

FREE WILD BIRD TRUST NATURE WALKS 2011

with **Legendary Lower Mainland Naturalist Al Grass**

PLEASE NOTE: in order to maximize the enjoyment of all nature walk participants we welcome group bookings for children and youth under a separate arrangement, please call 604 929 2872 for details and reservations

JANUARY 8th—MORE THAN MUD!! Why are tidal flats critical habitats for wildlife?

FEBRUARY 12th—DUCK TAILS Dabblers and Divers at their best

MARCH 12th—WHAT'S FOR DINNER Maplewood's raptors

APRIL 9th—A LONG JOURNEY Miracle of migration—celebrate the arrival of spring birds

MAY 14th—A SYMPHONY OF SONG Enjoy the Conservation Area's birds and their music

JUNE 11th—OSPREYS AND MARTINS They are back! - and many other birds too

JULY 9th—SALT MARSH SECRETS The Conservation Area at Maplewood Flats hosts the premier example of salt marsh in Burrard Inlet. A rare supervised opportunity to appreciate this important inter-tidal ecosystem.

AUGUST 13th—ALL ABOUT HABITAT Understanding habitat

SEPTEMBER 10th—AUTUMN Fall migration and Maplewood's birds

OCTOBER 8th—FRESH AND FROSTY (*THANKSGIVING WEEKEND*) Birds begin to prepare for the challenges of winter

NOVEMBER 12th—WOODLAND WONDERS Maplewood's forests live with the help of beetles, woodpeckers, and fungi

DECEMBER 10th—HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS A winter's day at Maplewood is always full of wonderful surprises

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2011

Saturday, MAY 14th meet at 6 am for the "Dawn Chorus" with Rob Lyske

Early morning at Maplewood is full of bird songs and calls - an experience that should not be missed.

Meet at double gates just before the entrance (travelling east) to The Conservation Area at 2645 Dollarton Highway, North Vancouver.

Saturday, JUNE 25th 8—10 am "THE BIG SIT" Our version of a Big Day at Maplewood. Please bring a chair, your own binoculars and recording material - and dress for the weather as event takes place rain or shine! Depending on our numbers we will break into teams to cover several locations: Osprey Point, Otter Point, area adjacent to the mudflats, West Pond, forested area. WBT recording forms will be provided to teams.

New for 2011—BOTANY WALK! details will be published in *WINGSPAN* Winter/Spring 2011

ADDITIONAL 2011 WALKS with Al & Jude Grass, Rob Lyske

Summer Evening Walks with Al and Jude Grass, WEDNESDAY July 27th & WEDNESDAY August 3rd 7 pm–9 pm.

Two delightful evening opportunities to hear birds singing, observe wildflowers, perhaps see bats and swifts and possibly a mother deer and her fawn. Please park outside The Conservation Area as the gate will be closed for the evening.

Members' Only Walks with Rob Lyske, SUNDAY, April 17th and SUNDAY, September 18th 10 am–Noon.

Unless otherwise specified please meet at WBT's Maplewood Site Office, at 10 am
2645 Dollarton Highway, North Vancouver (604 903 4471) — events take place Rain or Shine!

During your visit please check your watch—the gate closes automatically at 6 pm. on weekdays and 4 pm on weekends

Wheelchair accessible trails are suitable for all ages (sorry, no wheelchair accessible washroom until the Nature House is built).

In order to protect nesting and ground resting birds PLEASE NO DOGS (leashed or unleashed!)