

Friends of Haystack Rock

SUMMER 2009
NEWSLETTER

Providing guidance and support for the Haystack Rock Awareness Program



Creature Feature: Isopod
Great Cannon Beach Puffin Watch:
Friday-Sunday, July 3-5

Creature Feature: Vosnesensky's Isopod

One of the most inconspicuous creatures that inhabits areas in the lower to mid tide zone at Haystack Rock is the isopod, *Idotea vosnesenskii*, also known as the Kelp Isopod or Vosnesensky's Isopod. It can be found from Alaska to Southern California. The order Isopoda is one of the largest orders of crustaceans, including approximately 10,000 species, with most living in the sea. Vosnesensky was a Russian Zoologist who studied and collected these little creatures in the 19th century.

Vosnesensky's Isopod has a broad, flat, segmented body with a rounded tip on the abdomen. The first pair of thoracic appendages is modified with the remaining seven pairs being legs for crawling. They grow to about 1.4 inches in length. These isopods will cling tightly to slippery algae in their habitat of frequent heavy wave action.

During the day, this fascinating creature prefers hideaways under rock or in mussel beds where there is plenty of cover. It will venture out at night and can sometimes be seen swimming across tide pools. *Idotea vosnesenskii* especially likes areas where there is plenty of vegetable debris. It is a master of disguise, taking on the color of its surroundings. The coloration ranges from a uniform olive green to nearly black, with dark olive green being the most common shade. If this species is found living among coralline algae, it will have bold patterns of pink, black, and white. Have fun looking for this delightful little sea creature.



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Friends of Haystack Rock is a non-profit organization with the mission of providing guidance and support for the Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) in cooperation with the City of Cannon Beach. The non-profit status of Friends of Haystack Rock makes it possible to seek and receive financial and other support for HRAP from sources unavailable to the City. Friends of Haystack Rock is guided by a volunteer board of directors and advisors consisting of committed community members. Contributions made to Friends of Haystack Rock directly support the Haystack Rock Awareness Program as it continues its crucial role in the education of local residents and the growing number of visitors from around the world. Friends of Haystack Rock foster stewardship by opening minds to the magic of Haystack Rock through adventure, exploration and discovery.

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Coordinator's Corner



Wow! What a busy Spring it has been here at Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) headquarters. HRAP Staff and Volunteers have been on the beach offering interpretive programs across a broad variety of weather -- from high winds, to icy hailstorms, to t-shirt inducing sunshine that gave me my first official Cannon Beach sunburn. We hosted numerous visiting school groups at Haystack Rock, and piloted a pre-beach-visit classroom presentation in Astoria that was developed by AmeriCorps member Ariel Wolf. (Stay tuned for ongoing news about this exciting educational outreach program!)

We participated in local community events including the Seaside Aquarium Fundraiser, Spring HRAP Potluck, Friends Library Lecture Series, Earth, Wind & Sea Celebration, and International Migratory Bird Day. We witnessed eagles, falcons, puffins and more (or should I say murre?) on high to sculpins, chitons, nudibranchs down low. We even found a spotted ratfish that washed ashore! Yes, we have been busy and we are just on the upswing of the HRAP summertime rollercoaster. I imagine Puffin Watch in July will be the

time where we all lift our arms up in the air and yell “wheeee” as we begin riding down the twisty, exhilarating turns of late summer and into early fall.

Many thanks to the excellent staff, volunteers, partner organizations, friends and families who have contributed time, wisdom, financial support and enthusiastic energy in support of our stewardship mission. Over the coming months, watch for our numbers to grow. We will be welcoming a new AmeriCorps member and two new USFWS volunteers into the fold, celebrating the return of several seasonal staff members, inviting current and new volunteers to join us on the beach for great low tides, and watching with hopeful eyes as new birds fledge and intertidal creatures show themselves in the protected Marine Garden and Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge at Haystack Rock. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Here's to a great summer!

A Beston Quote

We need another and a wiser and perhaps a more mystical concept of animals. Remote from universal nature, and living by complicated artifice, man in civilization surveys the creature through the glass of his knowledge and sees thereby a feather magnified and the whole image in distortion. We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate of having taken form so far below ourselves. And therein we we err, and greatly err. For the animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours they move finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear. They are not brethren, they are not underlings, they are other nations, caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth.

Henry Beston
The Outermost House

Summer, 2009

HRAP Beach and Activity Schedule

EX denotes Extended Monitoring: intertidal interpretation, possibly bird scopes

BP denotes Beach Program: aquaria, bird scopes, intertidal interpretation

PW denotes Puffin Watch (intertidal tours, bird scopes, special activities)

JUNE

Mon 1	BP	11:30 am- 4 pm
Tue 2	EX	1- 5 pm
Wed 3	EX	2- 6 pm
Thu 4	EX	2:45- 6:45 pm
Fri 5	EX	3:30- 7:30 pm
Sat 6	EX	6:30- 9:30 am
	EX	4:15- 8:15 pm
Sun 7	EX	6:30- 10:30 am
	EX	5:30- 8:30 pm
Mon 8	EX	6:30- 11 am
Tue 9	EX	6:30- 11:30 am
Wed 10	EX	6:30 am- noon
Thu 11	EX	6:30 am- 12:30 pm
Fri 12	BP	7 am- 1 pm
Sat 13	EX	7:15 am- 2:15 pm
		Sand Castle Day
Sun 14	EX	9 am- 2 pm
Mon 15	EX	10 am- 2 pm
Tue 16	EX	11 am- 3 pm
Wed 17	EX	11:45 am- 3:45 pm
Thu 18	EX	1- 5 pm
Fri 19	EX	2- 6 pm
Sat 20	EX	3- 6:30 pm
		Vol. Training 9 am- 4 pm
Sun 21	EX	6:30 am- 9:30 pm
	EX	4- 7:30 pm
Mon 22	EX	6:30- 10 am
	EX	5- 8:30 pm
Tue 23	EX	6:30- 11 am
	EX	5:30- 9:30 pm
Wed 24	EX	6:30 am- noon
	EX	6:30- 9:30 pm
Thu 25	EX	6:30 am- 12:30 pm
	EX	7:30- 9:30 pm
Fri 26	EX	7:15 am- 1:15 pm
Sat 27	EX	8 am- 2 pm
		Vol. Training 9 am- noon
Sun 28	BP	8:30 am- 2:30 pm
Mon 29	EX	10 am- 3 pm
Tue 30	EX	11:15 am- 3:15 pm
		Farmer's Market 2- 6 pm

JULY

Wed 1	EX	12:15- 4:15 pm
Thu 2	EX	1:15- 5:15 pm
Fri 3	Puffin Days	2:15- 6:15 pm
Sat 4	Puffin Days	6- 9 am
	Puffin Days	3- 7 pm
Sun 5	Puffin Days	6- 9:30 am
	Puffin Days	4- 8 pm
Mon 6	EX	6:30- 10 am

JULY (cont.)

	EX	4:30- 8:30 pm
Tue 7	EX	6:30- 9:30 am
	EX	5:15- 9:15 pm
Wed 8	EX	6:30- 11:15 am
	EX	6- 9:15 pm
Thu 9	EX	6:30- 11:45 am
	EX	6:30- 9:15 pm
Fri 10	EX	6:30- noon
	EX	7:15- 9:15 pm
Sat 11	EX	6:30 am- 12:30 pm
Sun 12	BP	7 am- 1 pm
Mon 13	BP	8 am- 1 pm
Tue 14	EX	9:15 am- 1:15 pm
Wed 15	EX	10 am- 2 pm
Thu 16	EX	11 am- 3 pm
Fri 17	EX	noon- 4 pm
Sat 18	EX	1:15- 5:15 pm
Sun 19	EX	2:30- 6:30 pm
Mon 20	EX	3:30- 7:30 pm
Tue 21	EX	6:30- 10 am
	EX	4:30- 8:30 pm
Wed 22	EX	6:30- 10:30 am
	EX	5:30- 9 pm
Thu 23	EX	6:30- 11:30 am
	EX	6:15- 9 pm
Fri 24	EX	6:30- noon
	EX	7- 9 pm
Sat 25	EX	6:45 am- 12:45 pm
Sun 26	BP	7:30 am- 1:30 pm
Mon 27	BP	8:30 am- 1:30 pm
Tue 28	EX	9:45 am- 1:45 pm
Wed 29	EX	10:30 am- 2:30 pm
Thu 30	EX	11:30 am- 3:30 pm
		Summer Potluck 6-7 pm
Fri 31	EX	12:45- 4:45 pm

AUGUST

Sat 1	EX	2- 6 pm
Sun 2	EX	2:45- 6:45 pm
Mon 3	EX	3:30- 7:30 pm
Tue 4	EX	6:30- 9:30 am
	EX	4:30- 8:30 pm
Wed 5	EX	6:30- 10:15 am
	EX	5- 8:45 pm
Thu 6	EX	6:30- 10:45 am
	EX	5:45- 8:45 pm
Fri 7	EX	6:30- 11 am
	EX	6:15- 8:45 pm
Sat 8	EX	6:30- 11:30 am
	EX	6:45- 8:45 pm
Sun 9	BP	6:30- 11:30 am

AUGUST (cont.)

Mon 10	BP	7 am- noon
Tue 11	EX	8 am- noon
		Farmer's Market 2- 6 pm
Wed 12	EX	8:30 am- 12:30 pm
Thu 13	EX	9:30 am- 1:30 pm
Fri 14	EX	10:30 am- 2:30 pm
Sat 15	EX	11:45 am- 3:45 pm
Sun 16	EX	1:15- 5:15 pm
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Wed 26	EX	9 am- 1 pm
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Fri 28	EX	11 am- 3 pm
Sat 29	EX	12:30- 4 pm
Sun 30	EX	1:30- 5:30 pm
Mon 31	EX	2:30- 6:30 pm

This schedule will also be posted on the Friends of Haystack Rock website (www.friendsofhaystackrock.org) and the City of Cannon Beach website (www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us) under HRAP.

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1	EX	4:15- 7:15 pm
Wed 2	EX	4- 8 pm
Thu 3	EX	6:45- 9:30 am
	EX	4:45- 8 pm
Fri 4	EX	6:45- 10 am
	EX	5- 8 pm
Sat 5	EX	6:45- 10 am
	EX	5:30- 8 pm
Sun 6	EX	6:45- 11 am
	EX	5:45- 8 pm
Mon 7		Labor Day
	EX	6:45- 10:30 am
Tue 8	EX	7- 11 am
Fri 18	EX	4- 7:30 pm
Sat 19	EX	4:30- 7:30 pm
Sun 20	EX	7- 10:30 am

Schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or shortage of volunteers.

MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

Working on the beach with HRAP staff, other volunteers and visitors is always interesting and highly rewarding. All volunteers are valued. Please study the calendar and plan now to spend time with us on the beach this summer. When you have chosen some dates, notify Nala Cardillo, HRAP Program Coordinator (503-436-8060), of your chosen dates. Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Cannon Beach Puffin Watch

During the Independence Day holiday weekend, Cannon Beach hosts a colorful aerial display different from those of most communities. The Great Cannon Beach Puffin Watch is a seabird watching event on the beach that will offer visitors the opportunity to see nesting Puffins, and other seabirds. The event is part of a fireworks-free Independence Day Celebration in Cannon Beach which runs from Friday, July 3rd, through Sunday, July 5th. Haystack Rock offers the northwest's most accessible location to catch a close-up glimpse of nesting Tufted Puffins. Brown Pelicans, Common Murres, Pelagic Cormorants, Pigeon Guillemots, Black Oyster Catchers, and an occasional Bald Eagle also appear.

The Haystack Rock Awareness Program (HRAP) will present an expanded interpretive program on the beach, with an emphasis on seabirds. Spotting scopes will be set up on the beach near the Rock from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. on each of the 3 days. There will also be ongoing intertidal tours available on Saturday, July 4th and Sunday, July 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. The afternoon low tides on Friday through Sunday will offer visitors interpretive programs from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. with possible topics to include sea birds of the Northwest Coast, local area geology, marine mammals, and photography of tidepools and seabirds. Along with the interpretive programs there will also be an extended beach program with bird scopes available.

Free Puffin Watch Passports will be available on the beach and in area businesses. Passports provide identification information and a check list of birds that can be seen in the area. A complete schedule of events will be provided at the HRAP beach station near Haystack Rock during its hours of operation and at Cannon Beach City Hall, 1631 E. Gower Street. The schedule will also be posted at www.ci.cannon-beach.or.us.

Mark Your Calendar for these 2009 Events

THE GREAT CANNON BEACH PUFFIN WATCH

Fri., July 3	7 am- noon	Bird Scopes on Beach
	2:15-6:15	Possible Tidepool Excursions
Sat., July 4	7- 10 am	Bird Scopes on Beach
	10 am- 3 pm	Community Events Downtown
	11 am	Parade
	3 pm	Sharnelle Fee with Birds
	4 pm	Neal Maine & Michael Wing
	5 & 6 pm	TBA
Sun., July 5	7 am- noon	Bird Scopes on Beach
	4- 8 pm	Possible Tidepool Excursions

HRAP POTLUCKS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

Mid-Season Potluck: Thursday, July 30, 2009, 6-7 pm,
Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce

Speaker: Sue Daniel, 7- 8 pm
“Natural Rhythms of the Northwest Coast”

End of Season Potluck: Date & Time to be announced.

Location: Hallmark Inn
Speaker: Nala Cardillo, Program Coordinator
Season Wrap Up

THE WORLD OF HAYSTACK ROCK

2008-2009 Lecture Series

Cannon Beach Library, 7-8:30pm
131 N. Hemlock St.

Thursday, November 5

Thursday, December 3

Thursday, January 7

Thursday, February 4

Thursday, March 4

Thursday, April 1

This lecture series, jointly sponsored by the Cannon Beach Library and Friends of Haystack Rock, was well received in its first two seasons. Talks serve to highlight the ocean-related, Bob Carey Memorial Collection at the Library, give community members and visitors new views of Haystack Rock and provide additional training for volunteers who work on the beach with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program.



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Contribute to the Preservation of Haystack Rock

Your tax-deductible contribution to Friends of Haystack Rock directly supports the Haystack Rock Awareness Program as it continues its crucial role in the education of local residents and the growing number of visitors from around the world. You can also contribute by becoming a volunteer. Please use the form below to make a contribution to the program or indicate your interest in volunteering.

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- Enclosed is my contribution to help support the Haystack Rock Awareness Program
 - I would like to volunteer on the beach

Please call me at: _____

OR send me an e-mail at: _____

Suggested Donations (circle one)

- \$ 25 Western Gull
- \$ 50 Pigeon Guillemot
- \$ 75 Pelagic Cormorant
- \$150 Black Oystercatcher
- \$250 Tufted Puffin
- \$500 Brown Pelican
- Other _____

Make your tax-deductible check payable to:

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Your cancelled check will be your receipt. Thank You.

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