



12th Annual Pacific Rim Shorebird Festival May 1-3, 2009, Tofino BC

On the Pacific Rim, peak shorebird migration occurs in late April and early May. Join the Raincoast Education Society for walks, talks, and more! Learn more about these amazing birds that stop on our local mudflats and beaches for just a few days during a journey thousands of kilometers long!

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Friday May 1st 2009

7:30 pm at Clayoquot Field Station, Tofino Botanical Gardens. *Shorebirds, Maps, and...Shorebirds.* A presentation by Yuri Zharikov, Monitoring Ecologist with Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Compared to forests or wetlands, intertidal mudflats may appear a homogenous habitat. From a shorebird's point of view, however, they represent intricate and diverse landscapes comprised of subtle sediment features. These features can be mapped using modern technologies and consequently allow quick prediction of shorebird distribution across these habitats. Such predictions, when represented as maps, provide an invaluable tool in shorebird conservation and habitat management.

Saturday May 2nd 2009

7:00 – 10:00 am at Tofino Mudflats (end of Sharp Rd) Peeps, ducks, and more! GUIDED BIRD WATCHING with local bird expert Adrian Dorst. No experience necessary – bring your binoculars or spotting scope if you have one, though we'll have some to share. This birding session will be happening on a falling tide, 10.5 ft at 7:12 am. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY DOWN SHARP RD and carpool, bike or walk if possible.

12:00 – 1:30 pm "Winged Migration"
Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Don't miss this critically acclaimed, awe-inspiring documentary. Witness as five film crews follow a rich variety of bird migrations through 40 countries and each of the seven continents. With teams totaling more than 450 people, 17 pilots and 14 cinematographers used planes, gliders, helicopters and balloons to fly alongside, above, below and in front of their subjects.

2:30 – 3:30 pm "Get Fat Quick on the Shorebird Diet!"
GUIDED WALK with Silva Johansson at Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Find out what shorebirds are snacking on when they stop on the exposed sandy beaches of the Pacific Rim. An unforgettable experience with Silva Johansson of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. Meet at the Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre.

Saturday May 2nd 2009 cont'd

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm GUIDED BIRD WATCHING at Tofino Mudflats (end of Sharp Rd) with local birder Pete Clarkson. See first event above for a description. This session will occur on a rising tide, 10.9 ft at 8:30 pm. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY DOWN SHARP RD and carpool, bike or walk if possible.

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm RECEPTION at Darwin's Café, Tofino Botanical Gardens, with slideshow by Adrian Dorst at 8:00 pm. Birding isn't just about the birds, it's about people too! Come meet local birders and bird-lovers, Karen Barry of Bird Studies Canada, and enjoy some refreshments before being treated with Adrian Dorst's spectacular photographs.

Sunday May 3rd 2009

8:00 – 11:00 am at Jensen's Bay
A special edition of Building Better Birding Skills! GUIDED BIRD WATCHING with Adrian Dorst. Meet at South Chesterman's Beach parking lot at 8 am or 9:30 am for carpooling to location in Jensen's Bay.

8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Mudflat MiniFlick Fest, Take 2

Location TBA
Don't miss this second screening of the 11 magical three minute mudflat films made by local residents for the "More than Just Mud MINIFLICK contest!" You'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll come away inspired.

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