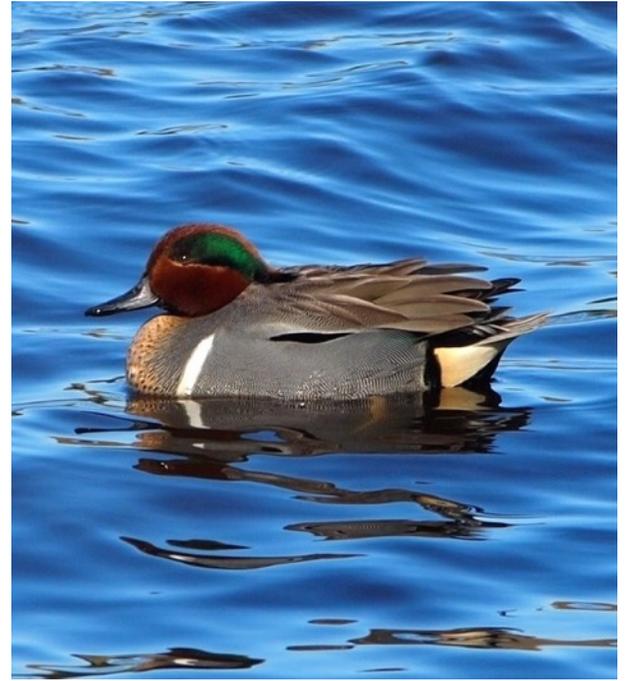
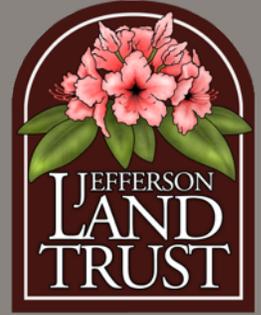


Natural History Society Newsletter

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A Butterfly Evening

Butterflies live at the pleasure of the weather and the climate, so how particular species adapt to temperature and rainfall, and the plants they support, determines which varieties we're likely to encounter on outings. Join us **Monday, January 12 (7:00 pm at the Cotton Building in PT)** for a lushly illustrated talk by Bob Pyle, author of the definitive guide, *Butterflies of Cascadia*, and numerous other books. Bob will introduce us to many of the Lepidopteran beauties that grace our region and discuss how the changing climate is already altering butterfly fauna. He'll also share dazzling slides of the surprising range of butterfly species right here in Port Townsend. Don't miss this very special program!

Winter Water Birds

Bring your scopes, binoculars, cameras and field guides to the Gardiner Lagoon - a favorite overwintering site for a variety of ducks and geese. Join naturalist Kathe Cook on **Tuesday, January 20, at 9:00 am** to observe a variety of ducks, geese, Killdeer, and other birds at a lagoon Kathe knows well. This is a good year for seeing

our winter visitors: good sized flocks and good diversity. We'll look to the south to see what's on the lagoon and north to see what's on Discovery Bay. The terrain is easy, so wear comfortable shoes and dress for winter weather. Drive west on SR101 and turn right onto Gardiner Beach Road. (If you pass the Wild Bird Store, you've gone a bit too far.) Turn left into the parking area at the bottom of the hill. To RSVP and for more information, please contact Kathe at JLTnatural@saveland.org.

Book Club

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, January 26, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch. RSVP to Pat for location at 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 male Field Crescent butterfly (Phyciodes pulchella) at Klahane Ridge and Green-winged Teal at Kah Tai.

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