



# Island Wings

— to enjoy, learn about & preserve the diverse natural habitat of these islands & beyond

## Wild Birds of South Africa & South East Asia with Nate Chappell

Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Laura Bienen

Nate Chappell is a lucky man who appears to be living a dream life that many of us would envy. He organizes and leads small group tours (2-10 individuals) to exciting birding hot spots all over the world, including many locations in the Pacific Northwest where he is based. He specializes in photography-focused excursions, with an emphasis on capturing spectacular wild bird images.

The focus of our July 13 program, for the armchair birders and travelers among us, will be Birds of Thailand and Namibia. For those of us who aren't planning on hopping on a plane anytime soon, this will be a great opportunity to vicariously bird a bit



farther afield. For those of us who have been thinking of taking such a trip and need a little logistical help getting to the right spots, Nate Chappell's company, Trogon Tours, Inc., specializes in photo nature tours to some of the most beautiful locations on earth. The website for Trogon Tours is [www.trogontours.net](http://www.trogontours.net).

In addition to Nate's presentation, this will be VMIAS' Annual Meeting to elect next year's board members (see attached ballot).

The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Vashon Maury Island Land Trust building, 10014 SW Bank Rd. The program is FREE and all are welcome.

## Congratulations to Recipients of Vashon Audubon Scholarships

Each year, Vashon Audubon gives scholarships to students who show an interest in environmental conservation. This year, two Vashon High School seniors received scholarships. Colin Supplee spent last summer at the North Cascades Institute's program on Cascades Climate Change, learning about climate change, and teaching younger students. He hopes to combine his talents in art and his interest in environmental protection. Lizzy Corliss was a Student Conservation Association volunteer at Crater Lake National Park. She hopes for a career with the National Park Service, following her studies at the University of Montana.

## 6th Annual Low Tide Celebration

**On Sat., July 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, join in the festivities at Point Robinson including Vashon Beach Naturalists leading beach walks to see the many different habitats along the point plus activities specially designed for children. Odin Lonning, Tlingit artist and cultural educator, will guide a beach walk focused on traditional native uses of shoreline resources. Skipper Mike Evans and his canoe family will paddle their Salish Blue Heron canoe to the Point early in the day and will be greeted with a traditional S'homamish welcome song. More singers are wanted! If you are interested in learning the song, please call Erin Durrett 463-4357. Food by Jessica DeWire plus lighthouse tours, and booths featuring shells, skeletons, marine life, maps and rules of Best Beach Behavior. A shuttle bus will drive along Pt. Robinson and Luana Beach Roads from 10:30 to 3:30 for the folks who park along the road edges. For further information, please contact Daoud Miller at 363-4454, or Captain Joe at 463-6672.

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# Calendar of Events

July/August 2011

see [www.vashonaudubon.org](http://www.vashonaudubon.org) for details on events listed below

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**Sixth Annual Low Tide Celebration • Sat. July 2, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Point Robinson**

Featuring beach naturalists, children's activities, the landing of the Blue Heron canoe, beach walk with Tlingit artist/educator Odin Lonning, lighthouse tours, food by Jessica DeWire, plus many displays and booths. Low tide will be -2.6' at 12:15 p.m.

**Island Audubon Field Trips • Sat., July 9, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.** Drop in, no charge and no experience necessary. Meet at Ober Park & Ride. Bring binoculars or scope if you have them. Contact: Alan Huggins at [alanhugs@comcast.net](mailto:alanhugs@comcast.net).

**4th of July Butterfly Count • Sat., July 9, 10:00 a.m., meet at Park'n'Ride by Country Store**

15th annual Butterfly Count (will also count dragonflies). No experience necessary. Garden watchers also needed. For more information contact Rayna Holtz: 206-718-5770 until July 30, then 206-463-3153.

**Vashon Audubon Program • Wild Birds of South Africa & South East Asia with Nate Chappell**

**Wed., July 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** FREE, at Land Trust Bldg., 10014 SW Bank Rd.

**Who Lives Under the Dock? • Sat. August 6, noon - 2:00 p.m., Tramp Harbor Dock**

Karlista Rickerson and her dive buddies will scout the waters around the dock and send up buckets of specimens. Vashon Beach Naturalists topside will display and explain specimens found. Co-sponsored by Vashon Audubon, Vashon Beach Naturalists, Vashon Park District, & Vashon College.

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**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

Please help staff Vashon Audubon's Booth at this year's Strawberry Festival!

Two hour shifts: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-5:30 on July 16 & 17.

Contact Laura Bienen (206-567-4613) or Randy Smith (206-355-3346).

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