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# OLYMPIC PENINSULA BIRDFEST

*Come bird with us!*

Sequim, Washington  
April 8-10, 2011



## *Scheduled Events*

*Birding Trips  
Boat Cruises  
Free Raptor Presentation  
Photography Workshop  
Gala Banquet  
Silent Auction  
...and much more*

Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society  
Dungeness River Audubon Center

*Welcome!*

*The Olympic Peninsula BirdFest celebration is a primary source of funding, and we thank you for traveling to the Peninsula to spend the weekend birding with us. The revenue from this festival helps the Dungeness River Audubon Center continue educational programs for all ages. By attending the festival you are a steward for ongoing programs offered at the Center.*

*Audrey Gift, OPAS President*

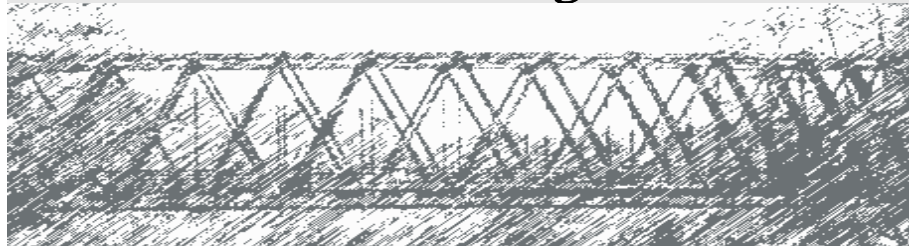
## NOTES FROM OLYMPIC PENINSULA AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Olympic Peninsula BirdFest has a full slate of extraordinary offerings for beginners to experts, from leisurely strolls and boat rides to active hikes. All the activities are listed in this brochure . . . field trips, presentations, salmon dinner, and boat trips. Use our website [www.olympicbirdfest.org](http://www.olympicbirdfest.org) to help you plan your weekend with us. Our site links to both the Sequim and Port Angeles Chambers of Commerce to provide you with area accommodations and information.

We've created a weekend where you can bird all day . . . from the dawn chorus to the evening owl prowl. We can wake you with coffee, nourish you with locally grown organic food, enjoy a free live raptor presentation, and a gather for a gala banquet and silent auction. Our featured speaker this year is Chris Peterson, founder and executive producer of BIRDNOTE, which is broadcast on public radio stations across the country and is fast gaining a national audience. Chris' talk is entitled "Tune into Nature with Birdnote - How Two Minutes Can Change Your Day."

Our partnership with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is a very special one. Its commitment to the natural world, showcased by the Dungeness River Audubon Center, can be seen in many ways. The Tribe is a significant partner in the River Center, and its restoration efforts on the Dungeness River and Jimmycomelately Creek provide new habitat for shorebirds and migrating passerines. Plants, animals, and particularly birds . . . symbols of the natural world . . . pervade the Tribe's stories, art, and traditions. We will provide opportunities for festival participants to learn more about the activities of the Tribe.

## DUNGENESS RIVER AUDUBON CENTER at Railroad Bridge Park



Salmon splash their timeless way upstream through the clear-water riffles of the Dungeness River. Bird songs ring through the bigleaf maples, and sunshine-dappled trails lead from the Dungeness River Audubon Center through the woods to the historic Railroad Bridge trestle.

Natural wonders await discovery within the Dungeness River Audubon Center, where kids and grown-ups, birdwatchers, botanists, hikers, bikers, and nature lovers will find a window into the natural world. Natural history displays highlight and interpret the flora and fauna of the Olympic Peninsula, with an emphasis on the bird species of the area.

A wide variety of educational activities at the center cater to a range of groups. Community forums, summer camps, adult and school field trips, festivals, and bird classes ranging from beginner to expert, are all offered at the Dungeness River Audubon Center. Come see what we can offer you!

## PARTNERS

Working together for the Dungeness River Audubon Center:

Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (JSKT)  
Dungeness River Audubon Center



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### GALA BANQUET

Saturday, April 9, 6:30 - 8:30PM

Join us at the Sunland Golf & Country Club Saturday evening for an enjoyable banquet, silent auction, and our featured speaker, Chris Peterson, founder and executive producer of Birdnote, which is broadcast on public radio stations across the country and is fast gaining a national audience. Buffet entree selections and no-host bar. Before the banquet, view the silent auction offerings.



### SILENT AUCTION



Wonderful, nature-related items ... items for birders, award-winning bird portraits, private guided trips, bird-related arts and crafts, gift baskets, and items from our Dungeness River Audubon Center gift shop will be offered in a silent auction. Auction items will be on display from April 4 at the Dungeness River Audubon Center and then at the gala banquet, Saturday night, April 9.

### NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Trip 9a, Friday, April 8  
12:30 - 4:30PM

Trip 9b, Saturday, April 9  
12:30 - 4:30PM

In a four-hour session designed for both beginning and advanced photographers, award-winning wildlife photographers Stephen Cunliffe and Hal Everett will teach ways improve your nature photography. Learn how to use camera functions and lens options to improve composition and exposure and consistently take quality images. **Stephen and Hal will analyze up to four images (in print or electronic form) for each participant.** The workshop includes both classroom and field time. Registration is limited to 10, so register early.



White-crowned Sparrow -  
Raedel Warren

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### NORTHWEST RAPTOR CENTER EVENING PRESENTATION

Presentation Friday, April 8, 7 - 8:30PM



Photo - Bob Hutchison

The Northwest Raptor Center rehabilitates injured birds and mammals, particularly eagles, hawks, and owls. Come see some of these birds of prey and hear about the ingenious methods used by the Raptor Center to bring these majestic animals back to health. Jaye Moore Director of the Northwest Raptor Center will give this presentation at the Sequim High School cafeteria.

### PROTECTION ISLAND BOAT TRIP

Trip 11a, Sunday, April 10  
9:30AM - 12:30PM

Trip 11b, Sunday, April 10  
1:30PM - 4:30PM

This three-hour boat trip aboard the MV Olympus will cruise out of the John Wayne Marina in Sequim and around Protection Island, a U.S. National Wildlife Refuge. Marine birds and mammals will be the target of this trip and we could see Rhinoceros Auklets, Long-tailed Ducks, loons, cormorants, various gulls, Common Murres, Harbor Seals, and possibly an Elephant Seal or Sea Lion. Although the best wildlife viewing is out in the weather on the upper deck, the Olympus is an enclosed, comfortable boat, offering snacks and beverages available for a modest price. This trip is limited to 30 persons and will probably sell out rapidly so make your reservations early. Tripfare is non-refundable.



Photo by Bob Hutchison

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SAN JUAN ISLANDS BIRDING CRUISE

Sun., April 10 - Tues., April 12,  
9AM departure [www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org](http://www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org)



Photo - Bob Hutchison

Join us for a three-day, two-night birding cruise of the spectacular San Juan Archipelago. We will depart from John Wayne Marina in Sequim, WA, at 9 AM on Sunday morning, April 10, aboard the MV Glacier Spirit. Whale watching, porpoises, seals, and a myriad of sea birds await us. We will rest overnight at historic Roche Harbor Resort, tour San Juan Island and visit Sucia Island (a state wildlife preserve), and cruise through awesome Deception Pass on our way home. Don't miss it! Registration at the OPAS website, [www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org](http://www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org).

### TOTEM TOUR

Trip 1, Fri., April 8, 9AM - 11:30 AM

Dale Faulstich, creator of the many totem poles at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Community Center and Seven Cedars Casino, and Tribal interpreters will give a guided tour of these impressive works, providing the interpretation of the meaning and significance of the symbols thereon. Included in the tour at 11:30 AM will be a lunch served at the Seven Cedars Casino, leaving you plenty of time to make connections for afternoon field trips.



## FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

### Friday, April 8, 2011

8 AM - 4 PM – Registration: Pick up materials at Dungeness River Audubon Center (2151 Hendrickson Road, Sequim, WA 98382)  
All day - Displays and silent auction items at “Bird Central”  
9 AM - 11:30 AM – Totem Tour (includes lunch)  
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Photography Workshop conducted by Stephen Cunliff  
1 - 4 PM – Afternoon field trips (meeting location and maps will be given to participants with registration)  
Evening Presentation, 7:00 - 8:30 PM – Live Raptors! Presentation by the NW Raptor Center at the Sequim High School cafeteria  
9 - 12 PM - Olympic Owl Prowl

### Saturday, April 9, 2011

6 - 7:30 AM – Dawn Chorus on the Dungeness River  
7 AM - 4 PM – Registration: Pick up materials at Dungeness River Audubon Center (2151 Hendrickson Road, Sequim, WA 98382)  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Morning field trips (meeting location and maps will be given to participants with registration)  
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM - All day field trip  
All Morning - Displays and silent auction items at “Bird Central”  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch break ( on your own)  
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Photography Workshop conducted by Hal Everett  
1 - 4 PM Afternoon field trips (meeting location and maps will be given to participants with registration)  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM View Silent Auction offerings at Sunland Golf & Country Club  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Banquet at Sunland Gold & Country Club  
9 - 12 PM - Olympic Owl Prowl

### Sunday, April 10, 2011

6 - 7:30 AM – Dawn Chorus on the Dungeness River  
7:30 AM - 12:30 PM – Registration: Pick up materials at Dungeness River Audubon Center (2151 Hendrickson Road, Sequim, WA 98382)  
9 AM - Departure from John Wayne Marina for San Juan Islands cruise (Register separately at [www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org](http://www.olympicpeninsulaudubon.org))  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Protection Island Boat Trip from John Wayne Marina  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Endangered Waterfowl Breeding Sanctuary  
1 PM - 2 PM - Northwest Raptor Center Tour  
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - Protection Island Boat Trip from John Wayne Marina

## FIELD TRIPS

Field trip descriptions along with times and trip numbers are provided below. Space is limited so please register early!

### Sequim Bay & John Wayne Marina

Trip 2a April 8, 1 - 4 PM	Trip 2b April 9, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Trip 2c April 9, 1 - 4 PM
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*Photo - Bob Hutchison*

Sequim Bay, one of the great protected embayments of the north Olympic Peninsula, attracts a wonderful variety of shorebirds, alcids, gulls, and waterfowl. Shorebirds include plovers, dowitchers, yellowlegs, several sandpipers, Whimbrels, and godwits. The bay provides great opportunities to see Rhinoceros Auklets and Marbled Murrelets. Ducks include Barrow's

Goldeneyes, Hooded Mergansers, Surf and White-winged Scoters, and Long-tailed Ducks.

### Dungeness Bay & Three Crabs

Trip 3a April 8, 1 - 4 PM	Trip 3b April 9, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Trip 3c April 9, 1 - 4 PM
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Dungeness Bay is a spectacular estuary at the mouth of the Dungeness River, one of the prime birding areas of the North Olympic Peninsula. Deemed an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society, it is rich in birdlife throughout the year. Waterfowl gather here by the thousands, including Brant, who feed on eelgrass during migration and in winter. At the right tide, shorebirds feed in easy view, along with eagles and falcons.



*Photo - Bob Hutchison*

### Olympic Owl Prowl

Trip 5a April 8, 9 - 12 PM	Trip 5b April 9, 9 - 12 PM
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Venture into the foothills of the Olympic Mountains to talk to the owls. We hope to hear Western Screech Owls, Northern Saw-whet Owls, Barred Owls, and Great Horned Owls, plus maybe other night creatures. Dr. Jerry Freilich leads the Friday trip, and Bob Boekelheide leads the Saturday trip. No guarantees, but we'll do our best to hear some tootin' and hootin'.

## FIELD TRIPS

### Dawn Chorus - Railroad Bridge Park

Trip 6a April 9, 6 - 7:30 AM	Trip 6b April 10, 6 - 7:30 AM
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Rise and shine! The lower 11 miles of the Dungeness River pass through large stands of intact riparian forests, and has been designated an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. Railroad Bridge Park is one of the few public accesses to this habitat, where Bald Eagles, American Dippers, and Common Mergansers cruise the rivers and Brown Creepers, vireos, warblers, and other forest birds cruise the canopy. Join us for a lovely walk by the river.



### Dungeness Spit & Dungeness Recreation Area

Trip 4a April 8, 1 - 4 PM	Trip 4b April 9, 1 - 4 PM
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*Photo - Bob Hutchison*

One of the greatest sand spits in the world, Dungeness Spit juts five miles into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Part of the Dungeness NWR, the Dungeness Spit combines birds of offshore waters with birds of inshore bays. We will scope inshore and offshore waters for loons, grebes, sea ducks, auklets, murrelets, and more. The Dungeness Recreation Area provides birds of upland rainshadow

habitats, mixing thickets of forest with open grasslands and marshes. Where else can you see Black Scoters and Red-throated Loons at the same time as Northern Harriers and Golden-crowned Sparrows?

## FIELD TRIPS

### Ediz Hook/Port Angeles Harbor

Trip 10  
April 9, 1 - 4PM

Port Angeles Harbor is a classic northwest embayment, providing shelter inside Ediz Hook for a wide variety of diving ducks, alcids, loons, grebes, gulls, and shorebirds. Barrow's Goldeneyes, Harlequin Ducks, Red-necked Grebes, Rhinoceros Auklets, and Pigeon Guillemots swim the harbor waters. The harbor is full of surprises, where rarities such as Common Eider have shown up in the past.



### Elwha River Mouth/Salt Creek County Park

Trip 7  
April 9, 8:30 - 11:30AM



The Elwha River mouth is famous for superb views of gulls and waterfowl, along with a variety of other saltwater and freshwater birds. As many as 10 species of gulls roost at the river mouth; it is the most reliable spot for Thayer's Gulls in our area during winter. Offshore and rocky shoreline birds are found at Salt Creek County Park, such as Marbled Murrelets and Black Oystercatchers. These are

spectacular spots to see coastal birds in action.

## FIELD TRIPS

### Bays and Coasts of the Olympic Peninsula (all day trip)

Trip 8  
April 9, 8:30AM - 3:30PM

Winter resident and migrating water and shorebirds are the focus of this all day field trip. Guided by Bob Boekelheide, Director of the Dungeness River Audubon Center, the group may explore, as reports of bird sightings indicate, Sequim Bay, Washington Harbor, Port Williams, Three Crabs, Dungeness Bay, Ediz Hook, and perhaps the mouth of the Elwha River. Dress in layers, be prepared for possible rain, bring lunch, snacks, and extra water for this all day adventure.

### Touring the Totems

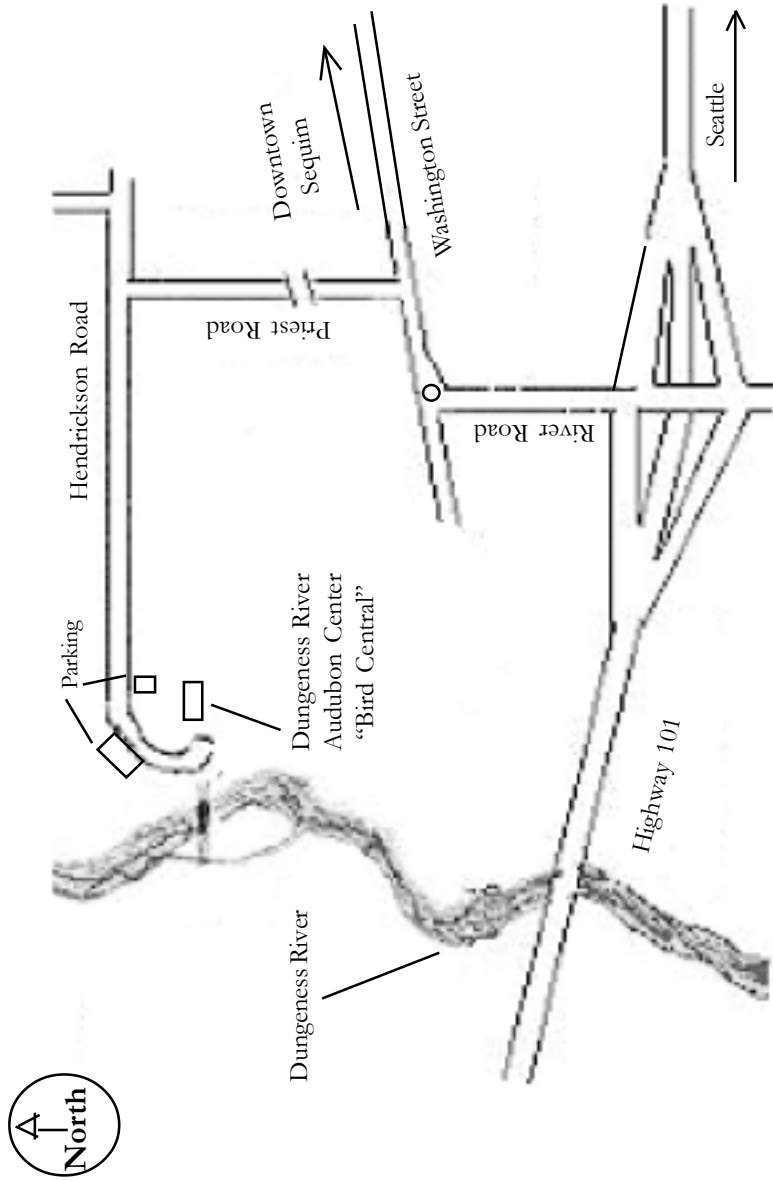
Trip 1  
April 8, 9 - 11:30AM

Visit the Tribal Center of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, located on beautiful Sequim Bay, and join a guided tour of their renowned totem poles. Tribal members will give an "up-close" view of the poles, explaining the historical figures and legends that inspired their designs. You will learn about the "Founding Fathers" of the Jamestown Tribe, discover why the S'Klallam are called the "Strong People," and learn why the wolf is so well respected. The numerous stories and folk tales of these carved columns will be revealed to you. The tour includes a visit to the "House of Myths," known locally as the "carving shed," where the totem poles are created. After the tour, lunch will be provided at the Seven Cedars Casino.





# DUNGENESS RIVER AUDUBON CENTER MAP



# SEQUIM AREA MAP

