

## Shorebird & Nature Festival Saturday, April 26, 2025, Sessions

Time	Presenter	Topic	Bio.
9:45-10:45 a.m.	Kaden Coty	Snowy Plover research and conservation	Kaden Coty is carrying out an independent project on banded western snowy plovers here in Washington and Oregon. He is based in Pacific County (with grant funding from the Pacific County Marine Resource Committee). His project is to create a centralized database for sightings of banded western snowy plovers between the years 2020 and 2024.
10-11 a.m.	Scott Morrison	Beginner's Birding	1 hour in-class, then a guided walk
10-noon	USFWS	Researching Shorebirds walk	
11:30-2:30	Scott Morrison	Beginner's Birding	Guided walk at GHN-WR
2:30-3:30 p.m	Diana McPherson	Using Your Photos for Conservation and Research	
2:45-3:45 p.m	Dave Slater	The Fascinating Lives of Five Washington Shorebirds.	David will explore identification, habitat, food, nesting behavior and fun facts about five [or more] shorebirds. Various photographers are credited. David Slater loves to study the life histories, ecology and adaptations of animals. He has presented at scientific and community gatherings on topics that include ornithology, marine biology, environmental chemistry, radiobiology and program management. David has a Master of Science degree in biology and he and his wife live in Long Beach, WA.

## Shorebird & Nature Festival Sunday, April 27, 2025, Sessions

9:15-10:15 a.m.	Bruce Rittenhouse and Lee First	Microplastics in Grays Harbor	Microplastics in Grays Harbor: an interactive presentations where attendees can see the amount of microplastics in the samples we test. Bring your own samples in and get them tested. Explore how plastic particles enter the food chain, and discuss the potential impacts on shorebirds and their prey base. Bruce is the Chair of the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. Lee is a Twin Harbors Waterkeeper.
11-noon	Leiko Yamauchi	Poster contest awards	
11 a.m.-3 p.m.	COASST		
noon-2 p.m.	COASST workshop	Trainees only	
1:15-2:15	Lee First	Tires, Tires Everywhere! This presentation details pollution problems caused by tire particles and road dust. Tires contain a chemical called 6PPD, which is added to tires to prevent ultraviolet degradation and increase safety. But as tires age, 6PPD turns into 6PPDq, which is deadly to salmon and aquatic life at very low doses. Pollution from tires is just one of a myriad of water quality problems caused by urban stormwater, which is commonly discharged into waterways without any treatment.	Lee helped found Twin Harbors Waterkeeper in 2019, and has been working in the Waterkeeper movement since 2007. One of over 300 Waterkeeper organizations in 47 countries, Twin Harbors Waterkeeper works to protect and improve water quality and marine and freshwater habitats on the Washington Coast including the Chehalis River estuary, Willapa Bay, and the Quillayute, Queets, Quinault, and Hoh River watersheds. Lee has spent over 100 days paddling on the Chehalis River and its tributaries.
2-3 p.m.	Talk on COASST: Julia Parrish	Public talk	
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