designed for intermediate birders. Master the principles of birding by ear, mostly birding outdoors at Railroad Bridge Park and trips elsewhere. In early sessions, become familiar with the sounds of local residents and winter visitors before the arrival of spring migrants. In later sessions, focus on the songs of spring migrants. Extensive use of mobile bird apps (smartphone or tablet) and recordings. Limit: 16 people.

*Costs:* \$60.00 for River Center partners; \$80.00 for non-partners.

*Pre-registration:* Please register with the River Center at 360-681-4076 or e-mail [rceducation@olympus.net](mailto:rceducation@olympus.net).



*For further information:* E-mail Dave Jackson ([djackson@wavecable.com](mailto:djackson@wavecable.com)) or call 360-683-1355.

### Spring for Swallows: Amazing Acrobats in Our Skies and Your Backyards

*Date & Times:* Saturday, May 30th, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m

*Leader:* Ken Wiersema

*Meeting place:* Dungeness River Audubon Center

*Features:* An illustrated seminar on swallow nesting, breeding, diet, & migration. Learn to ID 6 different swallows that live in our spring & summer skies. Includes a local field trip. New birders & families welcome. \$ 5 donation; please pre-register at the Center or call 681- 4076.

### Education: Backyard Birding for May and June, 2015

by *Shirley Anderson*



The Backyard Birding series of classes, hosted by members of the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, is intended for residents of this area who are interested in knowing more about birds seen locally each season of the year and learning how to develop good habitats for wild birds.

“Backyard Birding” can be taken either as individual classes or in a series. The cost of each session is \$5 and is free for anyone under 18. Participants who complete five sessions will be offered a free membership in OPAS for one year.

The final two classes are May 16, “Enjoying spring Sounds”; and June 6, “Out of the Nest”.

### Conservation Matters

by *Mary Porter-Solberg (for Bob Phreaner)*

Your OPAS Conservation Committee took several actions since the last edition of this newsletter.



### Draft Shoreline Master Plan

In late February, we commented on the Clallam County Draft Shoreline Master Plan (SMP). In our study of *(Continued on next page)*

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the draft SMP, we found little or no mention of habitat protected to conserve and ensure that wildlife can continue to live and maintain the biodiversity necessary to co-exist with human shoreline uses. There was also little mention of a need to evaluate impacts of proposed new shoreline uses on wildlife, both on shorelines and in the intertidal waters. We urged our county to structure the SMP so that major changes in land and water use require best available science-based evaluation before development is permitted, up to and including a full environmental impact assessment, as deemed necessary. Wildlife has no voice or leverage in this review and eventual regulatory process, so our committee provided extensive comments to ensure that our county's birds and wildlife are protected.

### Marbled Murrelet Survival Project

At our March 30<sup>th</sup> conservation committee meeting, we had a guest speaker from Seattle who represented a new coalition called the Marbled Murrelet Survival Project. The speaker provided a presentation that explained the challenges to the survival of this seabird, and provided suggestions on ways to engage us in advocating for a science-based approach to its recovery. Since 1997, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has relied on an interim strategy for the Marbled Murrelet. In 2004, DNR commissioned a Science Team to develop a long term survival strategy, and in 2008 the Science Team unveiled their recommendations. However, DNR is concerned that the recommendations would impede its ability to meet WA state trust lands income obligations. Currently, DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are considering alternatives during Phase 2 Scoping of a Long Term Conservation Strategy. A few members of our conservation committee have been attending phone conference meetings with other Washington Audubon Chapters to learn more about this issue.

### Research on forage fish in Puget Sound

Washington State's Legislature passed a bill to help fund research on forage fish in Puget Sound. The Salish Sea and the outer coasts of the Pacific Northwest are areas of critical importance for marine birds. Unfortunately, the number of marine birds wintering in the Salish Sea have declined significantly in the last 30

years, and those that eat forage fish seem to be at the greatest risk. OPAS conservation, Washington Audubon, and other chapters provided comments in support of this legislation.

### Tufted Puffin added to state endangered species list

An announcement was made in April by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife that the Tufted Puffin has been added to the state endangered species list. OPAS had signed on to Washington Audubon's comment letter supporting the listing.

Be sure to visit the OPAS website and click on the Conservation tab for more details of many of these items <http://olympicpeninsulaaudubon.org/conservation/>.

## Bird Sightings

by Bob Boekelheide

On March 13, Governor Inslee issued a drought declaration for the Olympic Peninsula, due to lack of snowpack in the Olympic Mountains. At that time, local snowpack sat at less than five percent of normal. Has it gotten any better? A vigorous series of storms in mid-April brought about a foot of snow at Hurricane Ridge, but warm weather has melted much of that. Ironically, total precipitation this year is slightly above normal, nearly all as rain. The snowpack should be measured in feet right now, but local Snotel sites measure mere inches or nothing at all.

How bad will the drought be? We're certainly not as bad as California, but the real measure will come during our typical late summer drought, when local rivers always dwindle. Keep an eye on the USGS Dungeness River website (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/uv?12048000>), which on 4/26/15 recorded 205 cfs, well below the median value for the date of 315 cfs, and much closer to the record minimum for the date of 176 cfs. With no snowmelt, the Dungeness will likely touch record low flows this summer.

At the same time, a record pink salmon run is predicted this year for the Dungeness River, following their



excellent run two years ago. Now imagine the smell of hundreds of thousands of pink salmon carcasses crammed into low-flow Dungeness puddles. Woo-eee!

What does the drought mean for song birds? Since nearly all song birds feed insects to their chicks, their nesting success depends on healthy insect populations that last as long as possible through the spring. If spring rains continue there is still hope, but as soon as it gets dry I suspect it's all over.

The swans have left until next November, off to make ugly ducklings. The record high swan count this winter goes to Kendra Donelson and Kathy Bush, who recorded 99 Trumpeter Swans on 3/11, just one less than last year's high count of 100 swans. The swans quickly disappeared in late March. By 3/22, Bob and Ann Sextro recorded only 34 swans, on 3/25 Jim and Audrey Gift recorded 17, and by 4/3 Christina Heliker recorded none. Hats off to the volunteers who counted swans this winter!

Nine Greater White-fronted Geese attended the swans in Dungeness through the winter, but apparently left in early April with the swans. Annette Hanson reports that 4 White-fronted Geese are hanging out in her backyard off Kirner Rd on 4/21. Could they be the same birds? Denny Van Horn heard flocks of hundreds of Cackling Geese flying over Dungeness during the night of 4/21.



*Semipalmated Plover*  
Photo by Bob Boekelheide

A female Canvasback swam with a few hundred puddle-ducks at Kitchen-Dick Ponds, first reported by Michael Barry in January and still seen by Pete Walker on 3/22. Denny Van Horn found a male Cinnamon Teal at the Neah Bay fish hatchery on 4/6, and two male Blue-winged Teals graced the Waatch River on 4/8-9. Michael Barry spotted 3 Wood Ducks at his pond off Ridgeview Dr, and Charlotte Watts has lovely Woodies on her pond off Chicken Coop Hollow Rd. Jerry Freilich reports a brightly-colored male Ruddy Duck at Ediz Hook on 4/18, unusual on salt water.

It's not great news for seabirds, as warm water continues unabated off the Pacific Coast. The BirdFest pelagic trip out of Neah Bay on 4/8 recorded very few offshore birds, including only 2 Sooty Shearwaters and 12 Black-legged Kittiwakes. The largest concentration of birds was near Tatoosh Island, with 1000+ Common Murres and Rhino Auklets resting on the water, along with two fleeting Cassin's Auklets. Bruce Paige also recorded at least 3 kittiwakes roosting at La Push on 3/27. An almost-white immature Glaucous Gull was at Neah Bay on 4/8, and Dow Lambert found another at Port Angeles harbor on 4/22.

It's been a surprisingly late spring for Ancient Murrelets in Clallam waters, with 25 seen on the Neah Bay pelagic trip on 4/8, about 50 still lingering outside Dungeness Bay seen by the San Juan boat trip on 4/12, and 9 observed by Bob Boekelheide and Michael Barry off Shipwreck Point on 4/22.

The Elwha fish hatchery released 180,000 brood-stock steelhead in late March, leading to a free-for-all by fish-eating birds at the Elwha mouth on 3/24, witnessed by Bob Boekelheide. The feeding flock included 2 merganser species, 3 grebe species, 3 loon species, 3 cormorant species, 5 gull species, Rhino Auklets, Pigeon Guillemots, harbor seals, and harbor porpoises. Other than gulls, most abundant was Pacific Loon, with at least 82 diving offshore.

The early-bird Bald Eagle pair nesting by the mouth of the Dungeness River (the nest that raised 3 chicks last year) started incubating this year on 3/3, two days later than last year. No chicks visible yet.

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Jim Meusey reported an immature Golden Eagle perched at the Miller Peninsula on 4/8. Only one Osprey reported this spring, one flyover at the Elwha River seen by Denny Van Horn and his BirdFest field trip on 4/10.

The Marbled Godwits that spent the winter in Dungeness Bay continued into March, with Michael Barry recording 7 on 3/10. On 3/9, Bob Boekelheide spotted the 2 Ruddy Turnstones still wintering in Port Angeles harbor. Spring shorebirds have trickled through Dungeness Bay in late April, with small numbers of Greater Yellowlegs, Western and Least Sandpipers, Short-billed Dowitchers, and Semipalmated Plovers joining the wintering Black-bellied Plovers, Dunlins, and Sanderlings. Pete Walker reported 4 Lesser Yellowlegs at 3 Crabs on 4/5, and Michael Barry found one at Port Williams on 4/15. Michael also found a Whimbrel at Port Williams the same day. During BirdFest, Denny Van Horn and his group watched a Pacific Golden-Plover at Ediz Hook on 4/10. Michael and Bob Boekelheide discovered a molting Rock Sandpiper roosting with turnstones at Neah Bay on 4/22.

Michael Barry and Bob Boekelheide, while searching for Wandering Tattlers between Clallam Bay and Neah Bay on 4/22, heard a Sooty Grouse hooting at sea level. A true northwest experience, watching Pelagic Cormorants while listening to a Sooty Grouse.



*American Bittern*  
Photo by Dow Lambert

Also at Neah Bay, the BirdFest field trip watched flocks of at least 350 Sandhill Cranes flying north on 4/9. An American Bittern hung out at Helen's Pond,

spotted and photographed by Dow Lambert and Burt Foote on 4/15.

Owl news is always interesting. Valerie Wolcott heard 2 W Screech Owls tooting near her home on Palo Alto Rd on 3/21, and then heard both a Barred Owl and screech owls on 3/23. Since Barreds are suspected to eat screech owls, this doesn't sound like a happy ending. On 4/24, Bruce Paige found three owl species in the Dungeness foothills, with 2 N. Pygmy-Owls and a W. Screech-Owl tooting in the morning, along with a Barred Owl that dropped by for a visit.

There are now a male and a female American Kestrel using the wires along Schmuck Rd. Michael Barry saw them copulating on 3/24, so could there be baby kestrels soon? The female snatched a bird, possibly a junco, and ate it on a fence post on 4/23, seen by Sam McCullough.



*Orange-crowned Warbler*  
Photo by Robert Hutchison

Spring migration came early this year. Some Orange-crowned Warblers stayed in Port Angeles through the winter, such as at Ed Chadd and Vince Lucas's house, but Dow Lambert recorded the first "spring" Orange-crowned Warbler on 3/26 singing at the Dungeness Rec Area, along with a Common Yellowthroat. Denny Van Horn recorded the first Wilson's Warbler on 4/6, along with a wayward Say's Phoebe at the Neah Bay fish hatchery. Michael Barry reported the first Brown-headed Cowbird on 4/15 at Wilcox Rd. The first local Purple Martins appeared at 3 Crabs on 4/17, seen by Denny, Dow, and Bob B. Jerry Freilich



reported the first MacGillivray's Warbler near Peninsula College in Port Angeles on 4/20. The first Pacific-slope Flycatcher occurred on the Wed am bird walk at RR Bridge Park on 4/22. Mandy Holmgren hit the



*Townsend's Solitaire*  
Photo by Bob Boekelheide

migrant jackpot on 4/24 along the Olympic Adventure Trail west of Port Angeles, recording Townsend's, Black-throated Gray, MacGillivray's, Wilson's, and Orange-crowned Warblers, along with Pacific-slope Flycatchers, House Wrens, and Western Bluebirds. On 4/25 Mandy reported the first Western Tanager. Carolyn Wilcox reported the first Vaux's Swift on 4/26 at Indian Creek. Pete Walker reported a very unusual Nashville Warbler singing in his yard near Forest Ridge on 4/3, probably the earliest Nashville reported in the state this year, and one of the few records of Nashvilles for Clallam County during spring. It's been a great spring for Townsend's Solitaires throughout western WA. Bob Boekelheide found an early solitaire at Graysmarsh Beach on 3/22. Dow Lambert photographed 2 solitaires in his back yard in Dungeness on 4/12. One appeared in the Boekelheide backyard on 4/15. Judy Mullally found another on 4/16 while walking a forest road west of

the Elwha River. While looking for the solitaire a week later, Sue Chickman discovered male and female Mountain Bluebirds at Graysmarsh Beach on 3/28, which remained for couple more days. Chuck and Jeanelle Johnson spotted one lovely Mountain Bluebird at their home in Diamond Point on 4/15. Hermit Thrushes appeared in March as well, with one seen by Gary Bullock at his home off Woodcock Rd on 3/22, one seen by John Gatchet at Graysmarsh Beach on 3/23, and one seen by Michael Barry at Jamestown on 4/15.

Bruce Paige says the large flock of 30+ Western Meadowlarks present along Schmuck Road for much of the winter dwindled to less than half in early March, then gone by early April. The meadowlarks were replaced by a small flock of Horned Larks seen by Bruce on 4/22, and a flock of 200+ American Pipits flew about the freshly plowed fields, seen by Bob Boekelheide on 4/24. Cindy Ziobron also spotted at least 25 pipits at the Sol Duc fish hatchery on 4/13. Dow Lambert found one meadowlark at 3 Crabs on 4/18. Bruce Paige found some lingering Pine Grosbeaks at Salt Creek County Park in late Feb and early March, an unusual bird in the lowlands in late winter.

Please participate in the OPAS Birdathon and count some birds in Clallam County, whether for an hour or a day. Then report your interesting bird sightings to me at [bboek@olympus.net](mailto:bboek@olympus.net), or 360-808-0196. Thanks!

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OPAS membership meeting May 20th, 2015  
*Dungeness River Audubon Center* – 7 PM

## *Mothers of Nature*

*Extraordinary Women Conservationists of Washington*



Speaker: **Dee Arntz**

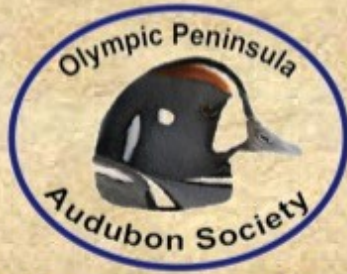
Courageous women earned many of Washington's conservation successes. Polly Dyer and Emily Haig worked to expand Olympic National Park. Women helped create the Washington Environmental Council and Washington Conservation Voters. Author and Washington conservationist Dee Arntz recounts these important stories and many others, demonstrating that the extraordinary legacy of Washington's female conservationists.

Dee will offer her March 2015 Book for sale and autograph copies at the conclusion of her talk.

Also on the program will be a summary of BirdFest '15, report of nomination cmtte on officers for '15-'16, plus emerging results for Birdathon 2015.

Event is open to the public w/o fee

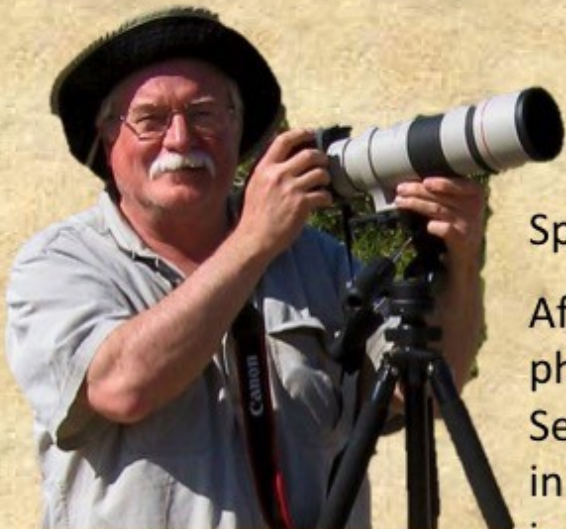
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OPAS membership meeting **June 17th, 2015**  
***Dungeness River Audubon Center*** – 6 PM  
Pot luck begins at 6 PM; Program at 7 PM



## ***Photographing Birds in flight***



Speaker: ***Chris Perry***

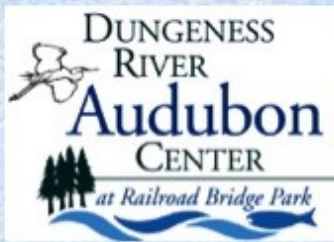
After thirty-plus years as an action-photography enthusiast, Chris retired to Sequim to concentrate on capturing birds in flight. He'll share some of his favorite images and divulge methods used to capture them.

***Please come and join us to enjoy some superb photographs of birds doing what they do best ••••• Fly!***



Part of the program includes presentation of our Harlequin and Conservation awards for 2015.

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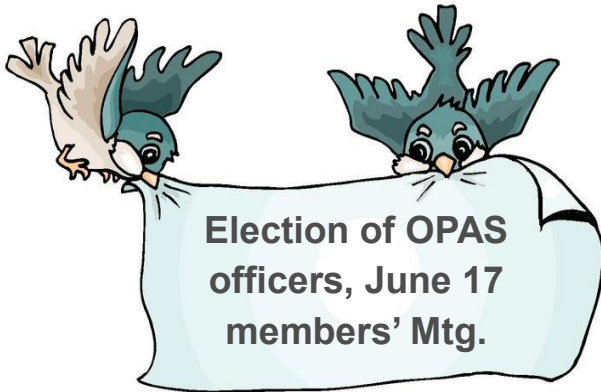
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