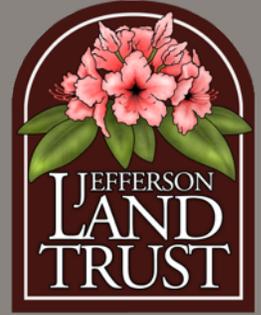


Natural History Society Newsletter

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Experiencing Birds 101

Join the Natural History Society on **Monday morning, February 9** to develop a wider variety of techniques to enhance your observation and enjoyment of birds --- their identification, and also their behavior and ecology. We'll spend our time first at Kah Tai Lagoon in Port Townsend, and then onward to Fort Worden. Meet at Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park, at the parking lot directly across the street from Henery Hardware. Bring binoculars, and field guides if you have them. We are fortunate that an extraordinary birder, Ken Wilson, will lead this walk. Ken is known for his wide knowledge of birds, great stories, and supportive guidance for birders of all levels. Please pre-register directly with Ken Wilson by email for meeting time: tadpoleranch@gmail.com.

Book Club

The Natural History Society Book Club will meet on **Monday, February 23, from 3:30 to 5:00 pm** to discuss *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan. RSVP to Chris 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/>.

Focus on Lichens

Most of us don't pay much attention to lichens when we walk in our beautiful northwest forests and parks. These ancient and successful organisms, which are not plants, are composites of fungi and algae. Extremely varied, they can resemble dust, or rags or even hair. Join the Natural History Society on **Friday, February 27 at 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm** for a closer look at these fascinating organisms. We'll begin with a walk in the park to pick up fallen specimens, then we'll go to the microscopes to study our findings in detail. You'll never look at lichens the same way again! To reserve your place and get directions, contact Pat at jltnatural@saveland.org

Wendy's photos of a handful of lichens and American Shovelers at Kah Tai.

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