

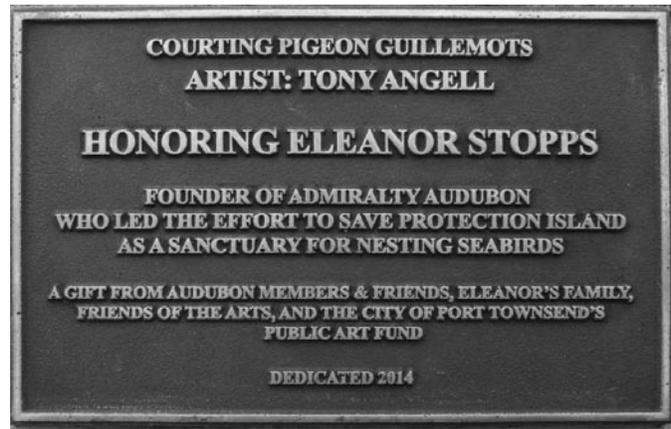
Admiralty Audubon Pippings

Dedication, in more ways than one

Although we weren't counting, somewhere between 50 & 100 people gathered on the Water Street side of the Northwest Maritime Center on Thursday, 14 August 2014, for the dedication of the Pigeon Guillemot sculpture in honor of Eleanor Stopps and the Protection Island story. Among the eloquent speakers at the ceremony were the sculptor, Tony Angell, Port Townsend Mayor David King, Arts Commission Chair Stan Rubin, both current (Jennifer Brown-Scott) and past (Kevin Ryan) WDFW officers in charge of Protection Island, Eleanor's granddaughter (Donna Woll) and Lorna Champion Smith, who early in her career with Seattle Audubon, worked extensively with Eleanor on the PI effort to get the Washington State congressional delegation on board.

Many attendees gave more spontaneous testimonials at the reception. Among these were Lora Leschner and Helen Engle. Lora worked for WDFW at the time of the campaign for Protection Island and was a very strong proponent from inside the agency. Lora is a seabird biologist/ecologist with a lifetime of achievements. Helen, the 2013 recipient of National Audubon's Citizen of the Year Award, has been "*all about Audubon*" forever, co-founding Tahoma Audubon and working tirelessly for a multitude of Audubon causes, including Protection Island, and most importantly perhaps, helping to secure the appropriations for the Island buy out once the bill establishing the Refuge passed (thanks for providing this info, Lorna). Helen's recent contribution to the Tacoma News Tribune's observance of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act is at right.

It was a surprise that the dedication was not covered in either local newspaper. We should have taken photos! However, the dedication plaque and the beautiful bronze sculpture are tangible tributes to Port Townsend's artistic and conservationist sensibilities, and serve as fine reminders of the cause, and the day of celebration. Many thanks to Robin Ornelas and Jan Halliday for making it happen.



Wilderness

During our lobbying for the passage of the Wilderness Act we were accused of wanting to lock up places and throw the keys away. Now it can be seen that the trails are open and droves of people are using them.

People seek out places where nature is in charge; where humans, who have changed every environment they use, can manipulate nothing.

It's not JUST for people. A wide variety of wilderness places seems to be necessary.

Wilderness protects wildlife in sustainable environments. To keep healthy populations of wild animals we must guarantee their safety on enough acreage to support them without human interventions.

How many acres does a herd of elk need for sustenance? How many miles of untrammled shoreline do nesting plovers need to bring off their annual clutches? How much forest does a cougar use to survive? How many wild crags for raptor aeries? How many totally natural streams will it take to save our native fish species?

Helen Engle
August 2014



Western Sandpipers at Kah Tai © Artemis Celt



Dusky Grouse in Montana © David Gluckman



Killdeer & chicks, Far Reaches Farm © David Gluckman



Honeysuckle at Cappy's Trails © Artemis Celt



Black-necked Stilt at Ladd Marshes WME © David Gluckman



Western Tanager at Malheur NWR © David Gluckman



Cedar Waxwing at Discovery Bay © Artemis Celt



Anna's Hummingbird, home garden © David Gluckman

AAS Program - October 2014**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED:**Port Townsend Community Center
Lawrence and Tyler**Thursday, 16 October 2014, 7 pm****Oregon Wildlife Areas -
Malheur NWR & Ladd Marsh WMA**

Professional photographers David and Casey Gluckman will present a one hour program showing the birds and scenery of two of Eastern Oregon's finest wildlife protection areas, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge south of Burns, OR, and Ladd Marshes Wildlife Management Area near La Grande, OR. The high desert habitat produces diverse birdlife as both a resting stop on the west-central flyway for numerous migrants as well as breeding areas for those that stay. It includes Steen's Mountain at 11,000 feet as well as Malheur Lake and its marsh and river system. Ladd Marshes WMA is managed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife agency for fall hunting and marsh bird production the rest of the year. During May and June hundreds of acres of purple Camas lilies appear in the wet areas to give shelter to nesting birds including Greater Sandhill Cranes. For more information contact 385-0307 or rosemarysikes@olympus.net.

Rosemary Sikes
AAS Programs Chair

Check the Sightings page

On the Sightings link of our website, there is much activity. A Pectoral Sandpiper at Kah Tai, as well as phalaropes, dowitchers and others. Turnstones at Point Hudson, Purple Martins at the boatyard ready to head south. Don't miss the action!

**Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park
Workparties****September & October 2014****Saturday, 27 September 2014, 9 am - noon**

Port Townsend's Non-Motorized Transportation Advisory Board; Parks, Recreation and Trees Advisory Board; and Admiralty Audubon will co-sponsor a trailbuilding/maintenance workparty on the Kah Tai lagoon trail. We hope to add about 9 yards of gravel fines to the lagoon trail so those low spots won't be mud puddles in the rainy season. Wear work clothes and work gloves; dress for the weather because trailbuilders work in all weather. Bring wheelbarrows, shovels and garden rakes if you have them. Park in the Kah Tai parking lot near the bathrooms or at the Park & Ride next door. Meet on the lagoon trail at the bridge. Water, hot tea, and perhaps cider will be provided, along with Lys Burden's famous North Dakota Sour Milk Oatmeal Cookies and other treats for volunteers.

Sunday, 26 October 2014, 9 am - noon

Join us anytime between 9:00 am and noon. We'll focus on Scot's Broom, Spurge Laurel, Holly and picking up garbage. Park at the parking lot near the bathrooms and walk east toward the Benedict Street entrance southeast of the small pond. Look for a white Chevy pick-up with the bright green 'volunteer' sign. Wear warm work clothes and bring work gloves and pruners if you have them. Water, tea, treats and garbage bags and Scot's Broom pullers will be provided. Hope to see you there. For more information, contact 385-0307 or rosemarysikes@olympus.net.

Rosemary Sikes



Greater Yellowlegs at Kah Tai © Artemis Celt

AAS Field Trips - September & October 2014

Saturday, 13 September 2014 - Anderson Lake
1061 Anderson Lake Road Chimacum WA. It is fall migration time with wintering birds traveling south or high elevation to lower elevations. Join me in discovering what bird species might be seen while walking along the lake trail enjoying the morning. We will meet at the parking near the restrooms at 8:30 am. Anyone wanting to carpool from Port Townsend should meet at the Park & Ride across the street from Safeway by 8:15 a.m. I'll meet everyone at the Anderson Lake parking lot near the restrooms by the lake. *Paula Vanderheul, Trip Leader. For information: 360-379-8564 or pvanderheul@gmail.com.*

Saturday, 18 October - Dungeness Spit
Meet at the Park & Ride across from Safeway at 8 am to carpool for a morning trip to Sequim's Dungeness Bay to view the local winter migrants. The trip will include stops at Discovery Bay boat ramp, John Wayne Marina, 3 Crabs and the two county parks. Wear weather appropriate clothing. Heavy rain cancels. *David Gluckman, Trip Leader. For information: 360-531-3325 or cgluckman@aol.com.*

Note: Participants in all field trips accept all risks and Admiralty Audubon accepts none.

AAS Field Trip Report: August 2014

16 August 2014 - Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park

Fourteen of us looked for birds on the lagoon and vicinity. Even more numerous than crows were the drake Mallards, both first year birds and adults in their post nuptial plumage, with lesser numbers of females. Other ducks seen were Ruddy Ducks, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal and young Hooded Mergansers. David saw a Pied-billed Grebe on the west end. On the southeast shore we had good looks at the Greater Yellowlegs and a mixed flock of Western and Least Sandpipers. A Bewick's Wren came by to briefly scold us. A Purple Martin was calling overhead for a moment or two. Walking around the woodland we saw Cedar Waxwings and a flock of Bushtits feeding on insects among the Himalayan Blackberries. Adult and young White-crowned Sparrows are still around. A single Orange-crowned Warbler was seen near

the little pond. Before all of us left the Park a young Cooper's Hawk was heard then seen flying along the southwest shore. The temperature was comfortable and the wind was calm. *Ron Sikes, Trip Leader*



Dungeness Light House © David Gluckman

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Chapter programs and field trips are free to the public. We always welcome donations!*



Above left: Two views of Anderson Lake State Park, August 2014. © Artemis Celt. Join the September field trip to see more of this beautiful park and its birds.

Right column & below: Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park (it's gotten a little feathery in molting season)

Northern Shovelers, Western Sandpipers & Greater Yellowlegs (top © Ron Sikes);

Greater Yellowlegs (second from top © Artemis Celt);

Western Sandpiper (second from bottom © David Gluckman.

Marsh Wren and presumed Marsh Wren nest (bottom far and near right © Artemis Celt)



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Least Sandpiper at Kah Tai © David Gluckman

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AmazonSmile and that extra 'i'

Board member David Gluckman pointed out that if our chapter signed up for AmazonSmile, we would receive a small percentage of purchase price (0.5% of eligible purchases) for anyone who picked AAS as their recipient...a grand idea with a small surprise. At <http://smile.amazon.com/>, pick your nonprofit - therein lies the surprise. In IRS records, our chapter is spelled 'Admiralty' Audubon, apparently for as long as AAS has been a nonprofit. So that's how AAS appears at Amazon at this time. A request has been filed to the IRS to correct the spelling of the chapter name. Until then, you can support your local chapter, but you'll find AAS with an extra 'i'.