



2025 Wings Over Water Event Schedule  
March 14, 15, 16, 2025  
www.wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com

SCHEDULE IS CURRENT AS OF 02/14/2025\*

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.   
 MOST APPROPRIATE FOR KIDS  
 FEATURED EVENT   
 NEW EVENT   
 OUTDOOR BIRD VIEWING  
 PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP   
 PRESENTATION/ WORKSHOP   
 MEAL  
 BUS TRIP   
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 INFORMATION  
 SELF GUIDED   
 EXPO   
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 BOAT TRIP  
**Adult** AGE RESTRICTION   
 BOOKS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025**



**BUS CHARTER GUIDED FIELD TRIP TO REIFEL BIRD SANCTUARY, Delta, B.C., Canada**  
Friday, March 14, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

(Return time is approximate due to unpredictable border wait times.)



**Where: Departure at 8:00 am from Ben’s Market #17 & Truck Stop 1300 Boblett Street, Blaine** (Off I-5, Exit 275 – Truck Route). Enter parking lot from Boblett Street. Please be at the departure area by 7:45 am. *Please note: this departure location is new (different from previous years) and closer to the festival venue in Blaine.*

**Adult**

**Cost \$60 Adults Only**– 16 and up

**Space is limited. Preregistration ticket purchase is required.**

Registration fee includes bus charter, entrance fee and bag of bird seed. This event usually sells out online. However, any unsold tickets will be available at the departure location, though availability is not guaranteed.

Experience a guided field trip to one of Canada’s top birding sites, George C. Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, just 40 minutes across the border in Delta, B.C., Canada. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Please bring your own lunch (no glass). You may also purchase items for lunch, snacks and drinks in addition to Cinnabon cinnamon rolls at Ben’s Market.

**Sponsored by Phillips 66 - Ferndale Refinery**

**Important note:** A passport or an enhanced driver's license is required for crossing the US/Canada border.

**[Click Here to preregister and buy tickets](#)**

Hints: Bring binoculars, a camera, sturdy footwear (minor muddy conditions are possible), rain gear or umbrella (think Seattle weather). Dress in layers; it can be cool and windy. Water & snacks are good, too. There are limited snacks available at the sanctuary. Bathrooms are near the entrance of the sanctuary and there is usually a portable unit on the far side of the trail system.

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### **SEMIAHMOO SPIT, GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIP**



**Friday, March 14, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Where: Meet at Semiahmoo County Park, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

Take a leisurely walk on a paved walking trail and along the beach to view birds close at hand. Led by Paul Woodcock and Pam Borso from North Cascades Audubon Society. This guided field trip offers both the novice and experienced birder the best opportunity to explore the abundance of birds along Semiahmoo Spit, a 1.25 mile natural land spit located between Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Join us afterward for our Festival Opening and Featured Artist Reception at the Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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### **WOW FESTIVAL OPENING DINNER AND FEATURED ARTIST RECEPTION**

**Friday, March 14, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Where: Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine**



**Cost: \$35, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended. Unsold tickets will be available at the dinner.**



Join us for the 22nd annual Wings Over Water Opening Dinner and Featured Artist Reception. Enjoy a catered dinner and no-host wine and beer. Meet this year's featured artist, whimsy and intention, drawing inspiration from details and patterns found in nature. Birds and their habits are of particular interest to Forrest Chel. Birds are featured in the art, carrying out tasks and caring for their young in natural habitats. Their artwork will be on display and for purchase during the reception and at the Birding Expo on Saturday.



The evening will also feature a silent auction and an inspiring presentation by Amy Eberling, Director and Founder of the Salish Sea School in Anacortes. Amy will share the school's mission of hands-on education and conservation, connecting students of all ages to the marine life of the Salish Sea. Through field trips, puffin excursions, and community-driven initiatives, the school promotes conservation, supports underserved communities, and fosters a deep understanding of our connection to the environment. Attendees will learn about local conservation efforts and discover ways to get involved, such as volunteering for surveys or joining efforts to protect the Salish Sea for future generations.

*Amy has over a decade of experience as a high school biology teacher; she is passionate about the power of hands-on, outdoor learning. Her dedication to fostering curiosity and strengthening community connections with the Salish Sea led to the creation of the Salish Sea School, which offers educational programs for all ages, from preschoolers to adults. Amy holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Master's in Multicultural Education, and a USCG Captain's License. She has also worked as a marine biologist on multiple vessels.*

**[Click Here to preregister and buy tickets](#)**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025**



**FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS: REGISTRATION, TICKETS, AND INFORMATION**

**Saturday, March 15, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**



**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8th Street, Blaine**

The Festival Information Table will open at 8:30 am to provide information during the Expo on Saturday. Note that limited-space and seating events often sell out prior to the festival.

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**BLAINE HARBOR AND MARINE PARK, GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am to 10:30 am**

**Where: Meet in front of the Blaine Harbor Boating Center, 235 Marine Drive, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

Join Joe Meche, an avid birder, wildlife photographer and writer, on a leisurely walk along the waterfront of Blaine Harbor and Marine Park to experience the birds along the way of this most northerly Important Bird Area (IBA) of Washington. The entire walk is on level ground and will be a low-key meander along the shorelines, starting and ending at the Blaine Harbor Boating Center. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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**SEMAIHMUO SPIT, GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Where: Meet at Semiahmoo County Park, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

This guided field trip by North Cascades Audubon Society offers both novice and experienced birders an excellent opportunity to explore the abundance of birdlife along Semiahmoo Spit, a 1.25-mile natural landform located between Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor. This trip includes a leisurely walk on both a paved trail and along the beach, allowing for close-up views of birds. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. There will also be time for a self-guided visit to the Alaska Packers Association Museum, where you can learn about the area's history. **[Click Here to Preregister](#)**

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### THE ECOLOGY OF HUMMINGBIRDS

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am to 10:am

Where: Semiahmoo Resort Discovery Theater, 9565 Semiahmoo Drive, Blaine

Cost: Free, No registration required.



**Note: If you're interested in attending Gregory's Photography Workshop which starts at 10:30, please check the schedule for details and registration.**

This presentation by Gregory Green, featuring his stunning photography on the theater's 156-inch screen, will provide an overview of the unique ecology of this fascinating group of birds. It will contrast the Pacific Northwest with Ecuador and tell the captivating story of Anna's hummingbird's march north over the past 75 years. Over a decade ago, Greg was asked to explain why Anna's hummingbird overwinters in the PNW. This led to research and an article in *Bird Watching Magazine*. Since then, he has been lecturing on the ecology of hummingbirds. He recently returned from the cloud forests of Ecuador, where he photographed and observed a portion of the 132 species that live there. Greg is a career wildlife biologist and instructor at Western Washington University.

*Greg has recently completed a stunning book. "Wild Live's" on the wildlife of the world with nature photographer Art Wolfe.*

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### DISCOVER FACINATING FACTS ABOUT OWLS OF THE NORTHWEST

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am to 10:am

Where: Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine

Cost: Free, No registration required.



Join David Drummond, wildlife biologist and naturalist who has a lifetime of extensive field research on Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, as well as hawks and owls. Dive into the unique anatomical specializations of owls, exploring how these incredible birds are perfectly adapted for diurnal and nocturnal hunting. Learn about many of owl species found in the Northwest, including the Barn Owl, Barred Owl, Great Horned Owl, and Northern Pygmy Owl to name a few. Find out how they hunt, communicate and where they are distributed across the Northwest, adapting to each unique environment, from the dense forests of the Olympic Peninsula to the open grasslands of Eastern Washington.

**Note: If you're registered and planning to attend Saturday night's Owl Prowl, you'll want to attend this very informative presentation.**

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### ALASKA PACKERS ASSOCIATION CANNERY AND FISHING MUSEUM

Saturday, March 15, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Where: 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine

Cost: Free (donations welcome), No registration required.



Experience local maritime history! Housed in an original Alaska Packers cannery building, the museum's exhibits tell the story of days gone by and include a scale model fish trap, antique machinery, a gallery of historic photos, and an original 28-foot Bristol Bay fishing boat.



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## WOW ALL DAY BIRDING EXPO, FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS AND INFORMATION



**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8th Street, Blaine**



**Cost: Donations welcome, fees may apply for some activities.**



From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Blaine Community Pavilion, enjoy free activities for the whole family: Sardis Raptor Center live raptor presentations, kids' activities, art & craft vendors, wildlife exhibits, displays and more.



**Expo sponsored by: BP Cherry Point Refinery**

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## SALISH SEA OPEN WATER BIRDING AND WILDLIFE CRUISE, by San Juan Cruises

**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Arrive at the boat dock no later than 9:45 am. Boat departs promptly at 10:00 am**

**Where: Semiahmoo Resort Plover Dock on Semiahmoo Spit, 9565 Semiahmoo Dr., Blaine**

**Cost: \$65 per person (ages limited to 12 & up) Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

*Please note that there is a 10:00 am to noon and a 12:30 to 2:30 pm cruise.*

Join us for a two-hour offshore cruise from Semiahmoo Spit aboard the 100' Salish Express. View a diverse variety of birds in the rich waters of Boundary Bay and Semiahmoo Bay. A professional naturalist will be aboard to help spot the birds and wildlife you'll see along the way. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars and a camera. The Salish Express is a larger vessel with more capacity for indoor seating, as well as ample outdoor viewing areas on two levels of the boat. (The cruise is subject to cancellation due to rough sea conditions. If this should happen, prepaid registration fees will be refunded.)

Seating is limited and may be sold out prior to the festival. Purchasing tickets online ahead of time online is recommended through Eventbrite at [www.wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com](http://www.wingsoverwaterbirdingfestival.com). Any unsold tickets may be purchased in person on Saturday, March 15, starting at 8:30 am at WOW Headquarters, Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8th Street, Blaine.

**[Click Here to preregister and buy tickets](#)**

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## NORTH CASCADES AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRD VIEWING STATIONS

**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Where: Viewing Station maps will be available at the festival headquarters, Blaine Community Pavilion, Blaine.**



**Cost: Free, No registration required.**



Seeing is Believing! You will be amazed at the number of interesting bird species you can see close at hand and viewed through a spotting scope. Knowledgeable birders from North Cascade Audubon Society will assist and answer questions. Pick up viewing location maps at the Festival Headquarters table, Blaine Pavilion, 635 8th St. Blaine, WA beginning at 8:30 am on Saturday.

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### **BIRDTASTIC KIDS' ACTIVITIES**



**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8th Street, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, No registration required.**



Kids will flock here to participate in arts & crafts provided by local artist Ellen Clark and Blaine Birch Bay Park and Rec District 2.

**Sponsored by: Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2**

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### **KIDS' NEST BOX BUILDING**



**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am 'till gone**

**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8th Street, Blaine**

**Cost: Donations Accepted, No registration required.**

**Adult**

Build a nest box to invite local birds to make your backyard their home!

(This activity requires adult supervision)

(For kid's up to age 14 while supplies last!)

**Sponsored by: Blaine Pacific Building Center**

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### **EXPLORE THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF BIRCH BAY, GUIDED FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am to Noon**

**Where: BP Heron Center Covered Picnic Area, 7290 Birch Bay Dr., Birch Bay State Park**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

Join Pam Borso of North Cascades Audubon Society for a nature walk in the Birch Bay State Park from the Heron Center to the Nature Trail. She will cover the natural history and use of native plants. We will listen to birds along the way.

\*A Discover Pass or a \$10 day pass is required for parking within the state park. A pass can be purchased at kiosks in the park.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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### **FINDING THE RHYTHM IN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP BY GREGORY GREEN**

**Saturday, March 15, 10:30 am- 3:30 pm\***

**Where: Semiahmoo Resort Theater, 9565 Semiahmoo Pkwy, Blaine**

**Cost: \$40 Space is limited; Preregistration Recommended**

\*Includes 1 hour lunch break-12:30- 1:30 on your own,  
Field portion-Semiahmoo Spit 1:30-3:30



In this workshop, Gregory Green blends his expertise and creativity, while combining his wildlife biology background with photography and artistic inspiration. Attendees will learn how to find patterns and rhythms in nature, leading to unique photography opportunities regardless of the setting and location. You'll learn to capture images that tell the story of the natural world in a fresh and compelling way.



Attendees should have at least a basic understanding of their photography gear. The workshop will primarily focus on using DSLR cameras with various lens sizes, rather than smartphone photography, although smartphone users are welcome and will benefit as well. While camera gear is not required for the 2-hour workshop, it will be beneficial during the field portion following the workshop.

*Gregory A. Green is a career wildlife biologist and instructor at Western Washington University. He is also a nature photographer and writer. His photography has been featured in BirdWatching Magazine, Popular Photography, Audubon calendars and most recently in Adventures Northwest Magazine. He has also taught photography workshops as part of the Kenmore Camera event series. He recently published the book Wild Lives with Art Wolfe highlighting the state of the world's wildlife through photography and essays.*

**[Click Here to preregister and buy tickets](#)**

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**SARDIS RAPTOR CENTER HUNTERS OF THE SKY PRESENTATION\***



**Saturday, March 15, 30 minute presentations: 10:30- 11:00 am\*,**

**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Blaine**



**Cost: Free, No registration required.**

**\*There will also be two more presentations during Expo: 12:30- 1:00 & 2:30 to 3:00 pm.**

This is an exciting opportunity at the Expo to have an up-close experience with several magnificent live birds of prey. All birds shown have injuries that prevent their return to the wild and are residents of the center.

*You can also get outside to view live birds in the wild\* up close through a viewing scope by visiting the viewing stations on site at nearby Blaine Marine Park, Blaine Jorgensen Pier, Semiahmoo Park and Semiahmoo Parkway birding shelter on Saturday during the festival. Maps are available at the Birding Expo. \*The birds most seen at the viewing stations are waterfowl, however it isn't unusual to see an eagle or other raptor species!*

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**IS THERE LIFE AFTER BIRDING?**

**Volunteer Monitoring for Conservation at the Puget Sound Observatory**

**Saturday, March 15, 11:00 to 12:30 pm**

**Where: Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, No registration required.**



Puget Sound Bird Observatory is a non-profit organization of bird folks who perform monitoring as part of national programs. Donald Norman, state coordinator for the National Breeding Bird Survey will talk about PSBO volunteer programs such as the Secretive Waterbird Survey, the Puget Sound Seabird Survey, and the MAPS bird banding program which the PSBO provides training. Don will provide information on a new program monitoring Great Blue Herons right here in Whatcom County. He will present some of the goals of these projects and how you can get involved.



*Donald has been a biologist for over 35 years. He received his MS at Western (Huxley College of the Env) where he studied environmental contaminants in herons. He has also worked as a bird*

bander for 30 years and is currently the state coordinator for the National Breeding Bird Survey. He also has a native plant nursery, Go Natives! Nursery, in Shoreline WA, where he focuses on native plants to improve the wildlife in your garden.

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**SARDIS RAPTOR CENTER PRESENTATION\***



**Saturday, March 15, 12:30-to 1:00 pm**

**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Blaine**



**Cost: Free, No registration required.**

This is an exciting opportunity at the Expo to have an up-close experience with several magnificent live birds of prey, including owls, hawks, falcons, and eagles. All birds shown have injuries that prevent their return to the wild and are residents of the center.

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**BIRDING ESSENTIALS, PART 2**



**Saturday, March 15, 1:00 to 2:30 pm**

**Where: Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, No registration required.**

Back by Popular Demand! Presenter Joe Meche offers even more of a visual tutorial on everything you always wanted to know about becoming a birdwatcher. Even if you're already into birds, there will be things to cover that you might not have considered, like the all-important practice of birdwatching etiquette.

Joe will begin with the basics, including field guides, birdwatching optics like binoculars and scopes and even cameras, for those who wish to capture the beauty of birds. His presentation will conclude with photographs of birds you might see locally utilizing the *Peterson System of Field Identification*, which is based on bird behavior and habitat selection.

Joe is an avid birder, photographer, and writer who recalls learning his first birds from his Grandpa about 72 years ago—so he's been at it for a while!

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**SALISH SEA OPEN WATER BIRDING AND WILDLIFE CRUISE, by San Juan Cruises**

**Saturday, March 15, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm (Arrive at the boat dock no later than 12:15 pm.**

**Boat departs promptly at 12:30 pm)**

**Where: Semiahmoo Resort Plover Dock on Semiahmoo Spit, 9565 Semiahmoo Dr., Blaine**

**Cost: \$65 per person. Ages limited to 12 & up.**



**Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.\***

Join us for a two-hour off-shore cruise from Semiahmoo Spit aboard the 50-foot Salish Sea. View a diverse variety of birds in the rich waters of Boundary Bay and Semiahmoo Bay. A professional naturalist will be aboard to help spot the birds and wildlife you'll see along the way. Dress for the weather, bring binoculars and camera. The Salish Sea has indoor seating, as well as ample outdoor viewing areas on two levels of the boat. (The cruise is subject to cancellation due to rough sea conditions. If this should happen, prepaid registration fees will be refunded.)



\*Please note that there is a 10 am to noon and a 12:30 to 2:30 pm cruise.

[Click Here to preregister and buy tickets](#)

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**EXPLORE THE BIRDS OF BIRCH BAY, GUIDED FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, March 15, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Where: Meet at the BP Heron Center, 7290 Birch Bay Drive, Birch Bay State Park\***

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

\*A Discover Pass or a \$10 day pass is required for parking within the state park. A pass can be purchased at kiosks in the park.

Alex Jefferes and Pam Jacobs from North Cascades Audubon Society will team up for this field trip along the shoreline and forested trails of Birch Bay State Park to view an abundance of birds in one of the few remaining saltwater and freshwater estuaries in north Puget Sound.

[Click Here to preregister](#)

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**WINGS UNDER WATER PRESENTATION**

**Saturday, March 15, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm\***

**Where: Semiahmoo Resort Theater 9565 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine**

**Cost: Free**



Join David Drummond, wildlife biologist and naturalist who has a lifetime of extensive field research on Merlins, Peregrine Falcons, as well as hawks and owls. His presentation in the Discovery Theater will be shown on a 156" screen and will highlight diving ducks, cormorants, kingfishers, Harbor Seals, river otters, to show the water's diverse micro-niches and their feathered, furred and finned vertebrate diversity. Field trip to follow at 3:00- 4:00 pm.

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**WINGS UNDER WATER FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, March 15, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Meet in front of the Semiahmoo Marina Café, 9540 Semiahmoo Prkwy, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, Preregistration is recommended.**



This field trip is an extension of David's Wings Under Water presentation, to view the diving ducks and birds and other mammals such as harbor seals close at hand near the Semiahmoo Dock and Marina. Stop in the cafe' for coffee and a snack! Others are also encouraged to join as space is available. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

[Click Here to preregister](#)

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**SARDIS RAPTOR CENTER PRESENTATION\***



**Saturday, March 15, 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Where: Blaine Community Pavilion, 635 8th Street, Blaine**



**Cost: Free, No registration required.**

This is an exciting opportunity at the Expo to have an up-close experience with several magnificent live birds of prey! All birds shown have injuries that prevent their return to the wild and are residents of the center.

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### **JORGENSEN PIER BIRDWATCH\***

**Saturday, March 15, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm**

**Where: Meet at the parking lot at the end of Blaine Marine Drive.**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**



\*This includes a short 1-block walk to the pier- accessible for users of walkers and wheelchairs.

Join Joe Meche, avid birder, wildlife photographer and writer, on a leisurely walk to Jorgensen Pier. The pier, named after the beloved Blaine icon Jim Jorgensen, offers exceptional bird-watching opportunities. Accessible from the parking lot at the end of Marine Drive by a short one-block walk, this prominent overwater pier, is located on the channel between Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo Spit. It's the perfect spot to view a wide variety of birds up close, whether feeding nearby or flying overhead. We'll spend an hour and a half here to see how many species we can check off our lists. The pier is equipped with benches and picnic tables for your use and comfort while watching the birds. This is also an ideal location for using a scope to spot birds farther out in the channel.

Dress for inclement weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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### **FEATURED, KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: BY LYANDA LYNN HAUPT**

**Saturday, March 15, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Where: Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine**

**Cost: No registration required. (Donations are very welcome!)**



Lyanda Lynn Haupt is an award-winning author, naturalist, and ecophilosopher whose work bridges science and poetic prose to explore the deep connections between humans and the natural world. Known for her thought-provoking writing, Lyanda has authored several acclaimed books, including *Mozart's Starling*, *Crow Planet*, *Pilgrim on the Great Bird Continent*, and *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit*.



Her writing, recognized with prestigious awards such as the Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award and the Washington State Book Award, reflects her passion for the wild and its profound lessons. Lyanda's experience spans diverse roles, from directing educational programs for Seattle Audubon to seabird research in the Pacific and raptor rehabilitation in Vermont. Her essays have been featured in notable publications like *Orion*, *Discover*, and the *LA Times*.

Lyanda's keynote will offer insights from her rich experiences, blending scientific understanding with literary elegance, urging us to reflect on our relationship with the wild, urban nature, and the wisdom inherent in both.

**Sponsored by: Team Stauffer—Windermere Real Estate**

Following the presentation, Lyanda's books will be available for purchase and signing.

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**OWL PROWL NOCTURNE FIELD TRIP**

**Saturday, March 15, 7:30 to 9:30 pm\***

**Meet: Birch Bay Parks and Recreation Gym, 7511 Gemini St. Birch Bay**

**Cost: \$10 Space is limited. Preregistration Recommended**



We'll be meeting at the gym in the parking lot. Please be prompt to ride the Birch Bay Parks and Rec passenger bus to Birch Bay State Park where we will be walking along a paved road in an unlit wooded section of park listening and trying a variety of species calls, to perhaps, "lure" a response from resident and transiting owls, such as Western Screech, Saw-whet, Barred, N. Pygmy or even Great-horned Owls. This will be a great opportunity to witness these nighttime "specialists"!

\*Bring your curiosity, patience, "owl ears and eyes", a headlamp or flashlight and dress for the weather. Hot chocolate will be provided! AND, you too, might learn to "Give a Hoot"!

\*We will be entering the park after hours by special permission from park staff. Note the gates into the park will be closed to vehicles.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025**

**BIRDING BREAKFAST AND PRESENTATION: *Chickadee Chatter:***

***From the ABC's to the Dee-Dee-Dee's***

**Sunday, March 16, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Where: Blaine Senior Center, 763 G Street, Blaine**

**Cost: \$20,\* Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended. Any unsold tickets will be available at the breakfast.**

\* Gluten free and vegetarian options with prior request



Join us for a delightful breakfast along with bird-friendly coffee, tea, and juice, followed by an engaging presentation by Chris Templeton, Assistant Professor of Biology at Western Washington University. Discover how chickadees, those cheerful little birds that brighten our feeders, not only have adorable appearances but also impressive brains. Chris will share from his research on the vocal repertoire of these feisty birds, exploring how subtle variations in their iconic 'chick-a-dee' call convey sophisticated information that is used by chickadees and many other bird species.

**[Click Here to preregister and buy tickets](#)**

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**SEMAIHMUO SPIT, GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIP**

**Sunday, March 16, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Where: Meet at Semiahmoo County Park, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**



This guided field trip offers the novice and experienced birder the opportunity to explore the abundance of birds along Semiahmoo Spit, a 1.25 mile natural land spit located between Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor. Take a leisurely walk, led by Alex Jeffers and Helen Dolejsi from North Cascade Audubon Society, on both a paved walking trail and along the beach to view birds close at hand. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Allow time on your own for an opportunity to stop at the Alaska Packers Association Museum, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine. (Open 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm).

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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**FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS**

**Sunday, March 16, 10:30 am to Noon**



**Where: BP Heron Center, 7290 Birch Bay Dr. Birch Bay State Park\*. Adult must accompany children.**



**Cost: Free, No registration required. (Best for families with children 5 & up)**

\*A Discover Pass or a \$10 day pass is required for parking within the state park. A pass can be purchased at kiosks in the park.

Enjoy some wild surprises and activities for kids provided by Blaine Birch Bay Parks and Rec District 2 at the BP Heron Center!

**Sponsored by Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Rec Dist. 2**

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**ENJOY HOT BEVERAGES & KID'S STORYTIME!**

**Sunday, March 16, Storytime 10 am & 12 pm**



**Hot Beverages served from 10 am to 2:00 pm**

**Where: BP Heron Center, 7290 Birch Bay Dr. Birch Bay State Park**



**Provided by Friends of the Birch Bay Library**

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**BLAINE HARBOR AND MARINE PARK, GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIP**

**Sunday, March 16, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Where: Meet in front of the Blaine Harbor Boating Center, 235 Marine Drive, Blaine**

**Cost: Free – Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

Join Joe Meche, avid birder, wildlife photographer and writer, on a leisurely walk along the waterfront of Blaine Harbor and Marine Park to experience the birds along the way of this most northerly Important Bird Area (IBA) of Washington. The entire walk is on level ground and will be a low-key meander along the shorelines, starting and ending at the Blaine Harbor Boating Center. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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**BIRDS AND BEAKS: FAMILY BIRD INVESTIGATION**

**Sunday, March 16, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**



**Where: BP Heron Center Covered Picnic Area, 7290 Birch Bay Dr. Birch Bay State Park\***

**Space is limited. Adult must accompany children.**

**Cost: Free, No registration required. (Best for families with children 5 & up)**

\*A Discover Pass or a \$10 day pass is required for parking within the state park. A pass can be purchased at kiosks in the park.

**Adult**



Have you ever wondered what makes a bird...a bird? Join experienced naturalists Kate Kohut and Holly Roger of Wild Whatcom for a family-oriented introduction to birding which includes fun, kid-friendly activities, and a bird walk to explore Birch Bay State Park! Discover the difference between seed-cracking, bug-eating and fish gulping beaks, and learn what to look and listen for when identifying our feathered friends. Best for families with kids 5 and up. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

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### **BIRCH BAY, BIRDS AND BREW GUIDED NATURE WALK**

**Sunday, March 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm\***

**Where: Meet at BP Heron Center, Birch Bay State Park, 7290 Birch Bay Drive, Birch Bay State Park, Birch Bay.\***

**Cost: Free Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

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Join in a guided nature walk in Birch Bay State Park by Pam Borso of North Cascades Audubon Society to learn about the natural history of this unique area and the birds and native plants that thrive here.

After the walk, come and socialize over beer (no host) at nearby Beach Cat Brewery, 7876 Birch Bay Drive.

**[Click Here to preregister](#)**

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### **ALASKA PACKERS ASSOCIATION CANNERY AND FISHING MUSEUM**

**Sunday, March 17, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

**Where: 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, (donations welcome), No registration required.**



Experience local maritime history. Housed in an original Alaska Packers cannery building, the museum's exhibits tell the story of days gone by and include a scale model fish trap, antique machinery, a gallery of historic photos, and an original 28-foot Bristol Bay fishing boat. A museum volunteer will be available to provide a presentation about this rich time in Blaine's history.

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### **SEMAIHMUO SPIT, GUIDED BIRDING FIELD TRIP**

**Sunday, March 16, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Where: Meet at Semiahmoo County Park, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine**

**Cost: Free, Space is limited. Preregistration is recommended.**

This guided field trip offers the novice and experienced birder the opportunity to explore the abundance of birds along Semiahmoo Spit, a 1.25 mile natural land spit located between Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor. Take a leisurely walk, led by John & Jane Aspnes from North Cascade Audubon Society, on both a paved walking trail and along the beach to view birds close at hand. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. Allow time on your own for an opportunity to stop at the Alaska Packers Association Museum, 9261 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine. (Open 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm).

**Sponsored by: North Cascades Audubon Society**

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