



# 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:

*I love to watch a wren in the moment after his singing, surrounded by a fresh silence, a jubilant calm.*

Lyanda Lynn Haupt



## Birdsong Evening and 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? And if singing is fundamental to a bird's life, then why do some species have (to our ears) such unmusical songs, while others don't sing at all? If you have wondered about such questions, and/or yearned to be able to recognize birds by their songs, please join us for an exhilarating multimedia excursion into the nature of birdsong by veteran field ecologist, educator, and bird expert Ken Wilson at **7:00 pm, Thursday, June 5.**

The program will take place at the Cotton Building (607 Water Street) in Port Townsend. Ken will share recent scientific insights on the functions and ecology of birdsong—including examples from Olympic Peninsula species—and offer tips for identifying birds through enhancing your listening skills. He will also lead follow-up outings on **Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7** (sign-ups at the presentation only). This event is free and open to the public, with a suggested



**Websites We Love:**

[iosaonline.org](http://iosaonline.org)

<http://soundaction.org/>

<http://www.inaturalist.org>

*This last site is fun to use to document your own discoveries, and to ask other naturalists for help in identification of a species that stumps you. I've posted a few hundred photos and joined some groups, including "Puget Sound Naturalists." Let me know if you want the link to my own photos. -Wendy*

donation of \$5 to help defray costs. For more information, go to <http://jltnatural.org/2014/04/27/experiencing-birdsong/>

**Book Club**

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on

**Monday, June 23, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to

discuss *The Collector: David Douglas and the Natural History of the Northwest*,

by Jack Nisbet. You may also want to take a look at the companion book the author created with illustrations and maps titled *David Douglas: A Naturalist at Work – An Illustrated Exploration Across Two Centuries in the Pacific Northwest*.

RSVP to Pat for location at [JLTnatural@saveland.org](mailto:JLTnatural@saveland.org) and find a list of past books read by the Book Club on our website, <http://jltnatural.org/>



*Wendy's photos of White-crowned Sparrow singing to the Cascades, Janell and wildflowers, Nuttall's Cockle, and Bunch Creek Falls*