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November Speaker: DEVELOPING AND WRITING A WEEKLY COLUMN ON BIRDS

GEORGE WALTER

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Temple Beth Hatfiloh

201 8th Ave SE Olympia

Social time at 6:30 pm, Program at 7 pm

Or register below to view via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZU9tpUEGRnWKP_r3lTNf6w

Ever wonder what it's like to be a journalist on the bird beat? Our speaker, George Walter, who writes the "Thurston's Birds" column in the online newspaper *The Jolt* will be here to tell us.

With over forty years of experience in bird watching, George Walter has been involved in Washington Big Years as well as the Olympia Christmas Bird Count. In addition to his journalism and birding, George has been working on Nisqually watershed issues since 1977, when Billy Frank first recruited him to help build the environmental side of the Nisqually Indian Tribe's Natural Resources Department.

In this talk, George will share stories about the challenges of writing a weekly column, illustrated with photos, primarily from Liam Hutcheson, that he includes with every column.

There are two ways to enjoy this program. You can come to Temple Beth Hatfiloh (201 8th Ave. SE, Olympia) to watch the speaker live and enjoy the company of others OR you can register to watch from home via Zoom.

Zoom will start at 7 pm and those coming to the Temple can arrive for social time at 6:30 pm.

MINE OWNER THREATENS LEGAL ACTION FOLLOWING SOUTH SOUND BIRD ALLIANCE'S SUCCESSFUL APPEAL

In August, South Sound Bird Alliance succeeded in our petition to the Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) for reversal of Thurston's industrial rezone of the Black Lake Quarry site. Subsequently, we were sent two emails from lawyers for Black Lake Quarry LLC (BLQ) in which they threaten us with a suit over a 2018 settlement agreement regarding mining permits between the Black Hills Audubon Society and the former mine owner, Eucon Corp. SSBA believes our challenge to the County's legislative rezone through the GMHB in no way violates the agreement. Our legal counsel is in agreement with us and supports our efforts on this issue.

We remain committed to conservation advocacy which protects habitat and species in the Black River corridor and the Black River Unit of the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. Land use policy, particularly zoning, is key to achieving this protection.

The GMHB decision was clear. The county's adoption of the legislative rezone from Rural 1 Residence per 20 acres (R1-20) to Rural Resource Industrial (RRI) directly conflicts with the Growth Management Act and the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan. R1-20 zoning was created in 2007 specifically to protect the Black River Corridor and other sensitive natural areas from environmental damage.

The GMHB decision requires the county to adopt a revised ordinance, which corrects the legal issues, by February 15, 2027. The simplest, most cost-effective, and legally sound response to this decision is for Thurston County to adopt a revision which just rolls back the invalid rezone and returns the property to R1-20 zoning.

BL Quarry has not given up. On the heels of sending us those emails, they arranged for the Board of County Commissioners for Thurston County to accept BLQ-paid legal help and BLQ-paid county staff expenses to 'supplement the record'—an effort to create an alternate proposal which might meet the requirements of the Growth Management Hearings Board decision—and still enable the rezone to industrial (RRI).

We don't know how this new proposal will satisfy the GMHB compliance order but it's due around November 16. We will be watching for it and will let readers of *The Echo* know our next steps. Stay tuned.

Project FeederWatch and Upcoming CBCs

Every winter thousands of volunteers across North America become citizen scientists and participate in a winter-long survey of feeder birds in their backyards, at nature centers, and in community areas. This year Project FeederWatch, one of the longest-running participatory science programs in the world, celebrates 40 years of counting birds to help scientists better understand birds' winter behaviors. Since its founding in Ontario, Canada, 108,679 volunteers have participated in FeederWatch.

If you're like me, you love watching the birds at your backyard bird feeder on a fall or winter day. You become familiar with regular visitors, wonder what has happened when you don't see a regular bird for a while, and I get very excited when a new bird appears, as when a Scrub-Jay appeared at our feeder in late October.

The goal of Project FeederWatch was to create an annual survey of winter feeder birds across North America. To reach this goal, in the 1980's the Cornell Lab of Ornithology joined Bird Studies Canada to run Project FeederWatch. Today the survey stands apart from other such monitoring programs because of the detailed data it provides to scientists on the distribution and abundance of winter birds across North America.

The 40th Project FeederWatch runs from November 1, 2026 until April 30, 2027. Want to join? All you need to do is pick a location, decide when and how much time you want to spend counting, and then register at the FeederWatch website. You don't even need to have a feeder. To learn more about Project FeederWatch visit, https://feederwatch.org/. The FeederWatch site also includes colorful trend graphics and lists showing data on individual species counted by state, province, and region.

COMING FOR THE HOLIDAYS: The 2026 Christmas Bird Count will run from December 14 thru January 5. In our region, Tim Leque is the new contact person for the Olympia Circle. Tim's email address is timleque@hotmail.com . Rachel Holland is the contact person for the Lewis County Circle. Her email address is lightningdash09@yahoo.com. The Olympia Circle will be counting on Sunday, December 20. The count date for the Lewis County Circle will be the following Sunday, December 27. People interested in participating will want to contact directly

the compiler for their circle. More information on this year's CBC will be included in the December Echo.

Tom Reynolds

PUGET SOUND SHOREBIRD COUNT

Isabel Brofsky, Ecostudies Institute

Volunteers for this year's **Puget Sound Shorebird Count (PSSC)** are being sought**.** Coordinated by Ecostudies Institute, the PSSC is part of the Pacific Flyway Shorebird Survey (PFSS) which is led by Point Blue Conservation Science. The PFSS is a long-term, volunteer-powered monitoring effort with the goal of capturing a snapshot of wintering shorebird abundance each year across the entire Pacific flyway.

Last year, PSSC volunteers counted 29,230 shorebirds and 78 raptors across 23 sites. There are count locations spanning the entire Puget Sound, from Blaine Bay to the Nisqually river delta.

This year, the PSSC is planned for **Saturday, November 21st from 8am – 12pm** (exact timing dependent on site). In the event that weather does not cooperate, our backup survey date will be **Saturday, December 5th**.

If you are interested in participating this year, please register via the **2026 PSSC Interest Form** as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support. Please stay tuned for updates and we hope to see you all at the count!

“Birding by Boat”- Three More Seats Opened!

$100 per person – limit of 3 persons

On November 14th, 2026 from 9am to 3pm you can be aboard a 34’ Nordic Tug and bird the sound from its deck and cabin. Morning pastries and drinks as well as a hearty lunch are provided on this trip as we travel from the lower end of Budd Bay to Harstine Island waters around Squaxin Island. We motor for about two hours, then stop at Island Home, a clubhouse on the shore to enjoy lunch and a walk on the beach. We return home on the other side of Squaxin Island to see what different sea birds and ducks lie in wait for us there.

This event was originally offered at our March Annual Dinner. A second boat has volunteered to be a part of this which means three more people can come along.

Please email or call Deb Nickerson (debranick@gmail.com , 360-481-7446) to reserve your spot. It will be the first three who reserve and pay. All proceeds support our chapter’s conservation and education work.

Thank you to Rick and Barb Bergholz of “Run, Tug, Run” and our new boat owners, Doyla and Dan Doty of “Sandpiper”. Deb will be in contact with all participants as the date approaches.

Hosts: Deb Nickerson and John Sherman

SECOND BAJA CALIFORNIA MOTUS TOWER

The second of the Motus towers that South Sound Bird Alliance helped finance has now been installed. It is on the campus of UABC Ensenada Campus in Bahía de Todos Santos. “The Ensenada Campus of Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) is strategically located in a coastal city known for its scientific and technological advancements. This campus is particularly recognized for its contributions to marine and environmental research, reflecting the region’s unique ecological and geographical characteristics. It offers a variety of academic programs that attract students interested in science, technology, and sustainable development.” (From AcademicJobs.com)

The Motus antennas were installed on an existing tower that was not being used. Looking at the photo above, you can see the antennas about 2/3rds of the way up. Below is a photo taken from the antennas and looking over the ocean.

The tower that was installed last month has recorded its first detection – a Snowy Plover flew by on October 20th. It was an adult female which was tagged in NW Mexico on 6/16/25. It has been picked up by two Motus towers in the same general area.

The installation of this second tower concludes our partnership with ProNatura Noroeste but not our interest in wonders of migration. We will be checking the Motus website, https://motus.org/, often.

TWO WAYS TO DONATE THROUGH YOUR IRA

It's "that time of year", and people are thinking about making donations to support their favorite causes. If South Sound Bird Alliance is on your list, there are several ways to financially contribute beyond writing a check. Two of them involve using your Individual Retirement Account (IRA). It's as simple as filling out a form from your plan administrator. Here's what you need to know:

1. **IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution**

When can this take place? Now, in the present

Who can make this kind of gift? People age 70 ½ or older (even when your Required Minimum Distribution starts at age 73)

Is there a limit on the amount? Yes, $100,000 per donor, per year

How is it done? Fill out a form provided by your plan administrator

Is my gift taxable? As long as your gift is made directly from your plan administrator, qualifying IRA gifts are not subject to federal income tax

How do I let SSBA know about my gift? Email or call us with the name of your financial institution and the amount of your gift. Some companies do not provide the donor's name.

2. **Beneficiary Designation**

When can this take place? After your lifetime

Who can make this kind of gift? Anyone at any time

Is there a limit on the amount? No limit but may require spousal approval if over 50% of the account total

How is it done? Fill out a form provided by your plan administrator

Is my gift taxable? No, your gift would not be subject to tax (although a comparable gift made to your heirs would be taxable in some states)

How do I let SSBA know about my gift? Please contact us. We can provide assistance as needed and would love to thank you.

If you decide one or both of these options are right for you, you will need the following information on your forms:

Legal Name: South Sound Bird Alliance

Address: P.O. Box 2524 Olympia, WA 98507

Tax I.D: 91-1491678

How your gift will be used: South Sound Bird Alliance uses donations to support its mission to maintain and protect our ecosystems for future generations through advocacy, environmental education, and community research. Legacy funds will be used to directly benefit the conservation of wildlife, especially

Cats Indoors Social Media and Prizes

IT STARTS NOVEMBER 2ND

The SSBA Cats Indoors campaign starts at the beginning of November. If you have Instagram or Facebook, please check us out. The goal is to get the word out that "Cats and Birds Don't Mix". We will combine prizes with six weeks of social media posts that we want folks to "share and like". To enter, simply add a comment that mentions your cat's name plus any other

information you wish to share. The toy above is our first prize in the weekly drawing. Contestants need to have an address in Lewis, Thurston, Grays Harbor or Mason counties. We are also planning a DIY cardboard cat castle contest (for ideas, check out this website https://cheezburger.com/46083333/28-incredible-cardboard-castles-built-for-feline-royalty). The contest will be for families.

Here is the timeline for this campaign:

November 2026 Social media posts every Monday for 5 weeks with accompanying prizes

December 2026 Social media posts on Monday, December 7th with a prize. Then the start of our cardboard cat castle contest starts December 14th culminating in judging on or near New Year's Day. This contest will be for families and a special prize will be awarded.

April 2027 SSBA will take our message that "Cats and Birds Don't Mix" to the Olympia Home and Remodeling Show with a booth that focuses on catios.

Armchair Birding: Among the Birds

Among the Birds: Field Notes from Cascadia, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt

~ Anne Kilgannon

I found this new book by Lyanda both engaging and challenging. When I began this personal bird-quest oh-so-many years ago, to read about birds and immerse myself in their world, I did not identify myself as a "birder" or any kind of expert nature writer; no, just a curious and vaguely enchanted noticer of birds. Birds make me smile and just then, with the recent passing of my father, I needed something to lift my spirit. A sparrow could draw me to my kitchen window where my feeder hung; a junco or chickadee or nuthatch would elevate my day with cheer and wonder. I wanted to know more about each feathered being but never imagined mastering a whole new vocabulary or retaining the masses of detailed observations that

identify one bird from another. But reading Lyanda's work may just have pushed me over some kind of line of commitment… with a robin.

Now, a robin is *the* bird known from my childhood, the longed-for harbinger of spring, the bird with the red tummy poking its beak under moldering winter-drift leaves and hauling up worms! Of course, I thought knew all about robins and found it a curious choice that it was the bird she introduced first in her book. Just then—I was reading sitting on my front porch—like magic, a robin appeared and began to poke around in my garden giving me the opportunity to really look at it. I had just read her description of an assignment given at a Master Birder class to draw a robin and how difficult that had proven to be. And then, for the first time, I noticed the white eyebrow-like lines circling its eyes. And because she mentioned various other details—bill color, white tipped feathers and other dots of color to note, I saw those, too. And, maybe for the first time, I was struck by how much I was missing by not really looking and not registering all these details. I read the rest of the book with wider-open eyes and a different kind of alertness than I might have had before my epiphany. And with more yearning to see and experience more birds. I was hooked.

Lyanda takes herself and her readers down many paths, through woods, fields, near rivers and sloughs, full of suggestions of places to visit, terrains to explore and habitats likely to host particular birds of interest. We live in an amazing state replete with ocean shores, rivers, great stretches of steppe-shrub lands, mountains, forests of pine and firs, orchards and gardens. Homes for a great variety of birds and other beings. As she travels and reflects, she shares her own deep feelings, her discoveries, her failings and triumphs. Walking along a trail with her would be like having a vocal field guide book, but one that could laugh at itself and the next moment fall into awe and ecstasy when spotting an elusive bird: a dipper fully immersed in a rushing stream, a brown creeper inching up a Douglas fir quietly tapping like an animated piece of bark, or, miraculously, a Northern Spotted Owl returning her gaze with one of its own. On other paths, Lyanda would draw our attention skyward as Trumpeter Swans winged over our heads flying "at the very edge of possibility" given their weight of thirty pounds, or pelicans or terns or gulls we should learn to identify. That "thirty pounds" detail changes everything! Such grace! Always, with Lyanda, there would be tea or coffee warming our hands as we stand with her looking off towards the nearby bushes for a Pacific wren thrilling us with its song. She wears her expertise like a favorite sweater, comfortably and eager to share. The book is a collection of more than sixty short, punchy essays, each focused on one bird or a bird and its closest relatives, an assortment of sandwich-size portraits, nourishing but not overwhelming, memorable and to the point. Details that will illuminate and stick with you. And each essay is illustrated—no, animated—with lively images of the birds discussed, materially adding to the clarity of vision on offer. Without making the birds into cartoons of themselves, artist Justin Gibbens* creates his images emphasizing each bird's characteristic features, feather patterns, postures, expressions and bits of landscaping

ANOTHER NESTING SEASON WRAPS UP

Kathleen Snyder

The 2026 nesting season was not as successful as we hoped. Mortality was up and successful fledging was down. We don't know why; explanations range from lack of food to avian flu to bad juju.

Conditions on the prairies are changing. Wildflowers are blooming earlier and conditions are drier. The 2027 Prairie Appreciation Day may be held a week sooner to maximize camas bloom viewing. These conditions make it all the more important that our nesting project continues and expands.

This year we added four new prairies in Mason County to our project. These were Johns Prairie, Eel's Hill, Lake Isabella State Park, and McEwan Prairie. At the end of the season, our 12 boxes on Patrick Vance Dunn Memorial Prairie at Wolf Haven International were turned over to that organization. They have staff and a well-organized volunteer contingent that can carry on the monitoring and maintenance duties. That leaves SSBA with ten prairies in two counties.

Here is a summary of which nests were found on those prairies. These are our best estimates. Four prairies are monitored weekly, four are monitored irregularly, and three are not monitored but are cleaned at the end of the season. Nests were marked as successful if one or more chicks fledged.

Glacial Heritage	Western Bluebird	9
	Tree Swallow	15
	Violet-Green Swallow	9
	Unknown Swallow	1
Violet Prairie	Tree Swallow	18
	Violet-green Swallow	1
	House Wren	2
	Unknown Swallow	1
Cavness Ranch	Western Bluebird	2
	Tree Swallow	14
	Violet-green Swallow	1
Wolf Haven	Western Bluebird	3
	Tree Swallow	14
	House Wren	1
Deschutes Prairie	Western Bluebird	4

	Unknown Swallow	2
	House Wren	4
	Flying Squirrel	2
Chehalis Western Trail	Western Bluebird	1
	Unknown Swallow	3
	House Wren	9
	Flying Squirrel	4
Tenalquot Prairie	Western Bluebird	4
	Unknown swallow	4
Johns Prairie	No nests were found	
Lake Isabella State Park	Tree Swallows	2
McEwan's Prairie	Tree Swallows	2
	House Wren	5
Eel's Hill	Western Bluebird	3

As you can see, Tree Swallows are dominant on our south sound prairies and House Wrens are doing very well. Western Bluebirds seem to be struggling somewhat and Violet-green Swallows don't seem to be as dependent on nest boxes as Tree Swallows. Violet-greens do well in human neighborhoods.

I thank our dedicated team of volunteer monitors and will be advertising for new volunteers in the February Echo. Being out on the prairies in spring is one of life's true joys!

Next Book for SSBA Book Club:

Life List*: *A Woman's Quest for the World's Most Amazing Birds

by Olivia Gentile

Meeting via Zoom in December

Exact Date/Time TBD

To add to the frenzy and fun of fall and winter, we will be reading the biography of a woman who likely had more adventures than all of us combined: Phoebe Snetsinger, one of the greatest birders of all time, who traveled the world and observed the majority of all Earth's species of birds.

From the publisher:

“A frustrated housewife sets out to see more bird species than anyone in history—and ends up risking her life again and again in the wildest places on earth.

Phoebe Snetsinger had planned to be a scientist, but, like most women who got married in the 1950s, she ended up keeping house, with four kids and a home in the suburbs by her mid-thirties. Numb and isolated, she turned to bird-watching, but she soon tired of the birds near home and yearned to travel the world. Then her life took a crushing turn: At forty-nine, she was diagnosed with cancer and told that she had less than a year to live. Devastated, she began crisscrossing the globe, finding rare and spectacular birds that brought her to the heights of spiritual ecstasy. But as it turned out, she beat the cancer. She eventually went to more than a hundred countries, had frequent brushes with danger, became a hero in the birding world, and set a record for the most species seen. *Life List* is a powerful portrait of a woman who found refuge from society’s expectations in a dangerous and soul-stirring obsession.”

As an older book, there are copies available from many sources, and used ones are readily available and affordable online!

We will likely be meeting in early to mid-December via Zoom (due to early darkness and probable poor weather). Discussion questions for the book will be sent via email closer to the meeting date.

To receive the questions we will be discussing and more information as needed, please email Rachel at lightningdash09@yahoo.com to be put on the mailing list.

Birding with Breakfast

Date: Saturday, November 7

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (note the later starting time)

Leaders: Bruce Jacobs and Deb Nickerson

Description: Birding with Breakfast at Millersylvania State Park. Varied habitat including lake, wetlands and woods. Birding with Breakfast walks are especially appropriate for beginning and intermediate birders.

Meeting location: Meet at Millersylvania State Park (12245 Tilley Rd South) at 8:00 a.m. Park in the first lot on the left when you enter at the main gate. A Discover Pass is required.

Breakfast at the River's Edge Restaurant at the Tumwater Valley Golf Club (4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE, Olympia, WA 98501).

No registration needed.

Willapa Hills State Park Trail Birding Trip

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – Noon

Leaders: Rachel and Allan Holland

Description: Perhaps the single most overlooked gem in Lewis County, this state park is a tremendous masterpiece that spans 56 miles from Chehalis in Lewis County out to South Bend in Pacific County. It is a long trail that was once a railroad, so it is flat and easy to traverse. We will plan on walking slowly along the first <1 mile of the trail, for just under 2 miles total of walking, if conditions allow. The trail will have both a boardwalk and a paved section, and the boardwalk can be slippery in wet or freezing weather, so please take caution.

We will hope to see some early waterfowl migrants, including swans, geese, and ducks, some resident birds such as woodpeckers, jays, and birds of prey, and also a variety of passerines such as sparrows, warblers, kinglets, and more.

Directions and parking: This trip will start at the Chehalis Trailhead on SW Hillburger Road, Chehalis. From Olympia, take Exit 77, turn right onto WA-6 W/Main St, then turn left onto SW Riverside Drive. Turn left onto SW Hillburger Rd/SW Sylvenus Street, and follow the road over the railroad to its end. **Discover Pass required**. Pit toilet available. You can park at either the small upper (first) lot or larger lower (second) lot, left of the first lot; we will start the trip in the lower lot to better view the waterfowl.

Please email Rachel Holland to register at lightningdash09@yahoo.com

Bring: Discover Pass, binoculars, scope, snacks and water if desired. Dress for the conditions and for a slow walking pace.

Photo credit: A Variety of Swans, Geese, and Ducks at the Chehalis Willapa Trail in November, by Rachel Holland.

Olympia Birds and Brew

MONDAY NOV 16TH 4:30 – 6:00ish

EQUAL LATIN RESTAURANT & BAR

2752 PACIFIC AVE SE, OLYMPIA

(meetings at Boston Harbor will resume next spring)

Birds and Brew is a social time for new and experienced birders to gather and talk about birds and birding. This is open to South Sound Bird Alliance members and non-members alike. Although it starts at 4:30 pm, it is a drop-in anytime event. The opening discussion topic for this meeting is **"What is one thing about birds or nature that you are especially grateful for?"**

Our regular hosts are Craig and Vicki Merkel. Questions can go to Craig at merkelcraig@gmail.com

Shelton Birds and Brew

Thursday, Nov 19th, 5:30 – 7 pm

Join our Mason County social gathering to talk birds and birding. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. The location is:

High Steel Beer Company

233 South First St., Shelton

November's question is **"What is your favorite year-round resident bird?"** Hosts are Kristen McCarty and Anthony Freiss. You can contact Kristen for more information at mccarty.kristen.e@gmail.com.

McLane Creek Field Trip

LOCATION: McLane Creek Nature Trail (We will meet at the Mud Bay Park and Ride)

WHEN: Sunday, November 22, 2026, 8:00 am – 11 am

TRIP LEADER: Abby Salmon

CONTACT: This field trip will be **limited to 10 people.** Please register by emailing abby.salmon20@gmail.com. If you have a Discover Pass, please let me know if you will be willing to drive a few others to the trailhead.

DESCRIPTION: Join us at McLane creek on Sunday, November 22, for a field trip focused on birds and the return of the chum salmon!

The trail is between 1.5 and 2 miles, depending on which viewing platforms we stop at. It is mostly level, but it can be muddy in some places. Most of the trail is not wheelchair accessible. Contact abby.salmon20@gmail.com if you have questions about accessibility.

One of the main features of this trail is the beaver pond. We are likely to see Belted Kingfisher, Pied-billed Grebe, and a variety of duck species. It can be a good place to spot Virginia Rail. In the forest, we may see a variety of woodpeckers, and forest passerines such as wrens, thrushes, kinglets, and more. Owl sightings are also possible, though less likely.

At McLane Creek itself, we will look for the spawning chum salmon. These salmon have spent the last 3-4 years at sea, feeding on plankton, and are now returning to spawn in the stream where they were born. Viewing areas will allow us to see these spawning salmon up close. We

may witness them digging and guarding their redds ('nests'), fighting for access to mates, and preparing to spawn. They are very expressive, and we will focus on reading their behavior.

American Dippers have also been seen at the creek during November, but they are considered uncommon.

This field trip will occur rain or shine (or snow) so please check the weather forecast up until the day of so that you can come prepared!

WHAT TO BRING: Please dress for the weather. Bringing rain gear is always a good idea during November, our rainiest month of the year. The trail can have some muddy spots, so hiking boots or similar shoes are recommended. Bring binoculars if you have them. There won't be many good opportunities to use a spotting scope on this trail. Bring snacks and water if you would like.

MEETING LOCATION: We will meet at the Mud Bay Park and Ride by 8:15 am. (**https://maps.app.goo.gl/Vmp21tDLsBTmHLFy8**). The McLane Creek parking lot can fill up very quickly on weekends, so we will carpool to reduce our impact on the small parking area. There is a pit toilet located at the trailhead.

Birding with Breakfast

Date: Saturday, December 5

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Leaders: Abby Salmon and Drew Walker

Description: Birding with Breakfast at Capitol Lake. Participants will view birds on the water on both the North and South Pools, and related areas. Birding with Breakfast walks are especially appropriate for beginning and intermediate birders.

Meeting location: Meet at Marathon Park, 1011 Deschutes Pkwy SW, Olympia 98501.

Breakfast afterwards at the Spar Café (McMenamins), 114 4th Ave E, Olympia, WA 98501.

No registration needed.

Drawing Birds for Identification in the Field

*****Instructor has to reschedule this class. We will keep you informed as to new date. Enrollees have been contacted.*****

Ms. Missy Maxwell, Instructor

Cost: $60.00 which includes all materials

POSTPONED

Rainwater Brewing

2442 Mottman Road SW

Tumwater, WA 98501

Learn a beginner friendly method of drawing birds for identification taking into account their color, body type and anatomy. Each participant will receive a set of supplies which can be taken home at the end of class.

Limit of 12 participants. We will be meeting in their side room.

Register by emailing Deb Nickerson at debranick@gmail.com

Payment can be made online at our website (link coming soon) or by check and must be received to confirm your space in the class.