



Fall 2014 Newsletter

Hello Laskeek Bay Conservation Society followers!

Field Season Summary

Our 2014 field season is all wrapped up! Thanks to everyone for a great 25th season of research, monitoring, conservation and education! For details on what we've been up to, please find our 2014 Field Season Summary attached to this newsletter.



Highlights of this past season:

- We welcomed 19 volunteers and 104 visitors to the island including 34 students from local schools
- Ancient Murrelet chick departures were slightly lower than last season, but comparable to the 2 previous years
- No raccoons were detected on the island and we expanded our monitoring program to include other islands in LB
- We conducted Black Oystercatcher surveys in both Laskeek Bay and in Gwaii Haanas.
- We censused Glaucous-winged Gull colonies in Laskeek Bay and found 280 active nests at three colonies.
- Pigeon Guillemots used 18 of the 27 nest boxes at Lookout Point.
- We banded 7 Cassin's Auklet chicks in nest boxes.
- We completed 3 near-shore & Hecate Strait sea surveys.
- Marbled Murrelet counts were much lower than 2013, but similar to 2012.
- Marine mammal sightings included 347 Humpbacks, 3 Minke, 5 groups of Killer whales and 31 Harbour porpoises
- 15 wildlife trees were active with Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Hairy Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, a Red-breasted Nuthatch and a sapsucker.
- A Common Raven nest and 2 Bald Eagle nests were active, but the Peregrine Falcon nest was not active.

We are looking for volunteers to help us out this fall & winter

Call or email us to apply
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Volunteering

We are expanding our Volunteer Program to give you a wonderful opportunity for assisting the Society with its work throughout the year. Volunteers are asked to commit to a specific task, which will include a variety of different options depending on your skills & availability. Here are some of the tasks we need assistance with currently:

- Christmas Craft Fair: make a home-made product and donate it to us! We will sell it at the upcoming Christmas Craft Fair on November 29th and fundraise for our programs. We will collect donated hand-made products from November 3rd to 24th. Call or email to let us know what you can contribute.
- Office work: filing, scanning, organizing our photo database, researching & compiling results
- Fundraiser: organize a fundraiser for us! Bake sale at work, wine & cheese with friends, raffle, etc.

Please consider making a **donation** to ensure our organization can continue to do conservation work on Haida Gwaii. Donations can be made easily at www.laskeekbay.org or sent by cheque made out to Laskeek Bay Conservation Society, Box 867, Queen Charlotte, BC. V0T 1S0.