

Post-trip option at 12:30: We can all go to I unch at <u>The Dilly</u> <u>Deli</u> close to Walla Walla Park in the Office Depot parking lot @ 903 N. Wenatchee Ave.

**Thursday**, Nov. 20, 2014 Field Trip 4: Walla Walla Park and Porter's Pond and Apple Capital Loop trail Our focus will be learning to recognize common birds of the Wenatchee Valley in riparian and open water ecosystems. Plan for changing weather with a possibility of rain. Bring umbrellas and hooded parkas so you can stay dry. We will not cancel.

**LOGISTICS OVERVIEW**: Meet at Walla Walla Point Park, the north end parking lot (near the bathrooms and the children's play structure). We will gather on the foot bridge at the lagoon. We will walk out to the tip of the spit, mostly standing in one spot. From there, we will caravan to the 19<sup>th</sup> Street Trailhead parking lot entrance to the Apple Capital Loop Trail in East Wenatchee. *NO PARKING PASSES needed!* 

**WEAR**: use layers so you can take clothing off if you get warm while we are moving, and then put clothing on when we stop and while you are stationary, standing or seated. Avoid cotton clothing (it gets wet and stays wet!)

## GEAR

- □ Field journal, writing tools, reading glasses inside a 1-gallon ziplock bag
- □ binoculars (we will have loaners available that day)
- □ hand lens and Sibley's Field Guide to Birds (from loaner box)
- □ large daypack so you have room to carry all of your clothing
- □ 1 quart water and snacks to sustain you outside in the cold!
- □ option: camera
- □ option: Folding chair to sit if standing in one place is hard for you

**CARPOOL POLICY**: There is adequate parking at both stops so you have the option to drive your own car, or to form carpools on the day-of from Walla Walla Park to East Wenatchee. The total mileage will be 10 miles round-trip, from Walla Walla Park.

## TIMELINE:

8:00 am Leavenworth carpoolers depart Leavenworth Park-and-Ride, SR 2 near USFS.

- **8:30** All cars meet at Walla Walla Park, north parking lot Use indoor bathrooms, as needed. Borrow a pair of binoculars and meet on the footbridge between the lagoon and the Columbia River.
- **8:45-10:00** Birding as a group around the lagoon. Exact timing will depend on the day's birds and the weather. Our goal is to take you to the places where lots of birds are present.
- **10:00-10:30** Load cars and depart for East Wenatchee, 19<sup>th</sup> Street Trailhead parking lot. Park restrooms available at trailhead.
- **10:30-12:00** Walk sections of the Apple Capital Loop Trail to view birds at Porter's Pond on the Columbia River, walking south along the trail.