

# Shorebird Festival

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Rim Shorebird Festival May 7-9, 2010, 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!

Need more information? 250-725-2560 or email [info@raincoasteducation.org](mailto:info@raincoasteducation.org)

### Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2010

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

#### **Dr. Rob Butler "Why Big Animals Matter"**

Learn how the presence of wolves has changed the ecology of a national park, how the return of falcons has altered the migration of sandpipers, and how the interaction of salmon and eagles resonates through the coastal ecosystem. *By donation. Clayoquot Orca Lodge, 1254 Pacific Rim Highway*

### Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2010

7:30 – 9:30 am

#### **Guided birding at Orca Lodge with Pete Clarkson**

Join local naturalist and birder Pete Clarkson on the beautiful grass meadows fronting Jensen's Bay to watch Western sandpipers, semi-palmated plovers and much much more. No experience necessary – bring your binoculars or spotting scope if you have one, though we'll have some to share.

*Clayoquot Orca Lodge, 1254 Pacific Rim Highway*

11:00 am

**Seabird Voyage:** two hour trip to the Cleland Island area with George Bradd, birding guide with over 40 years of guiding experience. Call "Just Birding," 250 725-2520 for reservations and further details.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

#### **Become a Bird Detective!**

With environmental educator Robin Tagles. Take an interpretive walk through the forest to the Tofino mudflats for children and their families.

*Tofino Botanical Gardens, 1084 Pacific Rim Highway. \$10 for adults (includes a three-day garden admission) . Free for children 12 & under.*

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

#### **An evening of ethno-ornithology!**

Fleur Ng'weno (Nature Africa) and Bob Gosford (Ethnoornithology Research & Study Group, Australia) are ethnoornithologists, researchers interested in the cultural uses of birds by indigenous communities around the world. Join them, along with local First Nations, in a wonderful evening of presentations and discussions. *By donation. Clayoquot Orca Lodge, 1254 Pacific Rim Highway*

### Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

8:30 – 10:30 am

#### **Building Better Birding Skills with Andy Murray and Adrian Dorst**

Great for new and experienced birders – learn how to identify and count geese, ducks, shorebirds, raptors and more on the Tofino Mudflats. Bring your binoculars or spotting scope if you have them – but we have plenty to loan out too. Hot chocolate provided, please bring a mug! Lasts about 90 minutes to two hours.

*FREE. Meet at South Chesterman Beach Parking Lot, Tofino BC*

**Time to be confirmed** –check back! **"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. *Meet at the Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre in Pacific Rim National Park. Park use fees apply.*

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