

Bird Walks and Berners Bay Cruises Juneau Audubon, Spring 2008

Spring is coming to Juneau and so too are the birds!! We encourage all to attend our walks. No experience is necessary. In fact, this year we will have two leaders on each walk, with one leader just for beginner birders. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have a few on hand for those without binoculars. We also will have spotting scopes for use by all.

Saturday, April 12. Location: Airport Dike trail. The walk will begin at the Radcliffe Road entrance to the wetlands at 8:00 a.m. This first walk of the season will stay on the trail so rubber boots are not needed. However, some group of birders after the walk may venture out into the wetlands, so for those boots are needed. Steve Zimmerman and Mark Schwan will be the leaders.

Saturday, April 19. Berners Bay Cruise. Meet at Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) by the Harbormaster's Office. The vessel will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m. Ticket holders should be on the dock by 8:15 a.m. Tickets are available at Hearthside Books. Adult tickets \$40.00. Special student tickets \$20.00. Children under 12 may go for \$5.00. Tickets for sale now at Hearthside Books.

Saturday, April 26. Location: Fish Creek on Douglas Island. Assemble by the gate at 8:00 a.m. Park in the lot. Rubber boots are advisable as there are some wet spots. Paul Suchanek will lead the walk, with an assistant.

Saturday, May 3. Berners Bay cruises: One will leave at 8:30 a.m.; the other will leave at 1:30 p.m. Meet at Statter Harbor (Auke Bay) by the Harbormaster's Office. Ticket holders should be on the dock by 8:15 a.m. or by 1:15 p.m. Tickets are available at Hearthside Books.

Saturday, May 10. Location: Airport Dike. Walk to the mouth of the Mendenhall River. The walk will begin at the Radcliffe Road entrance to the wetlands at 8:00 a.m. Wear rubber boots. Mark Schwan will lead the walk. Jeff Sauer will assist.

Saturday, May 17. Location: To be announced. Check the May issue of the Raven or the Juneau Audubon web site.

Saturday, May 24. Location: Sheep Creek. Meet at Sheep Creek trail head at 8:00 a.m. This will be a bird walk/ hike with a long uphill walk. Emphasis on learning basic bird songs, by listening to the birds, as well as to the birds on tape (CD player). Beth Peluso will lead the hike. Patty Rose will co-lead.

Saturday, May 31. Location: Eagle River Trail. Meet at Eagle River Trail Head at 8:00 a.m. This will be a bird walk/ hike to the marsh to listen for soras and rails, Common Yellowthroat should be seen also. Trail head is at the parking lot by the bridge over Eagle River. Jeff Sauer will lead the walk, with assistant. Hiking boots or walking shoes.

Saturday, June 7. Location: Moose Lake/Dredge Lakes. The walk will begin at the parking lot by the bridge over the Mendenhall River along the Back Loop Road at 7:30 a.m. Note earlier start time than other walks. Wear rubber boots. Bev Agler will lead the walk, with assistant.