**2024 Grays Harbor Shorebird and Nature Festival**

**Field Trips and Guided Walks**

**Friday, May 3th**

**Tokeland/Grayland/Westport** ($ 50)

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

(Departs from Refuge HQ, 1000 Airport Way, Hoquiam, WA)

Leader: Bruce LaBar

This ﬁeld trip will take you to the best shorebird viewing areas along the coast! Target birds are 22 species of shorebirds including Snowy Plover, Willet, and Long-billed Curlew. Good numbers of waterfowl and other water species will be encountered along the way. “Streaked” Horned Larks and Lapland Longspurs will also be sought after at Midway Beach Road. There will be some walking but most of the day will involve short visits to key areas in search of shorebirds. Bring a lunch and dress appropriately!

**Ocean Shores** ($ 40)

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

(Departs from Refuge HQ, 1000 Airport Way, Hoquiam, WA)

Leaders: Whittier Johnson and Rob Chrisler

This beautiful coastal resort town hosts some of the best birding spots on the West Coast with more species per location than anywhere else in the state of Washington. The tour will visit a variety of habitats and upwards of 60 species may be found. Highlights on this trip include: Semipalmated Plover, Whimbrel, Marbled Godwit, Sanderling, Wandering Tattler, Surfbird, and Rock Sandpiper. Easy Walking. Bring a lunch and dress appropriately!

**Beginner Bird Walk at Bottle Beach** **State Park** (Free)

8:30 am – 10:30 pm

(Meet at Bottle Beach State Park, 33 Ocosta Third St., Aberdeen, WA)

Leader: Lisa Whalen, Washington State Parks

Come explore Bottle Beach State Park with a park ranger. During this walk you will learn the basics of bird watching, as well as the fascinating natural and human history of the park. Length of walk: 1.5 miles. Ages 5 and up. Not ADA. No pets, please.

**Saturday, May 4th**

All Saturday and Sunday field trips depart from Hoquiam Middle School, 200 N. Spencer St: turn right off Emerson Ave. on the west side of Emerson Elementary.

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Leaders: TBD

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**Shorebirds for Beginners – Guided Walk with Scott Morrison** ($ 15)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (High Tide @ 10:43am)

Leader: Scott Morrison

A bus will take you to the Sandpiper Trail at Grays Harbor NWR where you will walk 1/2 mile on a boardwalk to the prime shorebird viewing area at the tip of Bowerman Peninsula. As the shorebirds gather on the mudﬂats, you can learn to distinguish a Western Sandpiper from a Dunlin. Other possible birds include: Least Sandpiper, Black-bellied Plover, Red Knot and Peregrine Falcon. We see other wildlife too, like weasels!

**Sunday, May 5th**

**Tokeland/Grayland/Westport** ($ 50)

8:00 am – 3:00 pm (Westport High Tide @ 9:29am)

(Meet at Hoquiam Middle School, 200 Spencer St., Hoquiam, WA)

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**Walk with Dennis Paulson** ($15)

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

(Meet at ?)

Description and photo