

Live & Learn Spring Workshops Bird Watching

Date

May 18-20, 2010

Location

April Point Resort & Spa, Quadra Island (3 hours north of Victoria)

Price

\$199 per person, including two nights accommodation, based on double occupancy

Skill Level

Beginning birders, but more advanced birders will enjoy the session as well.

Supplies

Comfortable walking shoes, binoculars and you may also want a camera or sketchbook.

Quadra Island combines a rich abundance of seabirds with some of the unique forest birds of the Georgia Basin. In this spring workshop we'll explore some of these habitats and learn more about some of their birds - the residents, winter visitors, migrants and summertime breeders.

About your instructor: Darren and Claudia Copley – dccopley@telus.net

Darren Copley is a University of Victoria Biology graduate and has done environmental education far and wide in BC. He was involved in the nature programs in southern Vancouver Island Provincial Parks for twenty years, and taught many park visitors, park naturalists, and teachers in that capacity. As a leader and facilitator, he also designs and trains educators in the use of the WILD BC materials. He teaches labs in the Biology Department at Uvic and works for the Municipality of Saanich as an Environmental Education Officer. He is especially known for his knowledge of birds...and an ability to be a magnetic attraction for owls.

Claudia Copley is also a University of Victoria grad, with degrees in both biology and education. Claudia has a broad interest in nature and the environment with a special expertise in insects and spiders. Like Darren, her enthusiasm is contagious. She has taught a wide variety of labs in the Biology Department at Uvic and is the Entomology Collection Manager at the Royal BC Museum.

Claudia and Darren together are constant advocates of the importance of nature appreciation and are both active board members of the Victoria Natural History Society.

About April Point Resort & Spa

April Point Resort & Spa is an island getaway away from the crowds, featuring the elegant yet laid back atmosphere of the west coast. Enjoy wildlife tours, kayaking, fishing, spa treatments, island tours and sumptuous meals, all enhanced by the stunning natural beauty of Discovery Passage. Guests also enjoy the amenities of Painter's Lodge in Campbell River, connected by a complimentary scenic water shuttle.

For reservations or more information, please call 1-800-663-7090
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Bird Watching Itinerary

(Please note, this is subject to change
Please meet in the Discovery Room)

Tuesday, May 18

- 3:00 pm Resort check in
- 4:30 pm Orientation, including a seminar on binocular use
- 7:30 pm Slide show – birds of the region.

Wednesday, May 19

- 8:00 am Rebecca Spit. We'll look for the last of the wintering seabirds and northbound shorebirds feeding on the beaches. Early Orange-crowned Warblers should be singing, and Rufous Hummingbirds will be back.
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm We'll take a walk along the roads by the resort in search of songbirds in the woods and hedges.
- 7:30pm Slide Show – owls of Vancouver Island, followed by night walk.

Thursday, May 20

- 8:00am This morning we'll travel south on the island to look for seabirds in the productive waters of Discovery Channel, migrants and returning summer breeders along the beach trail.
- 11:00am Windup and checklist
- 12:00pm Resort check out