



# 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.*



## A Challenging Summer Hike

Join us on **Friday, July 18**, for an all-day hike up Marmot Pass. Our intrepid leader, Sally, reminds us that this hike is 5.2 miles to the pass with an elevation gain of 3,500 ft., and it's uphill all the way. Sally suggests we come prepared for cooler weather, wear good hiking shoes, and bring plenty of water and food, as conditions can change quickly. There should be many wildflowers in bloom at that time, so if you have flower field guides, please bring them. This hike will be limited to 12 participants, due to regulations for the Buckhorn Wilderness. To sign up, contact Pat at [JLTnatural@saveland.org](mailto:JLTnatural@saveland.org)

## Quote of the Month:

*This is the most beautiful place on earth, there are many such places....*

Edward Abbey





## Websites We Love:

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This is the time of year we are all stumped by a beautiful wildflower we just can't find in our Pojar and MacKinnon field guide. Here is help to the rescue:

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

Here's another great interactive field guide based on BC's Central Coast, with most of our same species: <http://centralcoastbiodiversity.weebly.com/>

Naturalists take note! The 95th Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists will be close by in Tacoma this year, November 13-16, 2014: <http://westsocnat.com/>

## Book Club

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, July 28, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *Northwest Passages: A Literary Anthology of the Pacific Northwest from Coyote Tales to Roadside Attractions*, by Bruce Barcott. RSVP to Pat for location at [JLTnatural@saveland.org](mailto:JLTnatural@saveland.org). A list of past books read by the Book Club and other resources about natural history are available on our website, <http://jltnatural.org/>.



Wendy's photos of Townsend's Chipmunk at Ft. Worden, Bunchberry flowers and Deer Ferns, a well-thumbed Pojar and MacKinnon field guide; Dave's photo of a Northwest Deer Mouse