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Tulalip Lushootseed Year 2014

A calendar had no place in traditional life long ago.

For the people of the Puget Sound, the world itself was the calendar.

An awareness of seasons and the passage of time came in response to what was happening in the world. The calendar, for lack of a better term, was in response to an interactive relationship of the plants and animals around us, as well as the tides and stars.

Each year was unique and would have been described in its own terms, not in standard units of time measurement. For each season, or period of time, descriptions of what was happening in the world, referenced what plants were flowering, bearing fruit or resting. References were also made to the tides of fall and winter, what type of salmon were running to the spawning grounds, distinctive weather events, and what was happening with the animals around us. Because of unique characteristics from one year to the next, some months may have more than one name.

The Lushootseed Calendar is closely related to the Lunar calendar, meaning there are 12 or 13 months in a year, and several time periods cover more than one Gregorian calendar month. In 2014, we will have 13 new moons. Next year, 2015 there will be 12 new moons.

The seasons, which the months are roughly based on are:

Fall pədʔuladx̣, silver salmon return.

Winter pədʔəs, cold weather.

Spring ʔuhiʔhədəb, getting a little warmer.

Summer pədhədəb, hot season.

- ʒiǫs - January is known as a period in the winter when your stomach sticks to your backbone.
 sǣxʷpupuhiǵǣd - February is known as a windy time with many hard winds.
 waǻwaǻus - March is known as the time when frogs sing.
 slihibus - April is known as a time when you hear the voices of migrating cranes and swans.
 pǣdčǣʔǣb - May is known as a time to dig roots.
 pǣdstǣǵǣd - June is known as salmonberry season (lasts from early May to late June).
 pǣdgǣdbixʷ - July is known as the native blackberry season (part of July).
 pǣdʔǣǻʔ - August is known as the salalberry season.
 pǣdkʷǣxʷic - September is known as the time the Silver Salmon returns (is the run, not the 30 days).
 pǣdxʷiʔxʷiʔil - October is known as the time that many leaves fall.
 pǣdʒxʷǣyʔ - November is known as the time when the chum salmon return (around Thanksgiving).
 sǣxʷšicǣlwaʔs or pǣdšicǣlwaʔs - December is known as the time to sheath the paddles.
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The days of the week, really came about after the introduction of Christianity. The days of the week are based and related to Sunday.

ǰǣʔǰǣʔǣʔdat (sacred day) is Sunday.

pǣʔǻʔǣbac (the one after) is Monday.

scǣbdatil (two days after) is Tuesday.

sʔixʷǣʔdatil (the third day) is Wednesday.

sbusǣʔdatil (the fourth day) is Thursday.

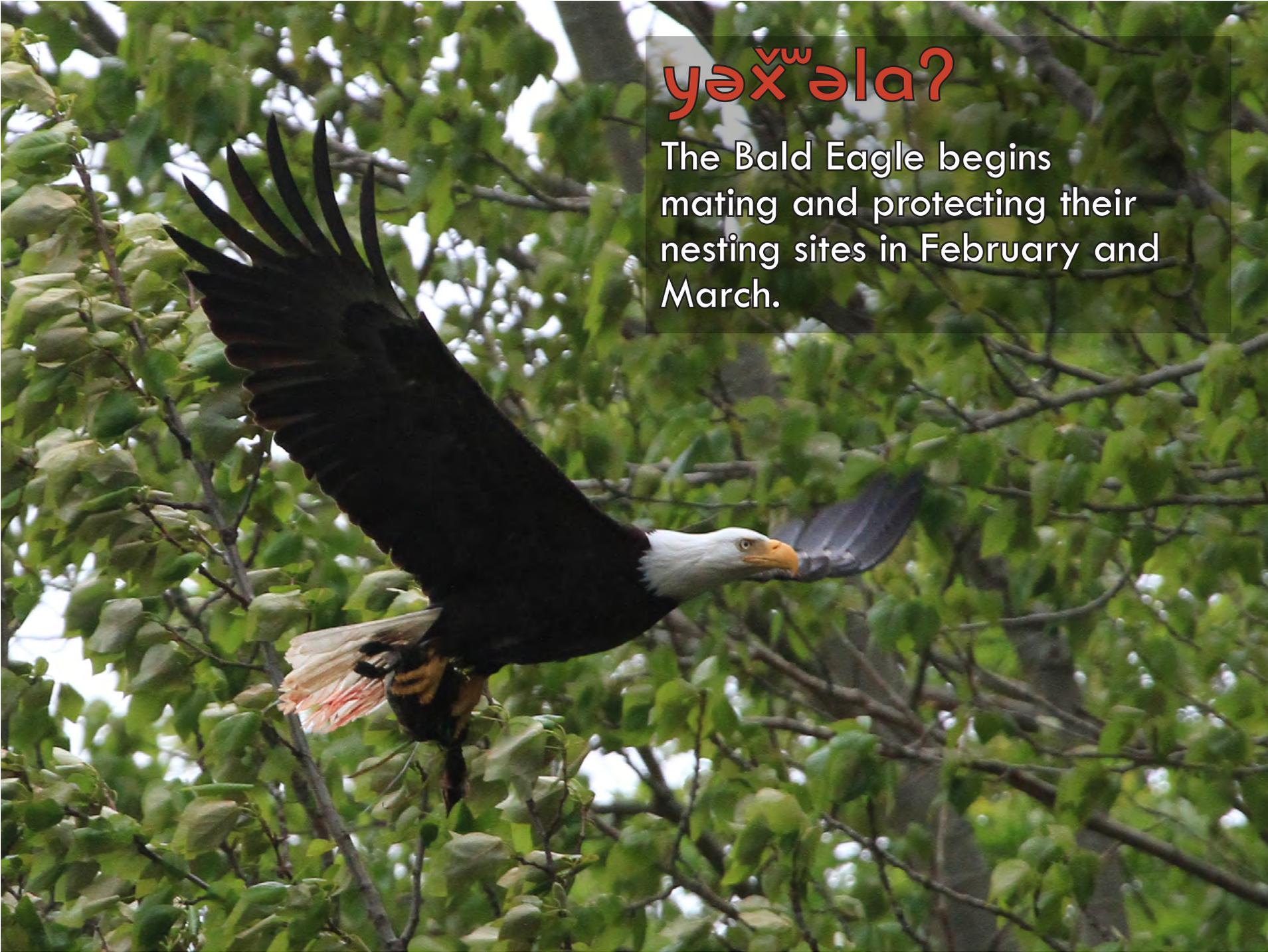
scǣlacǣʔdatil (the fifth day) is Friday.

čitabac (right next to) is Saturday.

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The Black-Capped Chickadee is a year round resident. They often hide their food for later eating.



A Bald Eagle is shown in flight, soaring over a dense canopy of green leaves. The eagle's wings are fully extended, revealing the dark feathers on the upper side and the lighter feathers on the underside. Its head is turned to the right, showing its characteristic white plumage and a sharp, yellow beak. The background is a soft-focus thicket of green foliage, with some branches and leaves in the foreground. The overall scene is captured in a natural, outdoor setting.

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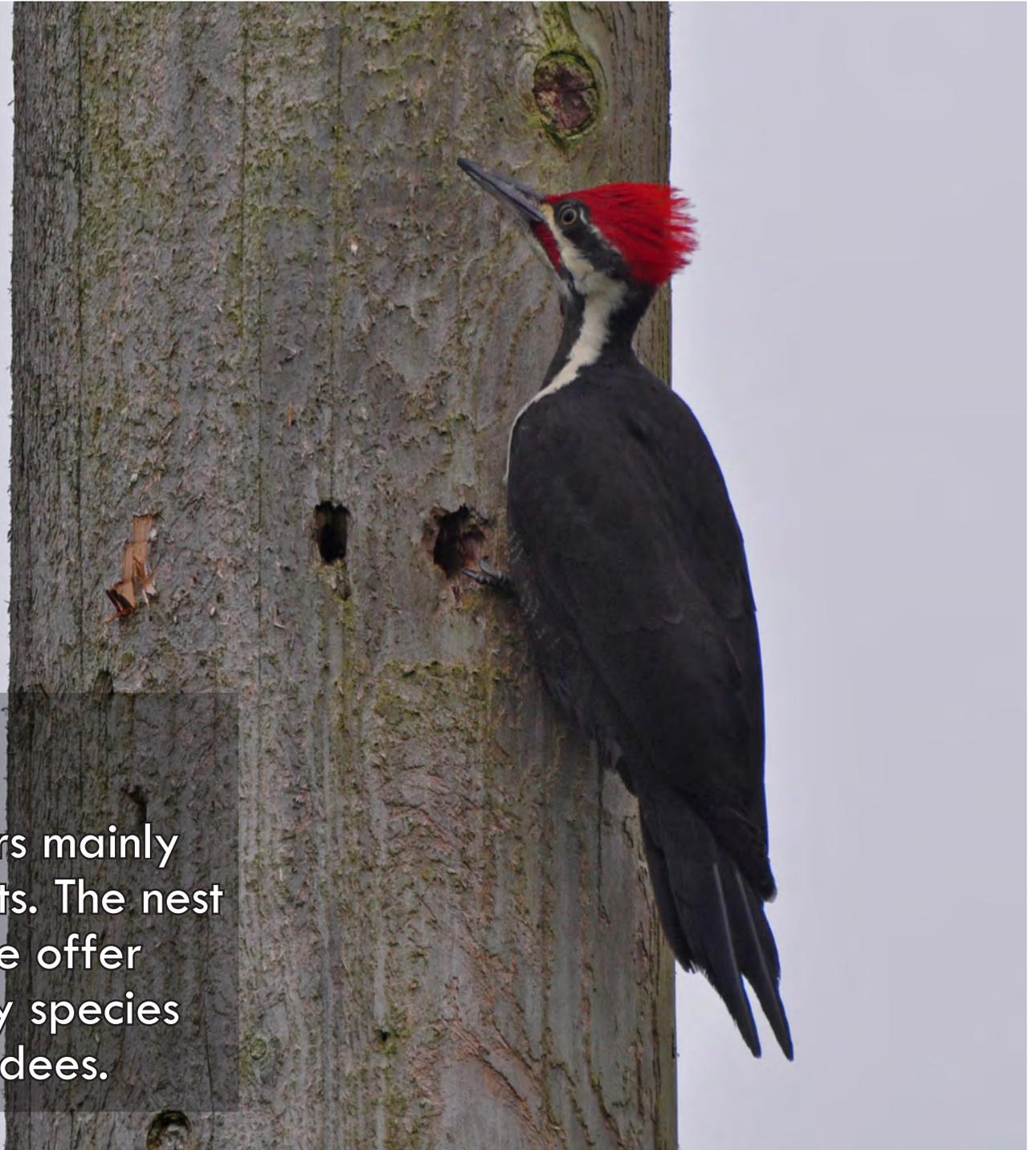
The Bald Eagle begins mating and protecting their nesting sites in February and March.

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Pileated Woodpeckers mainly feed on carpenter ants. The nest holes these birds make offer crucial shelter to many species like ducks and Chickadees.



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Mallard Ducks are the ancestors to nearly all species of ducks. They mate in early spring April-May. The hunting season at Tulalip runs from around September to February





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Great Blue Herons nests mainly in trees, but may build nests on bushes. They stand and move slowly through the water looking for food, but can strike lightning fast.

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The Pacific Winter Wren is a very strong singer. To many it's songs signal the arrival of spring. In the traditional story "Lifting up the Sky," **ʔəbʔəb** is the bird that flies way up into the sky and retrieves all the bird's songs.

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The Anna's Hummingbird is the most common Hummingbird along the west coast. They nest from May thru July. Their habit is spreading northward, and many can be seen wintering here now.

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The Stellar's Jay is a year round resident and has an amazing voice. It can mimic the sounds of other birds and even some small animals.



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The Northwestern Crow lives near the coast and forages along bays, tide pools, and river deltas. Like most crows, Northwestern Crows are omnivores. It's the main character in the traditional story Crow and Octopus.





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May: Blue Heron, William E. Anderson

June: Pacific Wren, near Mt Esmeralda , Martha Anderson

July: Anna's Hummingbird, William E. Anderson

August: Stellar's Jay, Warm Beach, Judy Rowe Taylor

September: Barrow's Goldeneye (Female & Male), William E. Anderson

October: American Wigeon (Female & Male), William E. Anderson

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