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OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

By Libby Mills

About the field trips

Beginning birders and their friends are always welcome on Skagit Audubon field trips. Membership in Skagit Audubon is encouraged but not required for participation. Please be prepared for the weather with suitable clothing, and bring field guides, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Carpool whenever possible and contribute to the driver's expense. Watch the email reminders for the latest information, including any changes and/or additions to the field trip schedule. To be added to the email distribution list contact Libby Mills: libbymills@gmail.com

If you plan to join a field trip some place other than the described starting point, call the trip leader the day before to ensure a successful rendezvous. Trip plans may change.

**Saturday, October 6
Sandy Point, Lake Terrell,
Birch Bay, Semiahmoo & Blaine
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Our focus will be on water birds and shorebirds, but you never know what else might turn up, such as oystercatchers, terns, or an unusual gull. For water birds, our targets are all three scoters, a variety of ducks, including Harlequins, and Ruddy Ducks, grebes, with Eared Grebes a hopeful, and all three loons. Shorebirds might include plovers, yellowlegs, turnstones, peeps, etc. Bring your binoculars, scope if you have one, lunch, and dress for the weather, as it may be either rainy or windy or both.

If you are driving north to Slater Road

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OCTOBER MEETING AND PROGRAM

On the Trail of a Vanishing Ornithologist

by Kathleen Kaska

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:00 Social; 7:30 Program

Padilla Bay Interpretive Center

10433 Bayview-Edison Road

Mount Vernon, Washington

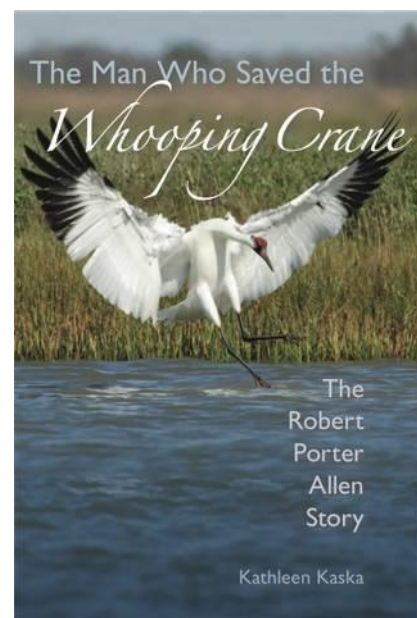
Whooping Crane
Book Cover

*The story of one man's odyssey to find
the last of a dying breed.*

In the spring of 1941, the
population of Whooping Cranes had
reached an all time low of fifteen.

Written off as a species destined for extinction, these magnificent birds have made a slow but unbelievable comeback over the last seven decades. This recovery would have been impossible if not for the efforts of Robert Porter Allen, an ornithologist with the National Audubon Society. His courageous eight-year crusade to find the remaining Whooping Crane nesting site in North America and his impassioned lectures about overdevelopment, habitat loss, and unregulated hunting garnered nationwide media coverage. The Robert Porter Allen story deserves to be told, and will capture the hearts of anyone who appreciates wildlife conservation and enjoys a true adventure story.

Kathleen Kaska, author and bird lover, will also talk about the serendipitous events which led to the writing of the book, the dangers the severely endangered Whooping Cranes still face, and the continued efforts to save them from extinction. Her book will be available for purchase after the presentation.



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Wilson's Warbler

"Good-by for the Winter"

Photo by Joe Halton

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General membership meetings of the Skagit Audubon Society are held at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, 1043 Bayview-Edison Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA—7:00 PM Social/ 7:30 PM Program—on the second Tuesday of each month, September through June. The board of directors meets at the same location at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month.

Skagit Audubon Society (SAS) membership provides a local chapter affiliation and newsletter, **The Flyer**, for individuals who want all their funds to benefit their local chapter. Newsletters from additional chapters can be sought by contacting their websites and membership chairs from links at www.audubon.org/states/wa/. **To join Skagit Audubon Society** please use the form below.

National Audubon Society (NAS) membership is separate from SAS membership and includes Audubon magazine. National Audubon membership does not provide Skagit Audubon membership; however, NAS will assign you an affiliation with a local chapter. To change your chapter assignment call 800-274-4201. **To join National Audubon Society** use the form below.

Skagit Audubon Society is a Chapter of the National Audubon Society. Our mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

Skagit Audubon Society Membership Form

Annual membership in the Skagit Audubon Society includes 10 issues of our newsletter, *The Skagit Flyer*, available on our website. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 one (1) year

\$40 two (2) years

I wish to donate \$_____ to Skagit Audubon Society.

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Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1101

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Using the form below to initially join the **National Audubon Society** will ensure that the **Skagit Audubon** chapter receives a cost share to support local programs.

National Audubon Society Membership Form

Annual membership to the National Audubon Society includes a subscription to *Audubon* magazine. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 for one-year introductory membership with one chapter affiliation

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Chapter Membership Data Center Y21
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Palm Coast, FL 32142

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Swift watching season at Old Northern State Hospital began again in late August. At dusk on September 9th participants on the Skagit Audubon field trip watched the high speed aerial ballet as over 5,000 Vaux's Swifts circled above the old smokestack, suddenly dispersing when a Merlin appeared, coalescing again into a fast-whirling spiral, pouring into the stack, some spilling back out, the last few seeming loath to give up a long day of aerial maneuvers. Keith Wiggers, Steve Aslanian, and I had counted 2,400 swifts entering the stack the previous evening, down from over 7,000 a week before, and now the number was up again. From British Columbia down through California, watchers tally this little bird, weighing just over half an ounce, as it migrates to Mexico and Central America. Every night at Northern State is different with the flight patterns and behavior of the swifts varying with weather, predatory raptors, and no doubt factors we haven't begun to fathom. One of the fun aspects of watching these birds is being with first-time observers because the spectacle always enlivens their curiosity. Where are these thousands of swifts all coming from, how many days will they stay here, what determines the direction the flock swirls and what signals its sudden reversal? How do they all **fit** in that smokestack?

Before there were chimneys, Vaux's Swifts presumably roosted in hollow, old growth trees, where many of them are thought to still nest. But such trees along the migration route are much scarcer now, and this aerial champion has learned to substitute unused chimneys. Unfortunately, those are disappearing too as abandoned or surplus buildings are demolished and brick chimneys fall apart. Fortunately, the poured concrete stack at Northern State is solid, and the State of Washington's Department of General Administration, caretaker of the site, has no plans to remove (or use) it. The stack and other old buildings at Northern State are listed on the National Register of Historic Places for reasons unconnected with Vaux's Swifts, of course, but that designation encourages preservation. Larry Schwitters, originator and main force behind Vaux's Happening (<http://vauxhappening.org/>), used data Skagit Audubon and others collected to nominate this stack and three other particularly busy ones as Important Bird Areas. This National Audubon program confers recognition on well-documented sites on which various bird species depend. We haven't yet heard if the Northern State stack has been accepted for this designation which would give it an additional distinction and possibly continued protection in the long run.

There will probably be a few counts done each week into early October at Northern State. Let me know if you'd like to participate, just watching or trying your hand at counting. Access to the site, within the part of Old Northern State Hospital leased to the Cascade Job Corps, is by permission only, so please don't just show up. We'd be happy to have your company at this grand avian sight.

On a September backpacking trip in Mount Rainier National Park, I started rereading Aldo Leopold's *Sand County Almanac*. Leopold begins the 1948 foreword with words that brought to mind the grand sight of thousands of swifts swirling overhead: "There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot." That, I believe, is a good description of people for whom watching birds is an essential part of relating to the world – Audubon people.

SKAGIT AUDUBON HIKING**OCTOBER 2012****By Joan Melcher**

October can produce great hiking weather along with beautiful fall colors. However weather conditions, forest fires and smoke, logging, construction, or other unexpected circumstances may cause changes or cancellations. For all the hikes call JOAN MELCHER 360-424-0407 or e-mail at jdmelcher@comcast.net for information on or questions about the following. All, but one of the outings, are on a Wednesday. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times.

WILDERNESS HIKES: The information on the various wilderness hikes is too lengthy to print here.

For information contact JOAN MELCHER:
360-424-0407 or email at jdmelcher@comcast.net

* Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) required.

WEDNESDAY – OCT. 3 WILDERNESS HIKE

WEDNESDAY – OCT. 10 WILDERNESS HIKE

**MONDAY – OCT. 15 EXTRA HIKE
STANLEY PARK VIA AMTRAK**

In Vancouver B.C., hike from the Pan Pacific Hotel to

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Stanley Park, around Stanley Park and back to the Hotel. 8 miles total. Call a travel agent or 1-800-USA-RAIL for reservations; having tickets in-hand will save time at the VIA Rail station in Vancouver. On the day of travel and also when you make your reservations, you must have a **PASSPORT or ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSE**. Canadian money or credit card is required for the Skytrain in Vancouver. We will take the morning train north into Canada. Whether you board the train in Seattle, Edmonds, Everett, Stanwood, Mount Vernon, or Bellingham, arrive at the station early so you can find parking.

WEDNESDAY – OCT. 17 IRON GOAT TRAIL *

This trail, on the old Great Northern route, connects Wellington and Scenic. There are different starting and ending point options. Use shuttle cars if needed. There is a 1,000 ft. elevation gain if you hike uphill between Scenic and Wellington. It is 5 to 10 miles depending on the route taken. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Mt. Vernon Safeway. A flashlight is recommended, if you wish to walk through the Windy Point tunnel. Seattle/Snohomish Co/Camano Island hikers can meet the group at the Skykomish Ranger Station, located a few miles east of Skykomish on Highway 2 at 9 a.m. A Northwest Forest Parking Permit is required. At 3 p.m. return to Scenic.

WEDNESDAY – OCT. 24 RUBY ARM and/or RUBY CREEK

For both hikes, meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. At 3 p.m. return to the trailhead. No parking permit is required.

I. RUBY ARM: Hike on the East Bank of Ross Lake Trail over a carpet and under a canopy of fall leaves, kicking leaves to your heart's content. Hike to either Ruby Arm, Hidden Hand Pass, or part way up Little Jack Trail.

It is a 7 to 8 mile round trip.

II. RUBY CREEK TRAIL: Hike the beautiful Ruby Creek trail from Panther Creek to Canyon Creek and back. It is a 7 mile round trip, with a 650 ft. total elevation gain.

WEDNESDAY – OCT. 31 NORTH CHUCKANUT MOUNTAIN:

Hike trails on the northwest side of Chuckanut Mountain. Take the opportunity to hike the Salal, Madrone Crest, Huckleberry, and Hush-Hush Trails that we normally have no time to do on other Chuckanut hikes. There is a new route to Raptor Ridge that you may wish to try. On the basic loop of 6.8 miles; one can add up to 4.0 miles more. There is up to a 2,700 ft elevation gain. Meet at 9 a.m. at the North Chuckanut Parking lot located on the east side of Chuckanut Drive between the Old Samish Highway and California Street. This is about milepost 18.5. You may leave when your car-load has returned.

WEDNESDAY – NOV. 7 HOYPUS POINT, HOYPUS HILL, and ALA SPIT

Hike the 3.5 mile loop trail on Hoypus Point, of moderate difficulty, with about a 300 foot elevation gain. One can add additional hikes in the adjoining Hoypus Hill area as well as hiking out to Ala Spit. The Hoypus areas are in Deception Pass State Park. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the trailhead at Cornet Bay in Deception Pass State Park. Cornet Bay has docking facilities and a rest room.

NOTE: A WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS IS REQUIRED TO PARK ON PARK PROPERTY.

You may leave when your carload is back to the trailhead. Most people return between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

* Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) required.

SKAGIT AUDUBON FIELD NOTES

By Pam Pritzl

This column reports submitted sightings. Any rare sightings should be accompanied by detailed written documentation and if possible a photograph. A second person to verify rare sightings is extremely helpful. Do not hesitate to call any observer to help document unusual sightings. Also do not hesitate to call if you need clarification on locations.

Please submit your sightings to **Pam Pritzl**
ppritzl@frontier.com or 360-387-7024.

WATERFOWL

Greater White-fronted Goose 8 at West 90 on 8-27 (GB)

Ring-necked Duck 3 at DeBay Slough on 9-9 (GB)

HERONS

American Bittern 1 at Jensen Access on 8-27 (GB)

SHOREBIRDS

Semipalmated Plover 7 at Jensen Access on 9-9 (GB)

Solitary Sandpiper 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 9-6 (SAS); 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 9-9 (GB)

Black Turnstone 1 at March Point on 8-31 (GB)

Red Knot 1 at Jensen Access on 8-29 (GB)

Sanderling 9 off the West 90 on 8-27 (GB)

Semipalmated Sandpiper 1 at Lyman on 8-31 (GB)

Baird's Sandpiper 2 at Lyman on 9-9 (GB)

Stilt Sandpiper 1 at the Skagit Game Range on 8-11 (GB)

Red-necked Phalarope 4 off the West 90 on 8-27 (GB)

JAEGERS, GULLS

Bonaparte's Gull 5 at Samish Island Public Beach on 9-9 (GB)

ALCIDS

Marbled Murrelet 3 at Green Point on 8-31 (GB)

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OWLS

Northern Pygmy-Owl 1 near Cockreham Island on 9-12 (GB)

NIGHTHAWKS, SWIFTS

Common Nighthawk 2 at Sauk Prairie on 9-8 (GB)

Black Swift 1 at Nichols Bar on 8-31 (GB)

Vaux's Swift 1000's migrating south roosting in Northern State Chimney during Sept (KW, TM)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Black-chinned Hummingbird 1 on Bayview-Edison Road 8-31 (CS)

WOODPECKERS

American Three-toed Woodpecker 1 near Rainy Pass on 8-20 (GB)

FLYCATCHERS

Dusky Flycatcher 1 at Corkindale on 9-8 (GB)

Eastern Kingbird 3 at Barnaby Slough on 8-19 (GB)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo 1 at Nicholas Bar on 9-2 (GB)

CHICKADEES

Mountain Chickadee 10 near Rainy Pass on 8-20 (GB)

WRENS

House Wren 1 at Jensen Access on 8-27 & 8-29 (GB)

SPARROWS

Vesper Sparrow 6 at Corkindale on 9-8 (GB)

Lincoln's Sparrow 40 at Corkindale on 9-8 (GB)

Golden-crowned Sparrow 1 at Lyman on 9-9 (GB)

FINCHES, WEAVER FINCH

Pine Grosbeak 2 between Rainy and Cutthroat Passes on 8-20 (GB)

(GB) Gary Bletsch; (TM) Tim Manns; (CS) Cathy Scott ; (SAS) Skagit Audubon Field Trip; (KW) Keith Wiggers

Skagit Audubon Society Income & Expenses

Fiscal year 7/1/11 - 6/30/2012

Submitted by Wendy Walker, Skagit Audubon Society Treasurer

Income:

Chapter memberships	\$4,122
Nat'l baseline & dues share	\$1,509
Christmas Bird Count	
Participant fees	\$150
Donations	\$1,120
Fundraising - boat trip/T-shirts	\$375
Hospitality (coffee can)	\$91
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$274</u>
Total	\$7,641

Expenses:

Audubon Washington	
Birding Map Project	\$500
Bird Note contribution	\$250
Christmas Bird Count fees	\$310
Conservation donations	\$2,450
Education	
Equipment/Supplies/Support ...	\$289
Hospitality	\$81
Insurance	\$313
Office Expenses	\$105
Skagit Flyer	\$1,344
Speaker Expenses	\$60
<u>Website</u>	<u>\$102</u>
Total	\$5,804



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from Skagit County and have extra room in your vehicle, please maximize carpooling as there is limited parking space at some stops on this field trip. Meet at 8:15 a.m. to arrange carpools at the new Chuckanut Park-and-Ride lot at I-5 exit 231 and Burlington Blvd. Cars will leave there promptly at 8:30 a.m. We'll join the leaders, Joan Bird and Andrea Warner, at 9:15 a.m. at the Arco Gas Station on Slater Road. There is nowhere to leave a car here. Take I-5 Exit 260, turn right and you'll see the Arco station on your right. Vehicles will need a Discover Pass for Lake Terrell and Birch Bay. It can be purchased many places as you will see on the website, <http://discoverpass.wa.gov/>. Leaders: Joan Bird (cell: 360-201-8418) or jbird202@hotmail.com, and Andrea Warner, warneraj@me.com

Sunday, October 29

Camano Island

8:30 a.m. to early afternoon

Visit our favorite birding areas around Stanwood and Camano Island with local birder and Audubon past-president Pam Pritzl. Explore extensive saltwater, mudflats, marsh and beach, with shrubs and cropland nestled against forested hillsides. The diverse habitats promise good bird diversity as wintering birds settle in.

Meet at the QFC supermarket on SR 532 in downtown Stanwood to arrange carpooling. Those who want to carpool from Mt. Vernon can meet at the PETCO parking lot on College Way at 8:00 a.m. Plan to walk up to 2 miles on easy terrain and bring water and lunch. Boots, binoculars and spotting scopes are recommended.

Leader: Pam Pritzl, 360-387-7024

Whidbey Island with the Whidbey Audubon Society

Saturday, October 13

8:30 a.m. to afternoon

Many migrant and wintering bird species will be flocking to Whidbey Island's varied habitats. Whidbey Audubon Society invites birders to an event on Saturday, October 13, 2012, highlighting the island's sites listed on the recently-published Puget Loop issue of the Washington Birding Trail Map.

Chapter members will be posted at many of these locations to direct you, give you information about the site, and let you know which birds are there or have been seen recently. They can also direct you to nearby meal and lodging options. A current Washington Discover Pass will ensure access to all sites.

At a minimum the following sites will be hosted by Whidbey Audubon members, starting at 8:30 and continuing into the afternoon: Skagit Audubon members interested in carpooling will meet at the March Point park and ride at 8:00 a.m. There is no designated field trip leader from Skagit Audubon.

- **Deception Pass State Park** ~ meet at the West Beach parking lot.
- **Crockett Lake / Fort Case** ~, meet at the Keystone Harbor lot serving the boat launch and underwater park, directly opposite the Keystone Cafe.
- **South Whidbey State Park** ~ meet at the main lot at the park entrance.

Find a downloadable PDF at <http://wa.audubon.org/puget-loop>.

DECEPTION PASS: HABITAT: Marine waters, beaches, lake; old-growth, mixed forest.

BIRDING: Wintering loons steal the show! In pass see rafts of Red-throated, Pacific, Common. Fall-spring find Brandt's, Pelagic, Double-crested Cormorants; Western, Red-necked Grebes; Mew, Ring-billed, Thayer's Gulls; Common Murres, Marbled Murrelets, plus Black Oystercatchers. Year-round in treetops: Bald Eagles; in forest: Red-breasted Sapsuckers; Downy, Hairy, Pileated Woodpeckers; Northern Flickers, plus Pacific Wrens, Varied Thrushes (fall-winter), Yellow-rumped Warblers.

VIEWING: West Beach-Cranberry Lake— Walk north for Deception Pass, Strait of Juan de Fuca. Walk south on ADA 1.2-mile Sand Dune Interpretive Trail for Yellow, Black-throated Gray Warblers spring-fall. At 0.4 mile take short side path to lake viewing platform for nesting Pied-billed Grebes plus Soras, Marsh Wrens, Cedar Waxwings. Above lake: Vaux's Swifts spring, fall; Ospreys; Tree, Violet-green Swallows in summer. Bonus: harbor seals, harbor porpoise, deer.

ACCESS: Beach-Lake – From Hwy 20 at milepost 40.8, turn west into state park. Drive 0.4 mile. At T, turn left. Drive 0.8 mile to West Beach parking.

CROCKETT LAKE ACCESS: From intersection of Hwy 525 at milepost 30.5/Hwy 20 mp 17.6, turn west onto Hwy 20. Turn left. Drive 3.2 miles. Turn left into **Underwater Park**.

SOUTH WHIDBEY STATE PARK ACCESS: From Hwy 525 at milepost 19, turn west onto Bush Point Rd/Smugglers Cove Rd. Drive 4.9 miles. Turn left into park, left again into parking.



Sandra Spargo

Defending Water in the Skagit River Basin

The Alliance for Democracy

Thanks to Tom Glade of Evergreen Islands, Anacortes, for his ongoing research regarding questions surrounding Tethys Enterprises' proposed building of the largest beverage bottling plant in the U. S. off Highway 20 in Anacortes, in the vicinity of Turner's Bay salt marsh (salmon estuary) and Reservation and Stevenson Roads. Reservation Road accesses the Swinomish Reservation, Shelter Bay Community and La Conner.

- Glade's research below includes the following: *"The heron colony on March's Point is believed to be the largest nesting area for Great Blue Herons in all of Western North America. Herons have nested at this site on Padilla Bay since the late 1970s. In 1984, just 42 nests were counted at this site, with a steady increase ever since. In 2006 Skagit Land Trust estimated over 700 active nests in the area!!!"*



*This photo was taken July 20, 2011
on March Point Road in Anacortes by Jon on Flickr
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/-jon/>*

Please visit Evergreen Islands' new blog at www.evergreenislands.org.

March's Point Heron Colony *reprinted with permission from Tom Glade*

The Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve website¹
provides the following information about the March' Point Colony:

The heron colony on March's Point is believed to be the largest nesting area for Great Blue Herons in all of Western North America . Herons have nested at this site on Padilla Bay since the late 1970s. In 1984, just 42 nests were counted at this site, with a steady increase ever since. In 2006 Skagit Land Trust estimated over 700 active nests in the area!!!

Skagit Land Trust owns the land which supports part of the heronry and has developed conservation agreements with neighboring landowners and the City of Anacortes to further protect the habitat and nesting birds. The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest. Remarkably this robust nesting sanctuary sits in the midst of the City of Anacortes ' Industrial Area. Due to the sensitivity of the nesting site, direct access to the heronry is not permitted.

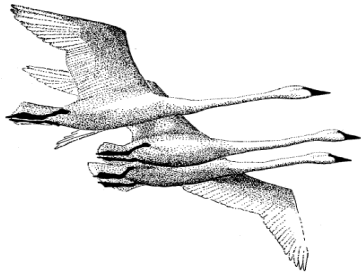
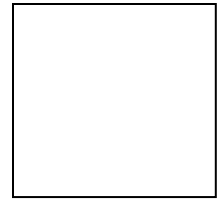
March's Point is located near three productive estuary bays; Fidalgo, Padilla and Similk. These and the farm fields of the Samish and Skagit river deltas, provide herons with areas to hunt for fish, frogs and small mammals. The proximity of so much rich foraging habitat makes it ideal for finding enough food to satisfy hungry, young chicks.

Additionally the Skagit Land Trust website provides the following information about the March Point Heronry: Hosting one of the largest Great Blue Heron colonies in Western North America, this island of forest sits between Padilla and Fidalgo Bays . 483 heron nests were counted in 2010 in this relatively small area, which provides easy access to feeding grounds for the herons. Vera and Bed Kinney donated this property to Skagit Land Trust in 1994 to protect the nesting herons.

With the cooperation of neighboring landowners, each year, Skagit Land Trust conducts a nest count in the heronry. Unfortunately, Skagit Land Trust does not have access to all neighboring property, and therefore some heron nests are uncounted (the drop-off in 2004 is because of losing access to the neighboring property). The overall trend, however, shows an increasing number of heron nests in the colony, with almost 500 counted this year on SLT property and the property to which we have access -- and there are likely to be hundreds more nests on the adjacent property to which we do not have access.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Check your
address label
for membership
expiration date!

October 2012 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept.30	1	2 SAS Board Meeting: 7:00	3 Hiking: Wilderness Hike	4	5	6 Field Trip: Sandy Point, Lake Terrell, Birch Bay, Semiahmoo & Blaine
7	8	9 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM/ Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Hiking: Wilderness Hike	11	12	13 Field Trip: Whidbey Island
14	15 Extra Hike: Stanley Park via AMTRAK	16	17 Hiking: Iron Goat Trail	18	19	20 Deadline SAS <u>November Flyer</u>
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