

Natural History Society Newsletter



Our Mission:

To foster active exploration, appreciation, understanding, and conservation of the diverse natural environments of the Olympic Peninsula and beyond.

Quote of the Month:

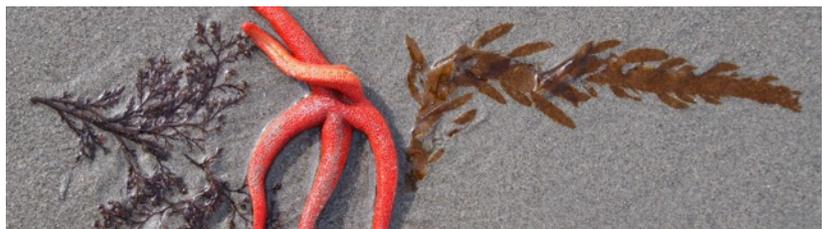
People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us.

Iris Murdoch



Whidbey Island Prairie Outing

Join us on **Friday, May 9** for a picnic outing to Whidbey Prairie from **9:30 am-3:15 pm**. Meet at the passenger loading area for the PT-Coupeville ferry at **9:15**. Bring your own picnic and water, wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots and layers for the weather, and you may want to bring a field guide, a hand lens and binoculars. We'll walk onto the 9:30 ferry, and Beach Watchers coordinator Cheryl Lowe will meet us on Whidbey to lead us through Fort Casey, Camp Casey and the new Admiralty Inlet Preserve before arriving at the 33-acre Naas Natural Area Preserve. It might take 45 minutes to an hour to get there, especially if the golden paintbrush are blooming on the Fort Casey bluffs. <http://www.wclt.org/projects/admiralty->





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Websites We Love:

pugetsound.edu/academics/academic-resources/slater-museum/

<http://www.pnwflowers.com/>

<http://ocid.nacse.org/lichenland/>

inlet-preserve/ describes both the forest area and the prairie briefly. Some prairie species we will probably see include Camas, several Lomatium species, Ranunculus, Cerastium, chocolate lily (Fritillaria), Eriophyllum lanatum, native Prunella, scarlet and golden paintbrush. We'll return on the 2:45 pm ferry. Details on our website <http://jltnatural.org/> Questions? Contact Pat at JLTnatural@saveland.org

Experiencing Birdsong & Field Trip

Have you ever wondered why birds sing, whether they have a sense of music, or if they sometimes sing just for the joy of it? Have you yearned to identify birds by their songs? Join veteran naturalist and bird expert Ken Wilson for an exhilarating evening presentation on **Thursday, June 5**, followed by a field trip on either **Friday, June 6**, or **Saturday, June 7**. Look for details in our June newsletter and on our website

<http://jltnatural.org/>

Book Club

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, May 26**, from **4:30 to 6:00 pm** to discuss *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth* by William Bryant Logan. RSVP to Pat for location at JLTnatural@saveland.org



Wendy's photos of Common Camas, Sea Brush seaweed, Blood Star, and Flattened Acid Kelp, baby Douglas Fir cones in spring, and Sooty Grouse