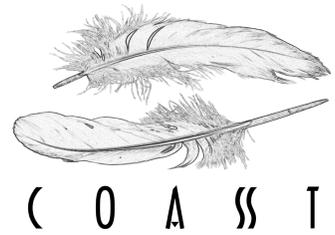


The Coasst Line

News for COASST Citizen Scientists

Summer 2004



Feedback Wanted: Please Complete Our Volunteer Survey

You, our dedicated volunteers, are the foundation of COASST. Please help us measure our effectiveness in serving you by completing the enclosed survey by Tuesday, August 31. The information you provide is critical to our strategic planning and fundraising efforts, as volunteer feedback is often a key element of our grant proposals. In addition, COASST plans to launch new outreach and fundraising activities this fall. If you are interested in helping out, please tell us. Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey (and for affixing your own stamp to the enclosed self-addressed envelope). COASSTers who respond by August 31 will be entered in a drawing for an official COASST rain jacket.



Kalaloch Beach, Olympic National Park

COASST Receives Funding for Beach Monitoring in Oregon

COASST is thrilled to announce our first grants from Oregon-based organizations to support monitoring of COASST beaches (in Oregon, of course). In May, COASST received a grant of \$2,000 from the Denison Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. We are grateful to Mrs. Margaret S. Denison and the Board of the Oregon Community Foundation for their confidence in COASST! We will also receive a grant of \$9,998 from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). We thank Bob Bailey and Greg McMurray for the opportunity to partner with Oregon DLCD and support the department's efforts to guide land use policy that conserves coastal and ocean resources.

Sneak Peak at 2003 - 2004 Annual Report

COASST staff are in the final stages of producing our 2003 – 2004 annual report, and we have some *very* interesting news to share. Once again, COASST surveys documented more than 60 species of birds, but only five species made their COASST debut in 2003 - 2004, including our first woodpecker and thrush. In conservation news, 18 species of concern were documented, and the Common Loon demonstrated the most marked change from last year. The full report and any COASST Rewards you have earned will be mailed this fall.

Daily Surveys Continue

We express our appreciation to the volunteers who have completed *daily* beach surveys for seven consecutive days! Completing daily beach surveys is optional, but if you could find the time, COASST could certainly use your observations. With daily survey data, COASST will be able to piece together a much more rigorous estimate of birds beached along our coastlines annually.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center

COASST thanks the Port Townsend Marine Science Center for hosting a volunteer training session in June. Volunteers who live in the area might consider getting involved with the organization to further support marine conservation. The Marine Science Center is currently recruiting docents, greeters and cashiers for its public exhibits. Interested in helping out? Please contact Jean Parker at 360-385-5582, ext. 112.

Quiz

*We know you love quizzes!
Can you identify these birds?*

Found: 10/16/03
South Coast
(South Butterclam)
Bill: 32 mm
Wings: 18.5 cm
Tarsus: 31 mm



photo by Barbara and Mike Patton



photo by Jann Luesse

Found: 8/13/03
Oregon Mile 327
(Del Rey Beach)
Bill: 72 mm
Wings: 30 cm
Tarsus: 70 mm



photo by Barbara and Mike Patton

Found: 12/19/03
South Coast
(South Butterclam)
Bill: 37 mm
Wings: 31 cm
Tarsus: 36 mm

(Bottom) Black-legged Kittiwake (juvenile)

(Middle) Brandt's Cormorant

(Top) Rhinoceros Auklet

Answers: