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APRIL 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, April 3 Deception Pass State Park 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Spend a morning visiting the beautiful bluffs and beaches surrounding Deception Pass, finding birds of the forest edge, salt-water and freshwater habitats. Meet at the park-and-ride just north of Highway 20 at the furthest west March Point exit, at no later than 8:30 a.m., or catch up to us at our first stop at Rosario Beach about 20 minutes later. At each stop we'll take a short walk, then driving from point to point, we'll visit Bowman Bay, Cranberry Lake and West Beach all within Deception Pass

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APRIL MEETING AND PROGRAM

Costa Rica Connections: From the Tropics to the Neighborhood with Libby Mills

Tuesday, April 13, 2010
7:00 Social; 7:30 Program
Padilla Bay Interpretive Center
10433 Bayview-Edison Road
Mount Vernon, Washington



Royal & Sandwich Terns Welcome Us
Photo by Libby Mills

Three recent visits to this little peaceful Central American nation provide the images and stories of exploring in the flora and fauna of Costa Rica. Our goal has been to study varied habitats and geography, enjoying a wide diversity of birds, plants, and local culture. We'll look at wetlands, a 2-acre sustainable farm, a dry forest cattle ranch, and a mountain cloud forest and jungle. Libby Mills led two groups to Costa Rica for the North Cascades Institute and will share their findings connecting the southern home of some of our bird migrants and our own backyards.

Those who hope to visit Costa Rica, those who already have made the trip, and those who never will go, can enjoy vivid images and animated tales in Libby's informal presentation style

Libby Mills is a field naturalist, photographer and journal artist, bird listener and instructor, and eight-time traveller to Costa Rica. She and her family live at "Wren Ridge" along the uplands of Padilla Bay.



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Native Plant Sale
Saturday, April 24, 2010
10 a.m. - noon
Location: Native Plant Garden at
SKAGIT DISPLAY GARDENS
16650 State Route 536
(WSU NWREC - Memorial
Highway)
Mount Vernon, WA
Salal Chapter
Washington Native Plant Society

MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS

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*. Membership includes all members of your household.

\$20 one (1) year \$40 two (2) years

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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

\$35 for two (2) year introductory membership (normally \$70)

\$15 for student or senior 62 or older) membership

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For members receiving a paper copy of The Skagit Flyer, the mailing label includes your membership expiration date in the upper right corner. If that date is highlighted in orange it is a reminder that your membership is about to or has expired. All other members will receive an email notice when their membership is about to expire. The Skagit Flyer is published monthly from September through June. Unsolicited material for the next month's Flyer should be sent to the editor by the third Saturday of the current month. For questions or problems about your Skagit Flyer subscription, contact membership chair: Sheila Pera, skagitmembers@gmail.com



London-born poet Denise Levertov, who emigrated to western Washington, responded to those bemoaning the Northwest's winter weather, "Grey is the price of neighboring with eagles, ..." An Edison resident sent an email recently with a reminder about another price some incur who neighbor with eagles. It's Samish Flats' abundance of ducks, shorebirds, swans, and raptors, including Bald Eagles, near Edison that brings novice and experienced birders and photographers from all over. In winter, local residents accustomed to relative quiet and sparse traffic most of the year find their neighborhood and its birds the subject of newspaper and magazine articles ~ and lots of weekend visitors. The email sent to me specifically expressed concern about perceived disturbance of eagles by people approaching too closely and at times disregarding private property. The writer asked how Skagit Audubon could help change these behaviors. I believe most Audubon members agree with and abide by the American Birding Association's principles of birding ethics (<http://www.aba.org/about/ethics.html>). We avoid stressing birds; we don't trespass to see them; we follow the rules of the road by not stopping suddenly with traffic behind or obstructing its flow; we drive safely at all times and remember that others

are using the road too. Unlike the email writer, not everyone appreciates birds or feels protective of them, and those that don't may not spare much tolerance for birders' behavior, safe and legal or not. We'd of course like everyone to share our fascination with the avian world and our wish to see bird habitat preserved. The best thing we can do is set an example, especially for those novice birders drawn to the Samish Flats by what they've read or heard about the yearly avian spectacle. As the local Audubon chapter we can regard ourselves as hosts to visiting birders, gently showing the way in part because of our awareness of local sensibilities. It is part of our living consciously in the Skagit community and wanting birds, the protection of their habitat, and our opportunities to observe them to be seen in a positive light. Grey weather doesn't dampen our enthusiasm for birding any more than it dampened Denise Levertov's love of the Northwest. And our own right action can help the presence of many visitors be a lighter burden on human residents of the flats. Have a look at the American Birding Association's list of suggestions and share them with the birders you meet out there.

SKAGIT AUDUBON HIKING: APRIL 2010**By Joan Melcher**

April's hikes will range from Puget Sound to the foothills of the Cascades. Unexpected circumstances such as unforeseen trail problems, weather, logging, construction or road conditions may cause cancellations or changes in the following hikes. If you have questions or want information on any of the hikes, email JOAN MELCHER: jdmelcher@comcast.net or call at 360-424-0407. All the hikes are on WEDNESDAY. Dogs are discouraged on Audubon-sponsored hikes. If dogs are on a hike, they must be on a leash at all times!

APRIL 7 BAKER RIVER

Hike along the Baker River to Sulfide Creek, entering the North Cascades National Park along the way. Dogs are not permitted on the National Park section of the trail. The hike is 5 miles round trip, 300 ft. elevation gain. Meet at 8:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. **Northwest Forest Pass (parking permit) required.** There is a 1:30 p.m. return to trailhead if you do just the river hike; 2:00 p.m. return, if you also walk south to Hidden Creek (Hidden Creek Bridge is out) on the north Baker Lake Trail.

APRIL 14 GALBRAITH MOUNTAIN

Don Hooser and Pat McGovern will lead us on hikes on Galbraith Mountain, which is SE of Bellingham WA. We will be hiking on logging roads and trails. The area is used by mountain bikers and some of the trails may be rutty with muddy spots. All may meet at 8:30 a.m. at the I-5/Cook Road Park-n-Ride (**exit 232 from I-5**). We will car pool according to which of the following hikes the people in the car will do.

1. **Don Hooser's faster group** will hike a steeper route on the south side of the mountain, up to 10 miles, up to 1,500 ft. elevation gain. with a 2:30 p.m. return. Instead of meeting at Cook Road, you may meet at 9 am at the Padden Trailhead parking area. To get to the Padden Trailhead, take **exit 246**

from I-5 (north Samish). Turn left onto Old 99 and drive 1.1 miles westerly. The large lot will be on your left.

2. **Pat McGovern's slower group** will hike a less steep route on the north side of the mountain, about 7 miles, elevation gain about 1,200 ft. Return time not yet known. Instead of meeting at Cook Road, you may meet at 9 a.m. at the Whatcom Falls Park parking lot on Arbor Street off of Electric Avenue.

APRIL 21 WALLACE FALLS

This is a hike through forest and near spectacular waterfalls north of Gold Bar along the Stevens Pass Highway. Two options: (1) up to a seven mile loop, 1,400 ft. elevation gain to the top falls; return time is 2 p.m. (2) a 9.8 mile to 14 mile loop, 1,800 f t. elevation gain to Wallace Lake, return time is 3:30 p.m.. The group will be divided into two different car pools, depending upon which of the above hike options one selects. Meet in the S.E. corner of the Mount Vernon Safeway parking lot at 8 a.m. Seattle/Snohomish County/Camano Island hikers can go directly to the trailhead.

APRIL 28 OYSTER DOME

Hike to the Oyster Dome on Blanchard Mountain. 9.1 miles, 2,000 ft. elevation gain, if you start on Chuckanut Drive with a 2:30 p.m. return to the trailhead — maps will be given out at Cook Road. 6.0 to 7.4 miles, 900 ft. elevation gain if you start at the Samish Overlook with a 2:00 p.m. return to the trailhead. There are opportunities for side trips to North Butte, Lily Lake, and Lizard Lake. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Cook Road Park-n-Ride, **exit 232 from I-5**.

MAY 5 THUNDER CREEK

Hike up to 12 miles round trip, up to 1,000 ft. total elevation gain on one of the best forest hikes in the North Cascades. Meet at 7:30 a.m. on the east side of the Sedro-Woolley Food Pavilion parking lot. Return time is 3:30 p.m.



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 **Howard Armstrong** godwits@wavecable.com or (360)766-6657.

Snow Goose 1 “Blue Goose” at Fir Island on 3/3 (RM)

Brant 100 at Samish Island on 3/13 (GB)

Tundra Swan 200 by Big Indian Slough on 3/6 (GB)

Wood Duck 1 at Cockreham Island on 3/1 (GB); 1 at Camano Island home on 3/10 (PP)

Eurasian Wigeon 267 at Samish Flats on 3/3 (RM)

American Wigeon 6 American & Eurasian Wigeon crosses at Samish Flats on 3/3 (RM)

Long-tailed Duck 40 at Samish Island on 3/6 (GB), high number

Barrow's Goldeneye 2 at Concrete Sewage Pond 3/7 (GB)

Ruddy Duck 13 at Judy Reservoir on 3/6 (GB)

Western Grebe alarmingly scarce this winter, 1 at Green Point on 2/20 (GB)

Red-tailed Hawk 1 “Harlan’s” at Fir Island on 3/3 (RM) & 2 at Butler Flats on 3/13 (SAS)

Merlin 1 at Samish Island on 3/18 (SIBW)

Virginia Rail 1 at SWA on 3/6 (GB); 1 at Iverson Spit on Camano Island on 3/7 (PP)

Wilson's Snipe 1 at Lyman on 3/7 (GB)

California Gull 4 at SWA on 2/28 (GB)

Marbled Murrelet scarce this winter, 2 at Green Point on 3/6 (GB)

Rhinoceros Auklet 10 at Green Point on 3/6 (GB)

Barn Owl 1 nesting in Butler Flats barn on 3/13 (SAS)

Northern Pygmy-Owl 1 at Harry Osborne State Forest on 3/14 (GB)

Rufous Hummingbird 1 at Samish Island on 3/2 (HA), 1 at Camano Island home on 3/5 (PP); 1 displaying male at SWA on 3/6 (GB)

Red-breasted Sapsucker 2 at Cockreham Island on 3/5 (GB)

Northern Shrike 1 along Swan Road on 2/21 (JeA); 1 at Cockreham Island on 3/5 (GB); 1 at West 90 on 3/7 (TM)

Hutton's Vireo 1 at Iverson Spit on 3/3 (PP); 1 at Judy Reservoir on 3/6 (GB), 1 singing at Pamona Grange Park on 3/13 (SAS)

Tree Swallow 1 at Clear Lake on 3/6 (GB)

Bushtit 2 building a nest at DeBay's Slough on 3/6 (GB)

Brown Creeper 2 exploring nesting sites behind mossy bark at Pamona Grange Park on 3/13 (SAS)

Bewick's Wren 1 gathering nesting material at SWA on 3/6 (GB)

American Dipper 2 at Pamona Grange Park, Friday Creek on 3/13 (SAS)

Mountain Bluebird 1 at Marblemount boat Launch on 3/7 & 4 on 3/17 (JA)

Orange-crowned Warbler 1 at suet feeder in Anacortes on 3/3 (JB)

Yellow-rumped Warbler 15 “Audubon's” at SWA on 2/20 (GB)

White-throated Sparrow 1 “white-striped” at Cockreham Island on 3/5 (GB)

Dark-eyed Junco 1 leucistic at Anacortes feeder on 3/10 (JB)

Western Meadowlark 2 at Cockreham Island 2/21 (GB), 5 at Butler Flats on 3/13 (SAS)

Yellow-headed Blackbird 1 at base of Samish Island on 3/3 (RM)

Purple Finch oddly scarce this winter, 3 at Judy Reservoir on 3/6 (GB)

Red Crossbill several heard at Rasar State Park on 3/7, 1 male died hitting a car window near Birdsvew about the same time (GB)

Evening Grosbeak 10+ at feeder on Echo Hill Rd. on 3/13 (SAS)

(PSB) Port Susan Bay Preserve (SWA) Skagit Wildlife Area, Wylie Slough

(JA) Jim Alt (HA) Howard Armstrong (JeA) Jean Ashby (JB) Jackie Boss (GB) Gary Bletsch (TM) Tim Manns (RM) Ryan Merrill (PP) Pam Pritzl (SIBW) Samish Island Bird Walk (SAS) Skagit Audubon Society Field Trip



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State Park.

We'll seek forest edge birds including songbirds, woodpeckers and raptors on the short walks, then overlooking shore and open saltwater areas we'll look for loons, oystercatchers, cormorants, grebes, and other interesting salt-water birds. At Cranberry Lake we'll scope for freshwater birds, including arriving spring migrants. Finally at West Beach, we can watch the sea birds feeding in the tidal currents that flow through the pass. There are bound to be interesting surprises in this popular park!

Bring your scopes, binoculars, bird books, and dress for the weather, i.e. layered woolies and rain gear with good walking shoes. Don't forget sunglasses. Cell phones also will be useful for keeping the group together while we're traveling, and for locating strays.

Leaders: Jack and Cynthia Richardson, phones: cell 360-708-5661, home 360-200-9081; email: richrson@cnw.com

**Saturday, April 10
Camano Island: The Nature Conservancy Livingston Bay Estuary, Iverson Sand Spit, and more
8:15 a. m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Join Ron and Sheila Pera in exploring The Nature Conservancy Livingston Bay Pocket Estuary on Camano Island. We will explore both the riparian area and estuary of this newly purchased 40-acre site on the northeast section of the Camano Island. In addition, we will go to Iverson Sand Spit to view resident waterfowl and anything else that flies. As time permits, we will visit other Camano or Stanwood area birding hotspots. Be sure to wear sturdy water repellent boots. Meet at the QFC supermarket on SR 532 in downtown Stanwood about 8:15 AM to arrange carpooling. Those who want to carpool from Mt. Vernon can meet at the PETCO parking lot on College Way at 7:45 AM. Binoculars and spotting scopes are recommended. **Leaders: Sheila and Ron Pera, email: skagitmembers@gmail.com**

**Saturday, April 17
Some Skagit Land Trust Birding Sites
8:00 a.m. to Early Afternoon**

Skagit Land Trust owns and manages a number of properties which are available for such activities as birding. We'll visit one or more on this trip to see spring migrants and resident species too. Bring a lunch or snack, binoculars and bird book. Scopes may be useful. Meet in the parking lot of the National

Park Service/U.S. Forest Service office in Sedro-Woolley (810 State Route 20 just before Highway 9 North) at 8:00 a.m. to arrange carpools. Wear boots you don't mind getting wet. Leader: Tim Manns , 360-336-8753 or bctm@fidalgo.net

**Saturday, April 24
Rockport area, Upper Skagit Valley
8:00 a.m. to Early Afternoon**

Meet at 8:00 a.m. in Sedro Woolley Thrifty Foods parking lot off Highway 20 in the SE corner of the big parking lot to carpool.

We'll end the month with a Saturday visit to some favorite birding sites upriver including Howard Miller County Park at Rockport and nearby Barnaby Slough, seeking nesting resident birds and early spring migrants. Early warblers, a vireo, busy hummingbirds and swallows, rich bird song and grouse booming: doesn't it sound great? Join Skagit Auduboners as we search for birds in forest and marsh edges. Start improving your bird song recognition before another 20 species migrate in and make the chorus more complex! This should be a great end to the month of April!

Leader John Day, 856-0644, jday@fidalgo.net

Samish Island Bird Walks with Howard Armstrong

As weather and time permit, Howard Armstrong leads bird walks on Samish Island for beginners and experts alike. To be contacted when these walks are scheduled, send a message to Howard (godwits@wavecable.com) asking to be added to his e-mail notification list.

*Not a Skagit Audubon Field Trip,
but nearby and of interest!*

**Saturday, April 17
Wings Over Water Pacific Northwest Birding Festival
Downtown Blaine - I-5 Exit 276**

Great for avid enthusiasts and casual observers! Join the celebration at this annual event held in one of the Pacific Northwest's premier bird viewing areas. Originally known as the Washington Brant Festival, this festival focuses on the thousands of Brant Geese and other birds that visit the pristine shores of Blaine and Birch Bay on their annual migration. Events include viewing stations, seminars, exhibits, live raptor displays, walking field trips of Semiahmoo Spit, Blaine's Marine Park and Birch Bay State Park. For more information on this event, please visit: www.blainechamber.com/wow

Needed: Assistant Newsletter Editor

If you would like to use your design and editing skills to help Skagit Audubon, please contact Skagit Flyer editor Jackie Boss (jackieaboss@yahoo.com, 360-299-8067). We need someone who could prepare up to several issues of the newsletter per year for the months when Jackie is away.



Skagit Audubon Society Budget

The following summarizes Skagit Audubon's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30. Members wanting a complete copy of the budget with notes, please contact Tim Manns. Some indicated expenditures may not be made this fiscal year but represent the board's commitment to initiatives such as providing scholarships and other educational support. The difference between total expenses and total revenue reflects the board's decision to use a portion of the society's accumulated assets.

Revenue

Baseline Funding from National Audubon	\$1,434
Chapter Memberships	4,000
Interest Income	375

Total Revenue \$6,809

Expenses

Christmas Bird Count Contributions	255
Donation to Audubon Washington	1,500
Donations to Other Conservation Organizations	2,000
Conservation Contingency Fund	500
Padilla Bay Aquarium Renovation Phase II (Bird Community Exhibit)	1,000
Skagit Audubon Projects & Scholarships	1,500
Educational Equipment/Supplies/Support	1,000
Stewardship Projects	500
Office Expenses, Insurance, Website	750
Skagit Flyer Expense	999

Total Expenses \$10,004

NOMINATIONS TO THE SKAGIT AUDUBON BOARD

Members of the Skagit Audubon Board serve one-year terms except the president, who serves for two. The names of the present board members appear on page 2 of the Skagit Flyer. Any Skagit Audubon member may suggest nominations to the board by contacting a member of the Nominating Committee. Nominations need to be received by April 15. The Nominating Committee members are Phil Wright, Ivar Dolph, and Pam Pritzl. Their contact information is on page 2. Thank you for your suggestions!

2010 State of the Birds Report

The *State of the Birds 2010 Report on Climate Change* issued in mid-March by Audubon, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and other partners, is available at <http://www.stateofthebirds.org/> This year's State of the Birds report focuses on the question, "How will the impacts of climate change influence our bird populations and their habitats?" The report calls attention to the collective efforts needed to protect nature's resources for the benefit of people and wildlife.



**Bud Anderson on Southern Cross
Peregrine Project: Previous Trip**



Be Careful with Spring Bird Feeding

If you like to maintain backyard bird feeding stations through the spring or year-round, be careful to avoid spreading diseases among wild birds.

Influxes of spring migrants, warmer temperatures, and wetter conditions mean that you need to be diligent about keeping feeders clean and dry.

There are several diseases that birds can pick up at or around feeding stations.

Salmonellosis is probably the most common avian disease, afflicting species such as finches, grosbeaks and pine siskins that flock together in large numbers at feeders and transmit the bacteria through droppings. The first indication is often a seemingly tame bird on or near a feeder. The birds become very lethargic, fluff out their feathers, and are easy to approach, but there is very little that can be done to treat them.

Aspergillosis is caused by a fungal mold that grows on damp feed or soil in or around the feeder. Birds inhale the fungal spores and the disease spreads through their lungs and air sacs, causing bronchitis and pneumonia.

Avian Pox is a viral disease that causes wart like growths on birds' faces, legs, wings and feet. The virus is spread by direct contact with infected birds, ingestion of food and water contaminated by sick birds, or contact with contaminated surfaces such as at feeders, birdbaths, and perches. Insects, especially mosquitoes, also carry the disease from one bird to another.

Trichomaniasis is caused by small parasites that can affect a wide variety of animals. The mourning dove and band-tailed pigeon seem to be particularly susceptible. The disease causes sores in their mouths and throats, and results in death from starvation or dehydration.

If evidence of any disease is seen, immediately remove feeders and/or clean them with a bactericide, like a ten percent chlorine or bleach solution (one part bleach to ten parts warm water). Soak feeders and all parts for at least 10 minutes. Scrub, thoroughly rinse, and dry completely before re-using.

Whether you see disease or not, it's good prevention to clean feeders this way every time you re-fill them. Avoid using wood feeders because they're difficult to keep clean. Make sure feeders allow rainwater to drain easily.

One of the best ways to avoid disease problems during the wet months is to remove or minimize use of feeders and maximize use of food-producing plants in your yard.

Other ways to minimize chances of a disease outbreak at feeders include:

- **Use only tube feeders** - Platform feeders that have more flat surfaces collect more droppings, fungus, and other dirt that may spread disease.
- **Give birds space** - Spread feeders over a greater space. Crowding is a key factor in spreading disease because birds have more direct contact, jostle each other, and are stressed and thus more vulnerable. Use smaller feeders that allow only a couple of birds to feed at a time.
- **Clean up wastes** - Regularly rake the area underneath feeders to remove droppings and old, moldy seed. Mount feeders over a surface that can be swept easily. Move feeders around periodically to keep droppings from collecting.
- **Use good feed** - If any feed smells or looks musty or moldy, don't use it. Disinfect storage containers and scoops used with spoiled feed before replacing with fresh, clean, dry feed.
- **Avoid seed mixes** - Most birds will scatter mixes, especially those with mostly milo or millet, for more preferred seed and the waste on the ground can become wet and moldy.

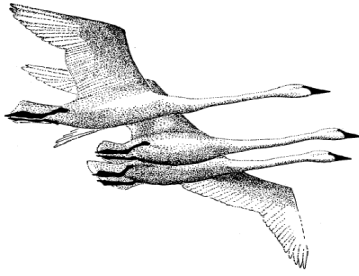
It's possible, although uncommon, for people to become sick from the salmonella bacteria through direct contact with infected birds, bird droppings, or through pet cats that catch sick birds.

When you handle bird feeders, bird baths, or sick or dead birds, wear gloves and wash your hands thoroughly afterwards.

**** **WDFW sent out this bird feeder information to persons on their emailing list.** ****
To subscribe to WDFW emails, go to the WDFW web site <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>



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Check your
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for membership
expiration date!

April 2010 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31 Hiking: Baker Lake Trail From the South	1	2	3 Field Trip: Deception Pass State Park
4	5	6 Board Meeting: 7:00 PM	7 Hiking: Baker River	8	9	10 Field Trip: Camano Island
11	12	13 General Meeting: Social 7:00 PM Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Hiking: Galbraith Mountain	15	16	17 Field Trip: Skagit Land Trust Sites Deadline SAS May Flyer
18	19	20	21 Hiking: Wallace Falls	22	23	24 Field Trip: Rockport, Upper Skagit Valley Native Plant Sale WSU NWREC Mt. Vernon
25	26	27	28 Hiking: Oyster Dome May 5 Hiking: Thunder Creek	29	30	May 1



