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**Critical Area Ordinance
Review**

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Update: In the September-October 2010 edition of the Echo, I wrote about the Black Hills Audubon Society Conservation Committee's work in reviewing the Best Available Science contained in the 2005 Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) Draft that is currently being updated. Our review is now complete. In our reports, we provide references to several important scientific papers and guidance documents that were recently published, and we found several areas in the current Draft that need to be significantly strengthened in order to adequately protect our critical areas at the "no net loss" standard for future generations.

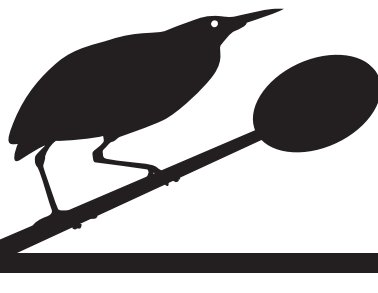
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**Saturday March 5, 5 pm
24th BHAS Annual
Dinner**

This combined potluck dinner, silent auction, and program meeting is our main annual fund-raising event. This year's festivities feature a presentation about dragonflies by Dennis Paulson. See the announcement on page 12 of this *Echo* for more information. 🦋



**Thursday April 21, 7-9 pm
Whales in the Pacific
Northwest**

Presented by John Calambokidis

This talk will cover some of the new insights into the status, movements, and behavior of some of the larger whales in the region as well as findings on the impacts of ship strikes and underwater sound. Also included will be some of the sightings and strandings of unusual species in Puget Sound in the last year.

John Calambokidis is a Senior Research Biologist and one of the founders of Cascadia Research, a

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Critical Area Ordinance

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The results of our review are contained in three reports that were received by the County's Planning staff in spring of 2010, and later presented at the Thurston County Open House in October 2010. The Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners also received these reports. You can find the reports on our website:

<http://www.blackhillsaudubon.com/pubs/CAO-BAS-ImportantMarineHabitats2010.pdf>

<http://www.blackhillsaudubon.com/pubs/CAO-BAS-Geology2010.pdf>

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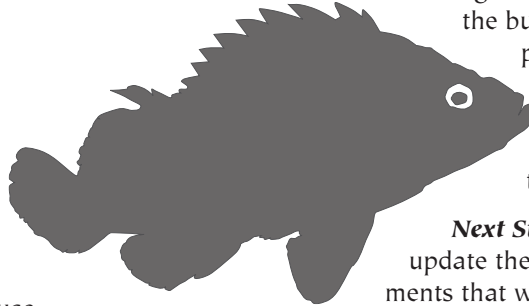
Critical Areas: Local governments that write plans under the Growth Management Act must protect five types of critical areas: important fish and wild-life habitat areas, wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, and geologically hazardous areas such as bluffs. A fundamental purpose for establishing adequate CAO protections is that they benefit both property owners and the public. Healthy ecosystems provide benefits and services that are essential to our economy and high quality of life.

Recommendations: We provided recommendations about minimum buffer widths for freshwater riparian areas, marine areas and shorelines. Our recommendations are guided by the common sense principle that one size does not fit all when it comes to land use planning. More protective regulations that would help achieve the "no net loss" standard should be applied to areas of high ecological importance, where they can do the most good, while a more flexible level of protection could be allowed for lands with critical areas in landscapes that are already more densely developed. We also commented on a number of issues concerning geologically hazardous areas, including impervious surfaces, tree cover, water quality, bluff stability, vegetation removal and management, and meaningful reporting requirements.

To help offset the problems associated with existing nonconforming uses on shoreline properties, we recommend the development of incentives to encourage landowners to maintain, enhance,

and restore native habitat in buffer areas around nonconforming developments. We do not support the building of conventional shoreline protection structures or armoring (bulkheads, riprap, etc.). Viable alternatives to these structures exist to protect shoreline properties against marine erosion.

Next Steps: The County is continuing to update the CAO Draft based on the comments that were received at the series of open houses it held in 2010. Once the updated CAO Draft is available for public comment, the County will hold a public hearing. For more information on the process, see the Thurston County website at: http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/critical_areas/criticalareas_home.htm 🐾



The BHAS Conservation Committee would like to hear from members who have any questions about these recommendations, or who have a story to tell of how you have lived with and stewarded critical areas on your property. Please contact Donna Nickerson by e-mail at D.J.Nick@comcast.net.

Spring Programs

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non-profit research organization formed in 1979 based in Olympia, Washington. He has directed long-term research on the status, movements, and underwater behavior of blue, humpback, and gray whales.

Thursday May 19, 7-9 pm

The May program will be about **Wolves**. Look for more information in the May-June edition of the *Echo*. 🐾

The monthly Program Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (usually) at the Capitol Museum Coach House, 211 W. 21st St, in Olympia. Arrive at 7 pm to socialize – programs begin promptly at 7:30. **Driving directions:** From I-5, take exit 105 and follow the "State Capitol/City Center" signs. Go through the tunnel, then turn left (south) at the light on Capitol Way. After 7 blocks, turn right onto 21st St. The Museum is two blocks down on the left. The Coach House is south of and behind the Museum.

May is Birdathon Month

Why should you participate in BHAS's 4th annual Birdathon? Because Washington's native birds and their habitat need your protection. One of the most effective ways you can help is by joining together with your fellow Audubon members to celebrate Washington's birds and raise funds for Black Hills Audubon Society.

Anyone can participate. You do not need to be an expert birder. If you're entirely new to Birdathon, it works like a walk-a-thon. Birdathoners collect pledges for finding and counting bird species. It's a competitive and educational event for any level of birdwatcher, as well as for the family and friends who cheer them on. You can join our guided trips, organize your own trip, or count independently. All guided trips are led by birding experts and are a great way to make new friends and connect with other local bird lovers.

Pledge sheets and additional information are available on the BHAS website: <http://blackhills-audubon.org/birdathon.htm> and on the next page. You can pledge yourself or have



your friends and family pledge you. It's a fun and highly effective way to support Black Hills Audubon Society.

For more information contact Birdathon Coordinator Sheila McCartan at schooleymccartan@comcast.net or call (360) 951-7152.

May Birdathon Trips

You must reserve a spot for these Birdathon trips – see the information below each trip description. 🐦

Birdathon Field Trips

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

Wednesday, May 4, 8:00 am – 12 noon
Leader: Phil Kelley
Estimated species: 60
No reservation required.

Black Lake Meadows

Saturday, May 7, 8:00 am – 11:00 am
Leader: Kristin Stewart
Estimated species: 30
Contact Sheila McCartan at schooleymccartan@comcast.net or call (360) 951-7152.

Woodard Bay

Sunday May 8, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
(Mother's Day – bring your mom!)
Leaders: Meagan Thorn and Robin Shoal
Estimated species: 25-30
Contact Sheila McCartan at schooleymccartan@comcast.net or call (360) 951-7152.

Olympia's Waterfront

Saturday, May 14, 9am – 12 noon
Leader: Sheila McCartan
Estimated species: 30
Contact Sheila McCartan at schooleymccartan@comcast.net or call (360) 951-7152.

Birding by Kayak along West Bay

Sunday, May 15, 9:00 am – 12 noon
Leader: Deb Nickerson
Estimated Species: 20
Contact the trip leader at 754-5397

Biking and Birding the Chehalis Western Trail

Saturday, May 21, 8:30 am – 12 noon
Leader: Deb Nickerson
Estimated species: 30
Contact the trip leader at 754-5397

Birding in Earnest: December 2010 - January 2011

To reports sightings call 866-9106 or email
georn1@hotmail.com

Usually I think of this period as centered around the various Christmas Bird Counts (CBC) throughout our area. This year there were plenty of reports throughout the period. For a summary of the 2010 Olympia CBC, check out the article on page 8 of this issue. For non-CBC sightings, read on. Throughout the period reports from Nisqually included consistent reports of **American Bittern**, **Peregrine Falcon**, **Northern Shrike**, and **Hermit Thrush** along with a good variety of waterfowl. Beginning in November, **Evening Grosbeaks** seemed to be more conspicuous than usual this winter. Roving flocks and scattered individuals have been seen (or heard) through the winter.

On 12/1, Eric Cannizaro reported a female **Redhead**, female **Canvasback**, 6 **Eurasian Wigeon**, and a **Trumpeter Swan** on Capitol Lake. The swan has continued through the period, and waterfowl numbers on Capitol Lake have been nothing short of impressive.

On 12/3, Roger Moyer reported 1 **Rough-legged Hawk**; 11 **Tundra** and 4 **Trumpeter Swans**; and a Flock of **Greater White-fronted Geese** from Lewis County near Chehalis.

Marve Breece located an **Ancient Murrelet** in Budd Inlet on West Bay on 12/15. The bird had the decency to stick around for the Christmas bird count, but not much after.

On 1/1/2011 a **Long-tailed Duck** was hanging out with **Surf Scoters** off of Cooper Point.

On 1/8-1/9 a **Townsend's Solitaire** graced our place off of Steamboat Island Road. The bird showed up immediately ahead of a cold front. **Lowland solitaires** are somewhat regular in our area, but usually show in late February and March. Mid winter birds are decidedly less common, and often associated with cold weather and don't stick around long so it was a bit of a surprise when this or another Solitaire was seen in the same vicinity on 1/30.

On 1/17 a **Turkey Vulture** was seen over Mud Bay. This is an early migrating species and often one of

the earliest migrants sighted. However, given that one was located on the Olympia Christmas Bird Count by Scott Mills, one has to wonder whether this bird wintered locally.

Also on 1/17, a **Great Egret** was located at the Godrich Road Pond along the Chehalis River by Ken Knittle. On 1/24, Michael Hobbs noted 2 **White-throated Sparrows**, 2 **Thayer's Gulls**, and 2 **Glaucous Gulls** in this area.

On 1/22, Matt Bartels reported a **Swamp Sparrow** from Nisqually, along with 4 **Long-tailed Ducks**, and a **Marbled Murrelet** from Tolmie State Park.

And then there is **THE EGRET**. A **Great Egret** was first reported at Nisqually on 9/26 by Matt Pike. Since that time a Great Egret has been intermittently reported from the refuge. It seemed to disappear for a while in late November and was at best sporadic through December. In January, reports noted an Egret on the refuge with pale, yellowish-washed upper legs. Much interesting discussion ensued on-line as there are other forms of Great Egret, and other white herons, notably Intermediate Egret, that show yellowish legs. After much interesting discussion and with many photos circulated, it would seem the matter of this bird's identity is settled. The available evidence indicates this bird is indeed a Great Egret, with aberrant leg coloration. The next topic... How common or uncommon is this variant? The bird has continued at the refuge intermittently throughout January.

Robin Shoal reported a great morning with the local owls. On 1/31 she listened to **Great Horned**, **Barred**, and **Northern Saw Whet** calling just before dawn near her place.

Heading into February and March, owls begin calling with increased frequency as they establish and defend territories. The first northbound migrants begin showing up, and the first Rufous Hummingbirds will be moving through, with a few establishing territories. The first swallows will be showing up as well (actually there have already been a few **Tree Swallow** reports from Nisqually) and waterfowl will be on the move. Searching through waterfowl and gull flocks can be particularly interesting and rewarding at this time of year. The Nisqually Refuge and Capitol Lake are good places to search. 🦉

Bill Shelmerdine



BHAS Calendar

March 2011

March 5, Saturday – BHAS 24th Annual Dinner and Auction.
Olympia Center. Doors open at 5:00 pm.

March 19, Saturday – Field Trip to Tokeland and vicinity.
7:00 am to late afternoon.

April 2011

April 2, Saturday – Field Trip: Owling in Capitol Forest.
8:00 pm to midnight.

April 8-10, Friday through Sunday – Olympic Birdfest. Sequim.

April 19, Tuesday – Field Trip: Hawks Prairie Reclaimed Water Ponds.
9:00 am to 11:00 am.

April 21, Thursday – BHAS Program Meeting: *Whales in the Pacific Northwest*. Capitol Museum Coach House. Socialize at 7:00 pm, program begins at 7:30 pm sharp.

April 29-May 1, Friday through Sunday – Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival. Hoquiam.

May 2011

May Is Birdathon Month! (* indicates a Birdathon field trip)

May 4, Wednesday – *Field Trip: Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge.
8:00 am to noon.

May 7, Saturday – *Field Trip: Black Lake Meadows. 7:00 to 11:00 am.

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Field Trips and Events

March 19, Saturday, 7:00 am to late afternoon

Field Trip: Tokeland and stops along the way

Leader: Ruth Sullivan

Ruth Sullivan, whose first love is shorebirds, will lead a trip to Tokeland, with stops along the way at Bowerman Basin, Midway, Bottle Beach and Westport. We are hoping for migrant shorebirds, loons, additional water birds, and whatever other birds we encounter. Meet at the Mud Bay Park and Ride at 7:00 am prepared for a day in the field. Bring appropriate clothes and food. There is a limit of 10 people. Contact Ruth at 253-564-7419 to reserve a place on this trip.

April 2, Saturday, 8:00 pm to midnight

Field Trip: Owling in Capitol Forest

Leader: Gary Wiles

Last year's "experimental" owling trip to Capitol Forest proved moderately successful, so we'll try it again this year along a different route through the forest that will take us into both Thurston and Grays Harbor counties. We hope to hear Saw-whet, Barred, Great Horned, and possibly Northern Pygmy and Western Screech owls. Participants should dress in their most quiet, least "rustley" clothing, bring a flashlight, and not be too nervous about wandering around in Capitol Forest in the dark. Be prepared to be very, very quiet. This trip will be limited to 16 people in four cars. We will meet at the Mud Bay Park and Ride lot off Highway 101. Call Gary Wiles at 360-943-8786 to reserve a spot.

April 8-10, Friday - Sunday

Event: Olympic BirdFest 2011

Sequim, WA

The Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society invites you to visit the rain shadow of the Olympic Peninsula to discover the birds of the coastal Pacific Northwest—Marbled Murrelets, Rhinoceros Auklets, Harlequin Ducks, Dippers, Black Oystercatchers, Long-tailed Ducks, and more. There will be guided field trips, a boat cruise in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, a silent auction, and a gala banquet. Immediately following BirdFest, join us for a three-day, two-night birding cruise of the San Juan Islands, April 10-12, 2011. For more information, see www.olympicbirdfest.org, e-mail us at opas.birdfest.info@gmail.com, or call Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society at 360-681-4076.

April 19, Tuesday, 9:00 am to about 11:00 am

Field Trip: LOTT Hawks Prairie Reclaimed Water Ponds

Leaders: Bob and Susan Markey

This trip to a local multi-use facility is designed for beginning birders, but all birders are welcome. We will walk the easy gravel paths around the reclamation ponds, marshes, and associated trees and shrubs looking for ducks, waders, shorebirds, raptors and passerines. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather. Meet at the Reclamation Pond parking lot. The address is 3001 Hogum Bay Road in Lacey. Look on-line at www.lottcleanwater.org/pdf/hpFact.pdf for a brochure about the facility that includes a driving map. There is a limit of 10 participants. Call Bob and Susan Markey at 360-438-9048 to reserve a spot.

April 29 - May 1, Friday – Sunday

**Event: Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival
Hoquiam High School, Hoquiam, and Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge**

Grays Harbor Audubon Society, Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge, and the City of Hoquiam work with a host of other local sponsors to bring you the Grays Harbor Shorebird Festival. This event is timed to match the annual migration of hundreds of thousands of shorebirds as they pause at the Grays Harbor estuary to feed and rest before departing for their nesting grounds in the Arctic. The schedule includes a Friday evening presentation by wildlife artist, author, and scientific illustrator Bart Rulon; a banquet and live auction on Saturday evening; and guided field trips, lectures, shorebird viewing, a Birding Marketplace, and a Nature Fun Fair available throughout the weekend. For a complete description of events, check out the website: www.shorebirdfestival.com.

May 7, Saturday, 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Black Lake Meadows

Leader: Kristin Stewart

Black Lake Meadows is a City of Olympia site created to control stormwater runoff and to protect the habitat of Percival Creek. It has been planted with native plants. It provides good birding in the spring for migrants, resident birds, and summer breeders. There are not huge numbers of birds, but we should be able to see perhaps 40-50 species

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Highlights from the Christmas Bird Count: Olympia Circle

Weather on Christmas Bird Count day (December 19) was mostly clear, sunny and cool. Rain in the early morning hours gave way to sun and light wind. Clouds moved in after noon, and after dark the rain began in earnest. Many count participants wrapped up the day with the traditional chili feed and count summary at the Gull Harbor Lutheran Church. Overall, 75 intrepid bird observers tallied 45,393 individual birds representing 126 species. Here are some of the day's notable bird finds, and a few high and lows.

Some say the best bird should go to the single **Ancient Murrelet** that was first found in Budd Inlet earlier in the week. This species has been seen on four previous counts, all in the 1980s.

From a historical perspective, the **Turkey Vulture** found and photographed by Scott Mills and party at Woodard Bay was probably the best bird. This species was recorded only once before in 1997.

High counts included **Green-winged Teal** (2,138), **Bald Eagle** (121), and **Anna's Hummingbird** (54), all part of continuing and increasing trends in recent years. **Hermit Thrush** (7), **Lincolns Sparrow** (16), and **Golden-Crowned Sparrow** (602) also registered high counts, but there is no clearly increasing trend in recent years.

Historical second highest counts included **Mallard** (2,994, narrowly below the previous high of 1997 in 2001); **Bufflehead** (2,945); **Eared Grebe** (38, the highest count since 1950 when 53 were recorded); and **Evening Grosbeak** (183, well short of the previous high of 353 in 1980).

On the low end, record low numbers were recorded for **Northern Harrier** (2) and **Purple Finch** (20).

Continuing their recent trend for absence were Black Scoter and Marbled Murrelet.

A new bird registered for the count was **Eurasian Collared-Dove**. It's hard to get worked up about this non-native, although it has been anticipated.

In the honorable mention category were **Orange-crowned Warbler** and **Long-tailed Duck** (although to be truthful, the latter has been seen most years).

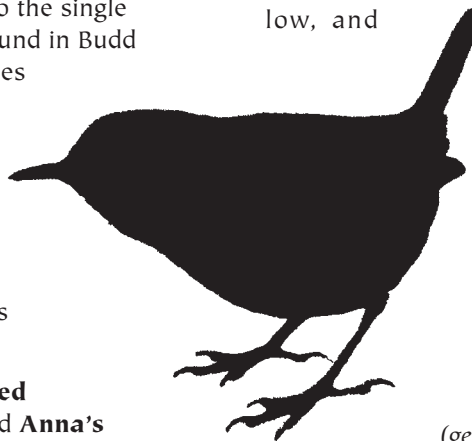
Other cool stuff: **Northern Pygmy Owl** and **American Dipper** were found near McAllister Springs. This is a new location for dipper on the count.

The bizarre bird award has to go to the strange finch found and photographed near Yauger Park by Eric Huston. The bird is believed to be a **Yellow-fronted Canary** (certainly an escapee).

A final observation worth mentioning is probably best expressed as "where were the finches?" **Evening Grosbeaks** made a good showing, but Purple Finch and House Finch numbers were low, and Red Crossbills were absent on this year's count. Most count parties remarked on the very low numbers of **Pine Siskins** as well.

Thanks to all who participated, including organizers, counters, area leaders and those that planned, provided, and cleaned up the post-count dinner. I hope to see you all again next year. 🦋

*Bill Shelmerdine, Count Leader
(georn1@hotmail.com)*



Thank you George

In 2010 the job of compiler for the Olympia Christmas Bird Count changed hands. Bill Shelmerdine will be taking on the role that George Walter filled for many years. Few realize the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes organizing the event, and collecting and entering the count data. Thanks go out to George for having taking on this responsibility for so long. Events like this would not happen, and would not be such a success without the efforts of such dedicated volunteers. Thanks George!

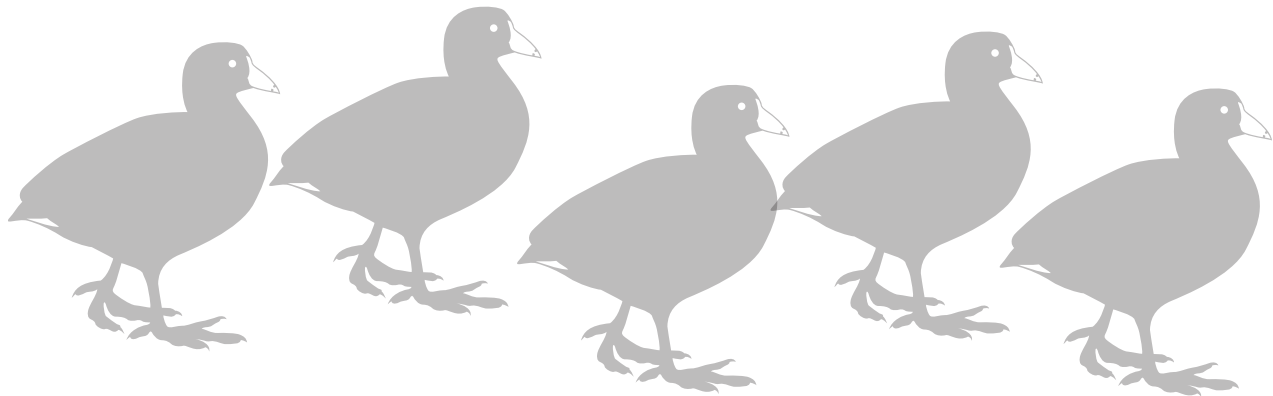
Other current BHAS members have served as count compilers in the past, including Kristin Stewart, Scott Morrison, and Bill Tweit. They also receive our thanks for an important job well done. 🦋

Skagit River Flats Yields Thousands!

As part of our determination to expose more youth to the wonder of birds and the rich history of land use in the Skagit Valley, on January 22 we hosted a trip to the Skagit River Flats. Twenty-three youth and 22 adults boarded a bus and enjoyed a day tracking down the wintering populations of swans, geese, and raptors that inhabit the fields south of Mt. Vernon. We saw over 100 Bald Eagles, thousands of Trumpeter and Tundra Swans, and a variety other species with a final total of over 50 species in all. Regional bird experts Whittier Johnson and Bill Tweit volunteered their day to lead this trip. They waxed poetic on the history of the area and the migration patterns of the birds come there each winter to forage in the fallow tulip and corn fields.

They explained the interplay between the tribes, farmers, and others who use the area for hunting, livelihood, and recreation. The students of Black Hills High School and other schools, as well as the adults, were impressed with all we saw and learned. Thanks so much to Patt Brady, Shelley Horn, and the Black Hills Board of Directors for their organization and financial support for this project. Barbara, a student of Black Hills High School, said she had never really even noticed birds before and now she is in awe of all they do. And even though we didn't see any of the famous Snow Geese that day, ardent birder Ian was not disappointed—he still got to see over 50 species of birds. 🦋

—Debbie Nickerson



Field Trips and Events

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in a morning. As this is a Birdathon trip, I would ask folks to pledge larger amounts for each species since we will not be getting huge numbers of birds! Meet at the entrance by the metal gate on RW Johnson Blvd (off Mottman Rd). Call Kristin at 360-456-5098 or 360-402-1526 for directions and to reserve a spot. Limit of 10 participants.

Saturday, June 4 **Field Trip: Elma Hills** **Leader: Gary Wiles**

This trip will visit the hills north of Elma. The hills are private forestland, with lots of clearcuts, young forest, and some lovely creek valleys. Target birds will be grouse, Band-tailed Pigeons, Olive-sided Flycatchers, and MacGillivray's Warblers. Meet at the Mud Bay Park and Ride at 6:45 am. Bring snacks, drinks, and a scope if you have one. Expect to be done by about noon. The trip is limited to 3 cars or a total of 12 people.

Call Gary Wiles at 360-943-8786 to sign up.

Birds of a Feather...

Be part of a flock of flying shorebirds at the Procession of the Species this April. Chris Maynard will provide a workshop at the community arts studio. The flock theme uses lightweight 6-foot silhouettes of shorebirds on poles, flying and turning as one. Each person makes a silhouette cut-out and decorates it, keeping with the theme of dark on one side, light on the other. These can be made in one workshop session (people may want to make bird masks too). In an additional session we will practice together as a flock. We did this once before about eight years ago, and the effect was excellent. If all goes well, some of us may want to go to the shorebird festival next year and show off. Contact Chris Maynard for more info: chris1two@gmail.com or 360-878-0755. For more info about the Procession, visit www.procession.org. 🦋

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Black Hills Audubon Society is a non-profit organization. A member chapter of the National Audubon Society, it represents Audubon members in Lewis, Mason and Thurston Counties.

Our goals are to maintain, restore and protect our ecosystems for future generations, and to promote environmental education and nature-based recreation.

Monthly program meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday evening of each month, September through June, at the Capitol Museum Coach House, 211 West 21st Street, in Olympia.

Board meetings are usually at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. The site varies from month to month; please call the message phone number to inquire as to the location.

Phone and e-mail messages are welcome, but please remember that we are a volunteer-based organization, and it may take us a few days to get back to you.

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Black Hills Audubon Society (BHAS) Membership form

Type of Membership—check appropriate box

Member of Black Hills Audubon Society Chapter (BHAS) only

Singles or household

- \$20, regular member
- \$35, regular member for 2 years
- \$50, regular member for 3 years,
- \$15, senior or full-time student
- \$25, senior or full-time student for 2 years
- \$35, senior or full-time student for 3 years

Please make check payable to Black Hills Audubon Society.

All dues go to support local Black Hills Audubon chapter efforts.

Receive the chapter newsletter, *The Echo*, which describes local chapter conservation action, events, and field trips.

Member of Black Hills Audubon Society Chapter and National Audubon (both)

- \$20, first-time member price
- \$15, Senior or full-time student

Please make check payable to National Audubon Society.

Renewals: please renew your National Audubon Membership by filling out the forms sent to you by National and sending directly to National Audubon. Thanks!

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Receive the award-winning national magazine, *Audubon*, and the chapter newsletter, *The Echo*.

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- \$10 chapter newsletter only

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Receive the chapter newsletter, *The Echo*

- I would like to help Black Hills Audubon's programs of education and conservation. Enclosed is my additional donation of \$_____

Renewals: please renew your National Audubon Membership by filling out the forms sent to you by National and sending directly to National Audubon. Thanks!

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/zip _____

Phone/Email _____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed.

Please fill out this form and mail it with your check to the appropriate address:

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BHAS 24th Annual Dinner and Auction – March 5, 2011

Our annual potluck dinner and silent auction is just around the corner and we hope you'll join us for a delightful evening. As in past years, the event will be held at the Olympia Center, 200 North Columbia Street, in Olympia. The event features several environmental awards, and a presentation about Dragonflies by Dennis Paulson. Doors open at 5:00 PM for social time and auction perusal, and the dinner will begin at 5:30 PM. To cover our costs, we recommend an \$10 donation at the door.

There are some great auction items to bid on this year and we hope you will get into the spirit of the event and bid generously on those items that tickle your fancy (please note that we

can accept only cash or checks for items purchased – no credit or debit cards). Funds raised by the auction go directly to support BHAS education and environmental efforts.

We are trying to make this year's dinner a "zero-waste" event and will be recycling paper and other materials and composting the event's food waste. You can assist us in reducing the amount of waste generated by bringing your own sil-

verware and place setting to the dinner.

The City of Olympia is providing recycling stations similar to those found at the Olympia Farmers' Market.

See you on March 5. 🦋

