

## Sagebrush Songbird Survey Field Training Agenda

Field Training **Saturday, April 1, 2017** 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Optional** GPS Field Practice: **Sunday, April 2, 2017** 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

The **Nature Conservancy Moses Coulee Field Station, 375 Moses Coulee Road, Ephrata WA 98823**

Land line only: (509) 632-5483

### Training Objectives:

- Teach observers how to identify our critical species in the field.
- Practice with GPS units to navigate to sites
- Learn field protocols on site, use forms to record observations.
- Meet and form teams and sign up for survey season assignments.

### AGENDA Day 1

When	What	Who
<b>April 1</b> 8:00-8:30am	<b>Welcome and Introductions from Partners</b> Coffee and Mingling	Art Campbell , North Central WA Audubon Society , host; Christi Norman Audubon WA
8:30 - 8:45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome &amp; Introductions of Chapter teams</li> <li>• 2016 Sagebrush Songbird Survey Annual Report results</li> </ul>	
8:45-9:30am	<b>Study Design, Site Selection and Protocols Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Vander Haegen, WDFW Senior Research Scientist</li> </ul>	Matt Vander Haegen, WDFW
9:30-9:45 am	<b>Carpool to field training site: Sagebrush Flats Wildlife Area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break into 4-5 groups</li> </ul>	ALL
9:45am- 12:30 pm -	<b>Sagebrush Bird Identification &amp; protocol in the field</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigate to 3-4 practice survey sites with GPS</li> <li>• Identify critical species by sight and sound</li> <li>• Practice bird count protocol with data form</li> <li>• Practice count protocols walking in and out of survey sites</li> </ul>	Matt Vander Haegen, Mike Schroeder WDFW, David St. George, Mark Johnston, NCWAS
12:30-1:15 pm-	<b>Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to Whispering Lake Lodge &amp; Lunch</li> </ul>	ALL
1:15pm- 2:00pm	<b>Sagebrush Team Building</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review 2017 Kittitas, NCWAS, SAS &amp; YVAS Survey sites</li> <li>• Form teams and volunteers sign up for site assignments</li> <li>• Limited on-line data entry at Lodge may be available</li> </ul>	Chapter Leaders, ALL
2:00 pm- 2:15 pm	<b>Songbird team review evaluations/clean up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field training Evaluation &amp; Resources</li> <li>• Clean up Lodge</li> </ul>	WDFW/Audubon WA, ALL Audubon
<b>2:15-5pm</b>	<b>Free time</b>	ALL
<b>5pm-9pm</b>	<b>Group Dinner at Moses Coulee Field Station,</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LARKWIRE demonstration and group participation</b></li> </ul>	Mark Johnston, ALL

## AGENDA Day 2

When	What	Who
<b>April 2</b> 8:00-8:30am	<b>Global Positional S GPS Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coffee and Mingling</li> </ul>	Steve Elston, Christi Norman Audubon
8:30 - 9:30am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPS theory overview &amp; best practices</li> <li>Different GPS unit overview &amp; comparison</li> <li>New GPS distribution to chapters/participants</li> </ul>	WA, Richard Scranton, NCWAS Steve Moore Kittitas
8:45-9:15am	<b>Introduction to field practice session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Load practice session sites into GPS units</li> </ul>	Steve Elston ALL
9:15-930 am	<b>Carpool to field training site: Jameson Lake Road TNC land</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Break into 5 groups</li> </ul>	ALL
9:45am-12:30 pm -	<b>GPS Field Practice sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navigate to 5 practice parking sites with GPS</li> <li>Navigate to 5 practice survey sites with GPS</li> <li>Practice bird species ID on walk in and walk out</li> </ul>	Steve Elston, Mark Johnston, Richard Scranton, Dan Stephens NCWAS, Steve Moore Kittitas, Christi Norman Aud WA
12:30-1:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to Whispering Lake Lodge</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>	ALL
1:15pm-1:45pm	<b>Songbird GPS training evaluations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPS Q &amp; A</li> <li>GPS training Evaluation &amp; Resources</li> <li>Create GPS support teams</li> </ul>	Chapter Leaders ALL
1:45 pm-2:00 pm	<b>Clean up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clean up Lodge</li> </ul>	ALL

**We suggest staying overnight in the closest town, Ephrata, @ 30 minutes away from Moses Coulee Field Station.** [Hotels in Ephrata](#): Best Western Rama Inn, Ephrata Inn Motel, Knights Inn Ephrata, Sunland Inn of Ephrata.... Hotel reimbursement available (up to \$91 plus taxes per night).

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO

### The Nature Conservancy MOSES COULEE FIELD STATION (Whisper Lake Lodge)

375 Moses Coulee Road, Ephrata WA 98823

#### FROM WENATCHEE:



- From US Hwy 2 & WA Hwy 28 junction, drive north on US Hwy 2/US Hwy 97 toward Orondo.
- At Orondo, bear right, staying on Hwy. 2 toward **Waterville**/ Spokane.
- Continue on Hwy. 2 (through Waterville and Douglas) approximately 22 miles to the junction of Hwy. 2 and Moses Coulee Road, on your right in the bottom of the Coulee. (Mile marker 170)
- Turn right (east/south) onto Moses Coulee Road/Coulee Meadows Rd. Drive 3.7 miles.
- Turn east (left) onto the gravel road at The Nature Conservancy's Moses Coulee Field Station sign. Drive 0.75 mile. Go past the shop and up the hill. Park at wooden fence.

#### FROM EASTERN WASHINGTON via HWY 2:

- Travel west from Coulee City on Hwy 2 for approximately 20 miles to the junction of Hwy 2 and Moses Coulee Road, which will be on your left in the bottom of the Coulee. (Mile marker 170)
- Turn left (east/south) onto Moses Coulee Road/Coulee Meadows Rd. Drive 3.7 miles.
- You will see the sign for The Nature Conservancy's Moses Coulee Field Station on your left.
- Turn east (left) onto the gravel road at The Nature Conservancy's Moses Coulee Field Station sign. Drive 0.75 mile. Go past the shop and up the hill. Park at wooden fence.

#### FROM SEATTLE OR SPOKANE via I-90 and Ephrata:

- Take I-90 West to the Othello/Moses Lake/Ephrata exit (#179).
- Turn right at the stop sign at the end of the exit ramp.
- Go approximately 0.3 miles and bear to the right onto WA Hwy. 17 North.
- Continue approximately 16 miles on Hwy. 17 until you can bear off to the left onto WA Hwy. 282.
- Continue for approximately 5 miles to **Ephrata**.
- At the junction of Hwy 282 and Basin Street/WA Hwy 28, turn right onto Basin Street/Hwy 28.
- Continue driving through Ephrata to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue **NW**.
- Turn left onto 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW.
- Continue on this road for approximately 22 miles. This road will change names from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NW to Sagebrush Flats Road to Coulee Meadows Road to Moses Coulee Road.
- On your right, look for The Nature Conservancy Moses Coulee Field Station sign.
- Turn east (right) onto the gravel road at The Nature Conservancy's Moses Coulee Field Station sign. Drive 0.75 mile. Go past the shop and up the hill. Park at wooden fence.
- Should YOU hit Highway 2 – you missed us. Turn around and backtrack approximately 3.7 miles to the sign for the Field Station.