



Island Wings

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

David Hutchinson on Hummingbird Behavior

Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00p.m.

Submitted by Laura Bienen

For the first time in recent history, Vashon Audubon will welcome a speaker on the topic of hummingbirds. David Hutchinson is the owner of Flora & Fauna Books, a wonderful natural history bookstore that has been in operation since 1983. Formerly located in the heart of Pioneer Square, Flora & Fauna Books has now relocated to the Magnolia neighborhood of Discovery Park. David will talk about hummingbird behavior, using his research on Anna's Hummingbirds as a starting point.

He was awarded the Frank M. Chapman Scholarship by the American Museum of Natural History (in New York City) to conduct his research on the Anna's Hummingbirds in the Pacific Northwest.



David Hutchinson served as Publication Chair for Seattle Audubon Society for ten years, and has been on the Advisory Council of Discovery Park for ten years.

The program will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the Vashon Maury Island Land Trust Building located at 10014 SW Bank Rd. The evening is FREE and all are welcome to attend. Please see www.vashonaudubon.org for additional information.

Celebrate the Summer Low Tides!

by Rayna Holtz

Join in the fun on June 4 at Lisabeula from noon to 2:00 p.m., when Vashon Beach Naturalists will be assisted by junior naturalists from the Headwaters Program, to present "Kids Bring the Beach to You: For Elders and Families". Chairs will be set up along the grassy edge of Lisabeula beach, with canopies to shelter from rain or sun glare. People with limited mobility and families with both children and elders will be able to relax and watch while naturalists, young and old, explore the wet beaches for crabs, seastars, whelks, limpets, nudibranchs, and other shoreline residents. The tide will go out to -2.4' at 1:15pm, uncovering the algae and cobble homes of many animals accustomed to the movement of waves above them. The naturalists will keep them wet and as comfortable as possible while introducing them to observers.

On Sat., July 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., this year's Low Tide Celebration at Point Robinson will again highlight beach naturalists leading beach walks to see the many different habitats north and south of the point. Keepers will lead lighthouse tours, and exhibitors south of the Keepers' Quarters will have booths displaying information, sea shells, photos, and other materials relevant to the health and diversity of the shorelines. Skipper Mike Evans and his canoe family will paddle their Salish Blue Heron canoe to the Point early in the day, and we will give them a traditional welcome using the song Evans taught us several years ago. Odin Lonning, a Tlingit artist and cultural educator, will guide a beach walk focused on traditional native uses of shoreline resources. As always, there will be food, maps, and the rules of Best Beach Behavior available at the festival headquarters. 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, call Rayna at 463-3153 or Erin at 463-4357.

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Calendar of Events

May/June 2011

see www.vashonaudubon.org for details on events listed below

Island Audubon Field Trips • Sat., May 14, 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.

Vashon Audubon Program • Wed., May 18, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,

David Hutchinson on Hummingbird Behavior, FREE, at Land Trust Bldg., 10014 SW Bank Rd.

Kids Bring the Beach to You: for Elders and Families • Sat., June 4, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Lisabeula - (tide is -2.4' at 1:15pm). Sit on chairs on the grass while beach naturalists, young and older, show you shoreline critters. Contact Rayna Holtz for more info: 463-3153.

Island Audubon Field Trips • Sat., June 11, 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.

6th Annual Low Tide Celebration • Sat., July 2nd, 10am to 3pm at Point Robinson

Educational beach walks, booths, information, food. Contact Rayna Holtz for more info: 463-3153.

Save the Date: VMIAS Annual Meeting will be held on Wed., July 13, 2011. Further information will be available in the July/August issue of Island Wings.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteers are needed at the Low Tide Celebration on Sat., July 2.

Help with booth set up • 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Booth registration • 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Clean up • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Contact Rayna Holtz, 463-3153.