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December 6 & 7  
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Monday to Saturday	10am–6pm
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December 24	10am–3pm
December 25	Closed
December 31	10am–3pm
January 1	Closed

The holiday season is all about friends and family. Spending time together, sharing good food, and celebrating the winter solstice season.

**Bird-Opoly**, a new board game, gives you a fun way to celebrate our fabulous feathered friends! It has all the fun of a traditional property-trading game with some fancy flying twists and turns. The game features backyard, rare, and favorite birds of North America. Each 'Bird Deed' is filled with fun facts about the species, so you can learn while you play. The game includes an assortment of



pewter game pieces; you can choose to be, among others, a hummingbird, a birdbath, or a pair of binoculars! Trade your birdhouses in for a big tree and you'll be the big winner in Bird-Opoly!

**Earth-Opoly** is a game celebrating Earth, one turn at a time! Players become the caretakers of wondrous locations around the planet, then increase their property value by collecting Carbon Credits and trading them in for Clean Air (ahhh!). It's all fun and games until someone gets



sent to the Dump! So choose your token — all made by nature, of course — and advance to Go Green.

Looking for an easy game the whole family can play together? Educational **picture bingo games** by **Lucy Hammett** are a great choice. Each colorful game has a nature theme: **birds, bugs, butterflies, reptiles, oceans, or wildlife**. The cards used by the 'caller' feature a character picture on the front with fun facts on the back. Players put markers on their bingo boards when they make a match. Lucy's games and their colorful drawings were inspired by the Mexican picture game "Lotería."



And we have puzzles, puzzles, and more puzzles. **Jigsaw puzzles** with 300 pieces, 500 pieces, 1,000 pieces! Plus **travel puzzles** to take along on that trip 'over the meadow and through the woods' to Grandmother's house. And travel to another dimension with **3D slide puzzles**. Or stack up your **block puzzles** that flip to show six different animals or birds.

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## Ring Out the Old Year and Wing In the New at the 109th Christmas Bird Count

by Wink Gross, Compiler, Portland Christmas Bird Count

"Come, all ye Birders, hopeful and observant!" The 109th Christmas Bird Count season is here. All over the Americas, Audubon chapters will be conducting one-day bird counts between Dec. 14, 2008 and Jan. 5, 2009. Audubon Society of Portland held its first Christmas Bird Count in 1926. This year our 83rd Count will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. Birders will comb the parks, open spaces, wetlands, rivers, and neighborhoods all over Portland looking for birds. At the end of the day, we'll get together and share what we found. Last year 158 participants found a record-smashing 118 species. Will you help us break 120 species this year?

Think you would like to do a Christmas Bird Count but aren't sure you're 'qualified'? Not to worry! We'll match up beginners into teams with skilled birders. The more eyes, the better. People unable to participate out-of-doors can provide valuable observations as feeder watchers if they live within the count circle (see box on page 4).

The Christmas Bird Count is a great way for birders of all levels to enjoy a day in the field and sharpen their birding skills. You'll also have the opportunity to meet others who share your interest in birds and to discover some good local spots to find birds. And you will contribute to scientific knowledge. In fact, the Christmas Bird Count is one of the best ways for the amateur birder to advance ornithology: the data are sent to the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, where over the years Christmas Bird Count records have been used to study changes in bird populations and wintering ranges. If interested, you can access the historical record of all Christmas Bird Counts at [www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/hr/index.html](http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/hr/index.html).

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## Sauvie Island Raptor Road Trip

### Breakfast with Birds of Prey

Saturday, February 7th, 9am–2pm

Explore Sauvie Island in search of magnificent eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter here. On this special day devoted to raptors, experienced naturalists and hawk experts will host activities at four locations around the island. We'll provide a map, then you choose where to go to enjoy guided bird viewing, meet live raptors up close, and see hawk identification displays. Hot drinks and donuts will be available in the morning so we can stay warm and have breakfast with the birds.

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Red-tailed Hawk © Jim Cruce



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# From the Executive Director



## What Matters Most

Meryl Redisch

Again, the Portland Metro community has taken a stand on what matters most: education, animals, nature, and kids. We demonstrated this by our vote and pocketbook. All three tax measures in Multnomah and one in Washington County passed. To me, this shows what my neighbors believe matters most. Even with the economic uncertainties in front of us, we believe that healthy communities are priceless. If each one of us contributes just a little bit to the whole, together we can make things better.

For more than a century, Portland Audubon has contributed to making our communities better — for people, native birds, and other wildlife. Klamath, Malheur, and Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuges are some of Oregon's most beautiful and wild places. Hundreds of thousands of birds rely on these unique landscapes at some point in their lives. While we can't attach a price tag to these places, we know that they are worth protecting. Portland Audubon's early leaders knew this 100 years ago, and fought tirelessly to safeguard them. Far away from our daily routine, these extraordinary places continue to make our lives and the community better.

Today, Portland Audubon is actively promoting awareness about the importance of protecting, restoring, and sustaining nature right here where we live. Building "green infrastructure" into our daily lives does many things toward making our communities healthier for everyone. Advocating for neighborhood parks and trails means that families have safe walking and biking access to nature, regardless of where they live. Increasing our urban canopy does more than provide leafy shade for us and habitat for birds. A healthy urban forest improves air and water quality, and adds beauty to the landscape for everyone.

Back in the 1920s, classrooms full of children received their first introduction to conservation thanks to an inspiring volunteer who established the Junior Audubon program around the state. We are continuing that tradition today, reaching 15,000 kids a year and connecting them to nature. Our hope is that when these young people grow up, they will know what matters most and, like their parents and grandparents, will take action to make things better.

During this holiday season, take time to enjoy our wonderful nature, right here where we live. Enjoy a walk along our forested trails; appreciate the sounds and sights of our winter birds and remember what matters most. Thank you for all your support and for making our world a better place.

## Connecting Green Wild in the City Field Trips

**Connecting Green** is all about access to nature in the city. **Connecting Green** field trips will introduce you to some of the region's most scenic and wildlife-rich natural areas and parks and the ever-growing regional trails network. During this fall and winter, **Mike Houck** will lead a series of walks along the Springwater on the Willamette Trail from downtown to Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge and around the 160-acre refuge. Registration is limited, so sign up soon at [www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/wic](http://www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/wic). If you don't have internet access, call 503-292-6855 ext.116 to register. Directions will be emailed to all registrants. Trip participants will be limited in number, so sign up early.

### December Saturday, Dec. 6th, Noon-3pm Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Join **Mike Houck** for a stroll around the 160-acre Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. Mike has been hiking in Oaks Bottom for over 30 years and is intimately familiar with the history and natural science of Oaks Bottom and its diverse wildlife habitats. Oaks Bottom was Portland's first formally designated urban wildlife refuge and is also the city's Migratory Bird Refuge through an agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In addition to enjoying some late fall birding, participants will learn what the Portland Parks Department and Bureau of Environmental Services are doing to improve habitat in the Bottoms. This trip is a two-mile loop on both paved and uneven dirt paths, with two moderate hills, and is appropriate for families.



Green-winged Teal at Oaks Bottom © Mike Houck

### Sunday, Dec. 7th, 10am-Noon Willamette Cove/North Portland Greenway Walk

Join Audubon's **Jim Labbe** for a leisurely morning walk to learn about the past, present, and future of this unique North Portland natural area. We'll discuss the Willamette Greenway planning in the Portland Harbor and current plans for extending the Willamette Greenway trail from Swan Island to Cathedral Park. Bring binoculars and sturdy shoes that can handle wet and muddy conditions.

### Thursday, Dec. 11th, 8am-11am Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

See Dec. 6th trip for details.

### Wednesday, Dec. 17th, 9am-12:30pm Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade to Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Join **Mike Houck** for a four-mile walk from the Eastbank Esplanade to the north meadow and wetlands at 160-acre Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. The walk will be along the Springwater on the Willamette greenway trail and will end at SE Milwaukie, where we will catch a TriMet bus back downtown. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather, as we will go rain or shine. Bring a TriMet pass or \$2 for your ticket (\$.95 for Honored Citizens 65 and over).

### Sunday, Dec. 21st, Noon-3pm Winter Solstice at Oaks Bottom

See Dec. 6th trip for details.

### January Saturday, Jan. 10th, 8am-Noon Bald Eagles, Sandhill Cranes, and Waterfowl of Sauvie Island

Join **Mike Houck** for a driving and walking tour of one of the state's most significant winter waterfowl and raptor refuges.

We will be looking for some of the more than 40 Bald Eagles that fly every morning onto the island to prey on the thousands of ducks and geese that make the fields and wetlands of Sauvie Island their winter home. Other raptors we'll be scoping for include Peregrine Falcons, Merlin, Rough-legged and Red-tailed Hawks, and Northern Harriers. Other highlights will include Sandhill Cranes, Tundra Swans, and Dusky Canada Geese from Alaska's Copper River Delta.

### Wednesday, Jan. 14th, 8am-11am Winter Waterfowl of Oaks Bottom

A two-mile stroll around the Bottoms always yields some exciting wildlife sightings. This time of year we'll focus on wintering waterfowl and the raptors that prey on them — Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons. Most birding forays to Oaks Bottom yield at least 40 species. We will both spot and listen for their calls and songs. Leader **Mike Houck**, who has been leading nature tours of Oaks Bottom for over 30 years, will also describe efforts to improve fish and wildlife habitat at the Bottoms by Portland Parks and Recreation and Bureau of Environmental Services.

### Sunday, Jan. 18th, 1pm-4pm Winter Waterfowl of Oaks Bottom

See Jan. 14th trip for details.

### Thursday, Jan. 22nd, 1pm-4pm Winter Waterfowl of Oaks Bottom

See Jan. 14th trip for details.

### Saturday, Jan. 31st, 1pm-5pm Bald Eagles, Sandhill Cranes, and Waterfowl of Sauvie Island

See Jan. 10th trip for details.

# Field Trips

No registration required — show up at time and place given. Call first if indicated.

## December 13 (Saturday), 8am-11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park. Scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for wintering songbirds. Meet at 8am at Vancouver Lake Park. Directions from I-5 north: take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. Dress for the weather; beginners welcome!

## December 20 (Saturday), 8am-11am Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens

**Doug Robberson** is your leader for this month's 3rd Saturday walk co-sponsored by Audubon and **Backyard Bird Shop**. This is the perfect place to get close-up views of up to a dozen species of wintering waterfowl. Call Backyard Bird Shop (503-496-0908) for information and to reserve a spot. Beginners welcome!

## January 17 (Saturday), 8am-11am Smith & Bybee Lakes

Join us on our 3rd Saturday walk co-sponsored by Audubon Society of Portland and **Backyard Bird Shop**. This North Portland wetland is home to many species of waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds and can be a very productive winter birding spot. Call Backyard Bird Shop (503-496-0908) for information and to reserve a spot. Beginners welcome!

## January 24 (Saturday), 8am-11am Powell Butte Nature Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** for a walk exploring the unique habitats of Powell Butte. Good time for unusual winter visitors, such as a Northern Shrike. Meet at 8am at the top of the butte parking lot at the end of SE 162nd Avenue. Turn south on SE 162nd off Powell Blvd and drive to the top of the butte. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather; beginners welcome!



## MAGPIES

...love to go birding during the weekdays.  
We start a little later, go a little slower,  
and try to keep a restroom in sight.

### no trips in December

## Fernhill Wetlands January 5 (Monday), 9am-11:30am

Wintering waterfowl, raptors, and sparrows should abound around this favorite Magpies walk. Join leader **Norine Dietrich** at the Fernhill parking lot, 200 yards south of the railroad tracks. If you want to stay beyond 11:30, bring a lunch and Norine will stay. For information and directions, contact Norine at [nordiet@comcast.net](mailto:nordiet@comcast.net) or 503-643-2502.

## Summer Lake Park January 15 (Thursday), 9am-11am

Join us as leader **Sue Carr** takes us for a look at the wintering waterfowl in this wonderful suburban park! Directions: Scholls Ferry Rd to SW 130th Ave. Follow the road around to the left (to SW Winterlake Drive) to the parking area on the left. Meet Sue in the parking lot at 9am. Dress for the weather. For information, call Sue at 503-649-3360.

## Nisqually NWR, Washington January 22 (Thursday), 8am-4pm

Waterfowl, raptors, and bitterns are winter highlights of Nisqually NWR near Olympia. Take Exit 308 off I-5 and meet trip leader **Sarah McCarty** at the Safeway parking lot (NE corner) in Jantzen Beach. We'll carpool from there at 8am. To meet the group at Nisqually NWR between 10 and 10:30am, take I-5 north past Olympia to Exit 114 and follow the signs. There is a \$3 fee per car. Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Call Sarah with questions at 503-636-1288.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 Birders' Night 7:30pm Heron Hall				
					5 Holiday Open House Author's Reception, <i>Swifty's Big Flight</i> , 5pm-7pm (p.12)	6 Holiday Open House Kids' Day, 10am-6pm (p.12) Movie: <i>Riddle in a Bottle</i> , 2pm (p.12) Oaks Bottom Walk, Noon (p.2)
7 Holiday Open House Music Day, 10am-5pm (p.12) Will.Cove/N.Portland Walk, 10am (p.2) Bluegrass Jam, 12:30pm Author Event, 5pm (p.12)		8 Nature Night: Images of Wild Alaska, 7pm Heron Hall (p.3)		10 Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge Walk, 8am (p.2)		12 Field Trip to Vancouver Lake Park, 8am (p.2)
14 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	15 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	16 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	17 Eastbank Esplanade to Oaks Bottom Walk, 9am (p.2)	18 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4) No Board Meeting	19 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	20 Field Trip to Crystal Springs Gardens, 8am (p.2)  Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)
21 Winter Solstice Walk at Oaks Bottom, Noon (p.2)  Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	22 Winter Break Camps (p.7)  Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	23 Winter Break Camps (p.7)	24 Nature Store closes at 3pm  Winter Break Camps (p.7)	25 Holiday closure of Nature Store and Admin Offices  CHRISTMAS	26 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	27 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)
28 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	29 Winter Break Camps (p.7)	30 Winter Break Camps (p.7)  Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	31 Winter Break Camps (p.7)  Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)  Nature Store closes at 3pm	1 Holiday Closure of Nature Store and Admin Offices  Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)  NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Winter Break Camps (p.7)	3 Christmas Bird Counts - including Portland Audubon's Count (p.4)
4 Christmas Bird Counts (p.4)	5 Magpies visit Fernhill Wetlands, 9am (p.2)	6 Birders' Night, 7:30pm Heron Hall	7	8	9	10 Bald Eagles, Cranes, and Waterfowl of Sauvie Island, 8am (p.2)
11	12	13 Nature Night, 7pm Heron Hall (p.3)	14 Winter Waterfowl of Oaks Bottom, 8am (p.2)	15 Magpies visit Summer Lake Park, 9am (p.2)  Sparrows and Other LBJs Class, 7pm (p.7)  Board Meeting, 7pm Heron Hall	16	17 Field Trip to Smith & Bybee Lakes, 8am (p.2)  Sparrows and Other LBJs Field Trip, 9am (p.7)  Birding Weekend (p.10)
18 Winter Waterfowl of Oaks Bottom, 1pm (p.2)  Birding Weekend (p.10)	19 Admin Offices closed  Birding Weekend (p.10)  MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED	20	21 Magpies visit Nisqually NWR, 8am (p.2)  Winter Waterfowl of Oaks Bottom, 1pm (p.2)	22	23	24 Field Trip to Powell Butte Park, 8am (p.2)  TogetherGreen Volunteer Day, 10am (p.9)
25	26	27	28	29 Book Launch Party for <i>Northwest Nature Guide</i> with Metro's James Davis (p.8)	30	31 Bald Eagles, Cranes, and Waterfowl of Sauvie Island, 1pm (p.2)

NOTE: An electronic version of this issue and past *Warblers* is available on our website, [www.audubonportland.org/about/newsletter](http://www.audubonportland.org/about/newsletter)

## NATURE NIGHT

Second Tuesday of the month from September to May. Free and open to the public. If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation, contact Catherine at [chalpin@audubonportland.org](mailto:chalpin@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855 ext. 129.

### Images of Wild Alaska

A slide presentation by George Hanson  
Tuesday, December 9th, 7pm • Heron Hall

On June 7-14, 2008, Portland Audubon sponsored a tour to Alaska, and photographer George Hanson will present a slideshow of his images from the journey. Steve Engel (Audubon Adult Education Coordinator) and Scott Lukens (owner of Backyard Bird Shops) led the group of 14 participants as they toured the Seward-Kenai Fjords area, Denali National Park, and the Old Denali Highway. The presentation will include images of many Alaskan birds, orca whales, and grizzly bears. As time permits, other wildlife images taken locally over the past six months will also be included.

George Hanson is a local photographer specializing in outdoor photography. His images range from birds and mammals to scenic landscapes. George has been interested in photography since the late 1970s, starting with 35mm slide film and more recently shooting with digital. He has been an Audubon member since 1990.

**January's Nature Night**  
Tuesday, January 13th, 7pm • Heron Hall  
Details at [www.audubonportland.org/events\\_listing](http://www.audubonportland.org/events_listing).



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# Citizen Science

## Helping Shape the Future of Bird Conservation

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Participating in citizen science projects such as the Christmas Bird Count and Great Backyard Bird Count are great ways to see and learn about birds and meet fellow conservationists. However, these programs are also critical to helping scientists understand how our bird populations are changing over time. The information gleaned from these surveys plays a direct role in setting Audubon conservation priorities at the local and national levels.

The information gathered in projects such as the Christmas Bird Count and the Great Backyard Bird Count add to a vast collection of bird population data. Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running Citizen Science program in the world. It was begun 108 years ago as an alternative to the traditional holiday bird hunt. By having thousands of citizens from all over the nation simply reporting what kinds of birds they are seeing, scientists are able to identify long-term trends in the distribution and abundance of different species.

Last year, the National Audubon Society came out with two important reports: "Common Birds in Decline" and "National WatchList." The reports analyzed 40 years of data from Christmas Bird Counts, breeding bird surveys, other Citizen Science-based programs, and other avian projects to provide the most comprehensive look ever produced at the state of our nation's birds. The findings of these reports tell us that many of our native bird species are in trouble.

The National WatchList identifies birds that are critically imperiled, birds that either are already listed under the Endangered Species Act or are at risk of becoming candidates for listing in the near future. Nearly a fifth of the bird species found in the United States and 11% of the species found in Oregon made the WatchList.

Equally startling were the findings in the "Common Birds in Decline" report. It identified species which are still relatively abundant (with populations of more than 500,000 individuals) but which are experiencing long-term

population declines. This report tells us that many backyard species that we take for granted will join the WatchList in future decades if we don't step up our

conservation efforts. For example, over the past 40 years, nationwide populations of Evening Grosbeaks have declined 78%, Northern Pintails have declined 77%, Horned Larks have declined 56%, and Rufous Hummingbirds have declined 58%. What these reports ultimately tell us is that we must take action, ranging from our backyards to our wilderness areas, to increase protections for native birds.

Based on these troubling reports, Portland Audubon has developed conservation priorities that seek to protect and restore native birds at the local, state, and federal levels. Go to our website, [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org), to learn more about our avian conservation programs.



Over the past 40 years, nationwide populations of Evening Grosbeaks have declined 78%! © Jim Cruce

## 109th Christmas Bird Count

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Each Christmas Bird Count attempts to count all the birds in a 15-mile-diameter circle on one given day. In addition to the Portland Count, roughly 45 other counts will be conducted in Oregon this year during the three weeks surrounding the holidays. Some of the counts in NW Oregon are listed below, and a complete list of Oregon Counts can be found on our website at [www.audubonportland.org/local-birding/christmas\\_count/cbc2008](http://www.audubonportland.org/local-birding/christmas_count/cbc2008).

### Want to participate in the Portland Christmas Bird Count?

Look at the map of the Portland CBC circle and pick an area you would like to help cover. (It does not need to be where you reside.) Contact the area leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on Jan. 3. Area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and to cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am until 4pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can't decide which area? Contact me, Wink Gross, at [winkg@hevanet.com](mailto:winkg@hevanet.com) or 503-226-3842.

Can't do the Portland Count on Jan. 3? Check out the other counts around the state, pick one that suits your schedule, and contact the compiler directly.

What to bring: binoculars, of course! Be prepared for a day outdoors in Oregon in the winter. That means warm clothes, rainwear, and waterproof shoes. The counts are held as scheduled, rain or shine. Bring a bag lunch and snacks. Each participant over age 18 is asked to contribute \$5 to defray the expense of publishing the results and sending you a summary. And, last but not least, bring an enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to search quietly and patiently for birds.

Almost every Christmas Bird Count turns up an unusual bird. Often as not, it's first spotted by a new birder. Will you be the person who finds the "Best Bird" this year and wins the coveted "Eagle Eye" Award?

## Feeder Watchers needed, too!

If a day tramping around in the cold and wet doesn't appeal to you, you may still be able to participate. Most Christmas Counts solicit reports from "Feeder Watchers," and there are usually a few species only recorded by these Feeder Watchers. If you happen to live within the Count Circle and maintain a birdfeeder, the compiler will want to know what you saw on Count Day. Remember, only birds seen on the actual day of the Christmas Bird Count "count." Contact the count compiler for details.

### Area Leaders for Portland Christmas Bird Count (January 3)

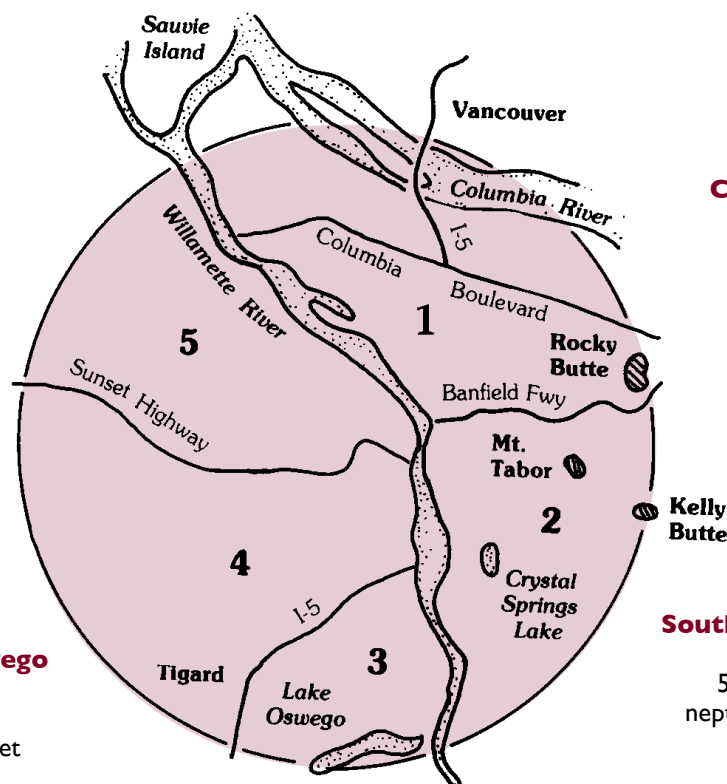
**Area 5: Northwest Hills/Forest Park**  
Sam Pointer  
503-655-9107  
[OCMossBack@aol.com](mailto:OCMossBack@aol.com)

**Area 4: Beaverton**  
Lori Hennings  
503-797-1940 or  
503-329-5003  
[lori.hennings@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:lori.hennings@oregonmetro.gov)

**Area 3: Lake Oswego**  
Lynn Herring  
503-635-8030  
[lynnhe@comcast.net](mailto:lynnhe@comcast.net)

**Area 1: Columbia Riparian**  
John Fitchen  
503-775-0928  
[jfitchen@aol.com](mailto:jfitchen@aol.com)

**Area 2: Southeast Portland**  
Pat Muller  
503-236-6711  
[neptunea2@cs.com](mailto:neptunea2@cs.com)



### Partial List of NW Oregon & SW Washington Counts

For more listings, see [www.audubonportland.org/local-birding/christmas\\_count/cbc2008](http://www.audubonportland.org/local-birding/christmas_count/cbc2008).

**Sunday, December 14**  
**Columbia Estuary**  
Mike Patterson  
503-325-1365  
[celata@pacifier.com](mailto:celata@pacifier.com)  
Meet 7am at Pig-n-Pancake Restaurant in Astoria.

**Lyle, Washington**  
(includes The Dalles, Rowena, & Mosier, OR)  
Bob Hansen  
509-637-2736  
[bobhansen@gorge.net](mailto:bobhansen@gorge.net)  
Contact the compiler.

**Monday, December 15**  
**Upper Nestucca**  
Don Albright  
503-538-8890  
[donalbri@teleport.com](mailto:donalbri@teleport.com)  
Contact the compiler.

**Tuesday, December 16**  
**Corvallis**  
Marcia F. Cutler  
541-752-4313  
[marciafcutler@comcast.net](mailto:marciafcutler@comcast.net)  
Contact the compiler; post-count gathering at Tunison Community Room (365 SW Tunison).

**Saturday, December 20**  
**Salem**  
Glen Lindeman  
503-364-6968  
[gdalindy@msn.com](mailto:gdalindy@msn.com)  
Contact the compiler; teams arranged in advance.

**Tillamook Bay**  
Owen Schmidt  
503-282-9403  
[oschmidt@att.net](mailto:oschmidt@att.net)  
Meet 7am at Fern Restaurant, 1000 N. Hwy.101, Tillamook.

**Sunday, December 21**  
**Sauvie Island**  
*Oregon side contact:*  
Karen Bachman  
[konion6@comcast.net](mailto:konion6@comcast.net) or  
[karen@tonkon.com](mailto:karen@tonkon.com)  
503-289-3605 or 503-802-2057  
*Washington side contact:*  
Tammy Bjorkman  
[bjorkman@columbiastrandtrust.org](mailto:bjorkman@columbiastrandtrust.org)  
Contact the compilers.

**Friday, December 26**  
**Brownsville**  
Barbara Combs  
541-689-6660  
[bcombs232@gmail.com](mailto:bcombs232@gmail.com)  
Meet 7am at Pioneer Villa Restaurant (Brownsville exit off I-5).

**Saturday, December 27**  
**Forest Grove**  
Mary Anne Sohlstrom  
503-463-9540  
[masohlstrom@msn.com](mailto:masohlstrom@msn.com)  
Meet 7am (earlier if eating breakfast) at Elmer's Pancake House, 390 SW Adams, Hillsboro.

**Sunday, December 28**  
**Hood River**  
Catherine Flick  
509-493-1195  
[stewart@gorge.net](mailto:stewart@gorge.net)  
Meet 6:30am at Best Western in Hood River (exit 64 off I-84).

**Tuesday, December 30**  
**Dallas**  
Roy Gerig  
503-589-4636  
[roygerig@hotmail.com](mailto:roygerig@hotmail.com)  
Meet 7:15am at Bert's Family Restaurant, 165 Orchard Dr, Dallas.

**Wahkiakum, WA**  
(includes Knappa and Brownsmead, OR)  
Andrew Emlen  
360-795-8009  
[aceasp@pacifier.com](mailto:aceasp@pacifier.com)  
Oregon counters meet 7am at The Logger Restaurant, Knappa. Washington counters meet 7am at Skamokawa Center in Skamokawa.

**Saturday, January 3**  
**Portland**  
Wink Gross  
503-226-3842  
[winkg@hevanet.com](mailto:winkg@hevanet.com)  
Contact the Area Leader (see map).



Birders on Willamette trail © Mike Houck

## Great Backyard Bird Count

by Seth Reams, Great Backyard Bird Count Volunteer

**B**inoculars? Check. Notepad? Check. Camera? Check. Yep, that's right, it's officially Counting Season! The Great Backyard Bird Count is coming up this **February 13–16, 2009**, and it marks the 12th annual four-day event that asks birdwatchers of all ages and areas to count birds to help compose an immediate and long-term picture of where the birds are across North America. Anyone can participate, from those just beginning to birdwatch to those who have been watching for years. You can count for as little as 15 minutes for just a single day, or you can count for as long as you like for all four days. It's completely free, a lot of fun, and very easy.

You just count birds anywhere you wish for as little or as long as you wish during the four days. Then, record the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time. To report your counts, just fill out the online checklist at the GBBC website ([www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc)) or mail in the paper version.

As the count progresses, just log on to the website and explore what kinds of birds are being reported from all over the U.S. and Canada. You can see up-to-the-minute numbers or compare with those from previous years. You can also send in photographs of the birds that you see. The website has an entire gallery devoted to participants' photos.

In 2008, birders submitted 85,725 checklists totaling **635 species and 9,805,216 birds — an all-time record for the count.** Portland reported 227 checklists with a total of 114 species, which is 88 more checklists and 26 more species than 2007's tallies! Oregon overall reported 211 species and 1,469 checklists. Now, as good as those numbers are, we can do better. To be in the top 10 of reporting states, Oregon would need to report around 3,000 checklists: We can do it this year!

The GBBC website ([www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc)) is easy to navigate and is full of all the information you'll need. You can log on from anywhere and explore all the data that has been collected over the last 11 years. Please go online for more information, or contact Seth Reams at [nepobirds@yahoo.com](mailto:nepobirds@yahoo.com).

One person really can make a difference.

### Report your bird sightings year round on eBird!

You don't have to wait for the Christmas Bird Count or the Great Backyard Bird Count to contribute your bird sightings. **eBird** is an online reporting program that seeks your bird sightings every day of the year. In return for submitting your bird observations, eBird will give you a special password that will allow you to access a permanent record of all the birds that you have reported. eBird also allows you to enter in any geographic location and learn what birds have been reported there over time.

Go to <http://ebird.org/content/ebird> for more information.

## Sauvie Island Raptor Road Trip

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### How does the "road trip" work?

The trip begins at **Kruger's Farm Market**, where you will need to stop first to get your event map and guide. To reach Kruger's, go over the Sauvie Island bridge, and continue straight 1.5 miles (passing by Howell Territorial Park) to the farm entrance on your right. Entrance to the event is \$5 per vehicle (cash only please), which includes a one-day Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit, event guide, birding map and checklist, and picture handouts on how to identify birds of prey.



American Kestrel. Photo: Dave Menke/USFWS

We'll provide spotting scopes, a crash course in raptor identification, and naturalists to point out the birds. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. Dress for the weather with gloves and a hat; this event takes place rain or shine. It is suitable for birders of all skill levels, and families are welcome.

Unlike traditional birdwatching, you don't have to be an "early bird" and get up at the crack of dawn to see these birds of prey, but we recommend that you allow about three hours if you wish to visit all four locations.

### What will you see?

It all depends on what nature has in store, but frequently sighted raptors include **Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, American Kestrels, and Northern Harriers.** With a little luck, you also might spot a **Rough-legged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Merlin, or Peregrine Falcon.** Beautiful **Snow Geese, Sandhill Cranes, and Great Blue Herons** often are seen at this time of year as well.



Cooper's Hawk © Jim Cruce

No registration is required. For more information, go to [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) or call 503-292-6855 ext.116.

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Five juvenile Bald Eagles were enjoying a kill on Sauvie Island when two adults scared them off. This image presents a good comparison of juvenile (top) and adult plumage. © [www.BjornFredrickson.com](http://www.BjornFredrickson.com)

## Wildlife Care Center

### Fall is Raptor Season in the Wildlife Care Center

by Molly McAllister, WCC Assistant Manager

**O**n Saturday, Nov. 1, the Care Center had cages full of Western Screech-Owls, Red-tailed Hawks, Great Horned Owls, and many others.

The fall raptor migration brings in many sick or injured birds, often thin and malnourished, and fills our cages with birds of prey.

That Saturday we received a call from Forest Grove, where the caller had been walking their dog in an orchard and found an owl on the ground with an injured wing. Shortly thereafter they brought the owl to the Care Center, where an excited volunteer crew realized that it was a **Short-eared Owl**, a species on the 2007 National Audubon WatchList as a species under decline. Short-eared Owls occur throughout North America and year-round in the Portland area. They are partially diurnal and hunt rodents over fields, marshes, and grasslands. Habitat



Short-eared Owl in WCC.

loss as grasslands and marshes are destroyed or degraded is a major contributor to their decline.

This owl came to us slightly thin with a severe fracture of the left wing. X-rays led us to believe that the fracture might be repairable, but that it would require extensive intervention. Dr. Dave Barno of Rock Creek Veterinary Hospital in



The initial X-ray showed a large displacement of the fractured bone.



Post-operatively, the bone has been replaced to its normal location and fixed there with a pin into the bone shaft and wire encircling it.

Beaverton offered to perform the invasive repair, which was too extensive to be done in our hospital. After a nearly three-hour surgery, Dr. Barno was finally able to align the bones and pin them together for a successful result.

The owl will spend the next weeks recuperating at the Wildlife Care Center under veterinary care and plenty of good wishes. Stay updated on its progress by checking our website at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org).

# Educational Trips & Tours

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early.

## LAND OF THE ICE BEARS: An In-depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard

July 31–August 10, 2009

Join Portland Audubon's **Steve Engel** on an incredible journey to the land of the midnight sun — a landscape rich in the glaciers, ice floes, and Arctic wildlife you have dreamed about. **Svalbard** is a remote archipelago situated just over 350 miles north of Norway's North Cape. It is a place of deep fjords, mountains, and massive sheets of ice that cover 60% of the land's surface. During summer, when the sun never sets, the tundra experiences a warm awakening and soon becomes carpeted with wildflowers. Ice-peppered fjords ring with the thunderous sound of glacial ice crashing to the sea. **Walrus** raise their sleepy heads to observe us and everyone holds their breath when a **Polar Bear** is spotted and cameras click wildly. Seabirds are abundant with nesting **Atlantic Puffin**, **Dovekie**, **Pomarine Jaeger**, **Thick-billed Murre**, **Black-legged Kittiwake**, **Northern Fulmar**, and **Arctic Tern**. **Ivory Gulls** are often seen, especially in the vicinity of **Polar Bears** hunting the **Bearded** and **Ringed Seal**. Families of **Barnacle** and **Pink-footed Geese** raise their young along the ice-free shorelines, and **Snow Buntings** nest on the dry tundra benches where **Arctic Fox** patrol for an easy meal of eggs or young.

Experience nature in its purest form in the **High Arctic**. This is as far north as it is possible to travel without an icebreaker. With our fully stabilized ice-class expedition ship, we are able to probe the ice in search of wildlife. This voyage is undertaken in the spirit of discovery: Nature is full of wonderful surprises and we will be guided by her. Our pace will be unhurried and our options many. During our **six full days at sea**, we will explore both sides of the archipelago and possibly even circumnavigate it if ice conditions allow. Daily activities can



Walrus on ice floe, Svalbard © Stewart Cohen



Kayaker and Tidewater Glacier, Svalbard © Ralph Lee Hopkins

include landings via Zodiac craft to experience the tundra and visits to sites rich in history from days of whaling, fur trapping, and Arctic exploration, as well as opportunities to kayak in the Arctic wilderness.

Our adventure takes place on the **National Geographic Explorer**, a state-of-the-art vessel operated by **Lindblad Expeditions**, offering guests an intimate, educational environment. Lindblad has offered expeditions to the remotest corners of the world for over 25 years and has a stellar record for safety, environmental consciousness, and wildlife sightings.

**Leader:** Steve Engel, Adult Education Coordinator. Steve has four summers of experience working as a naturalist in Svalbard.

**Fee:** Begins at \$6,920. For details and additional information, contact Steve Engel as soon as possible.

## ALASKA — TO NOME AND BACK!

June 6–16, 2009

**N**ome, in far west Alaska, is surrounded by stunning scenery and incredible birding opportunities. It also has a great road system for accessing the diverse habitats where we'll search for wildlife during our first four days in Alaska. Expect an exhilarating mix of the exotic and the familiar when birding Nome, including **Bluethroat** and **Yellow Wagtail** (Asian songbirds of the brushy tundra) that breed next to **White-crowned** and **Golden-crowned Sparrow**. **Harlequin Duck** and **Wandering Tattler** share their riparian breeding grounds with **Arctic Warbler** (a thrush relative that winters in Africa). **Gyrfalcons** compete with **Peregrines** for cliff nest sites. Waterfowl and shorebirds seen only in migration farther south are devoted to full-time breeding activities, revealing a new side of their life history to you. Add a herd of **Musk Ox** on the tundra and the possibility of **Gray Whales** in Norton Sound, and there is indeed no place like Nome!

During our five days in Southcentral Alaska we'll travel by bus deep into Denali National Park for excellent chances of observing **Grizzly Bear**, **Moose**, **Dall's Sheep**, **Caribou**, and possibly even **Wolf**. The range of habitat types in the park and the ever-changing scenery will astound you! Back in our van we follow the Denali Highway across a landscape recently emerged from the ice age yet rich in bird life. **White-winged Crossbill**, **Boreal Chickadee**, **Northern Hawk Owl**, and **Three-toed Woodpecker** can be found in the spruce forests. Tundra ponds have nesting **Common** and **Red-throated Loon**, **Trumpeter Swan**, and ducks galore. Out on the low tundra we'll look for **Long-tailed Jaeger**, **Whimbrel**, and **Smith's Longspur**.



Denali Highway © George Hanson

Our last three days we experience the rich maritime ecosystem of the Kenai Fjords National Park from our base in Seward. A full-day boat trip will bring us close to **Sea Otter**, tens of thousands of nesting seabirds, the toes of tidewater glaciers, and the chance to see **Humpback Whale** and **Orca**. We'll look for **Red-faced Cormorant**, **Kittlitz's Murrelet**, and **Thick-billed Murre** among the thousands of **Black-legged Kittiwakes** and **Tufted** and **Horned Puffins**.

**What is included:** All ground transportation in Alaska, 10 nights lodging (based on double occupancy), all park entry fees, boat and bus tour fees, breakfasts, lunches, and the services of your leader. A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible contribution to the Audubon Society of Portland.

**Fee:** \$2,895 members / \$3,095 non-members **Group Size:** 9 maximum  
**Deposit:** \$1,400 required to secure your place **Leader:** Steve Engel

Contact Steve Engel at [sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6119.

## KLAMATH BASIN BIRDING EXPEDITION

March 19–22, 2009

**E**njoy some of the best birding in the west on this fantastic voyage with Bob Fields and the Audubon Society of Portland. The most important wetland system in the west, the Klamath Basin is a haven for migratory birds and is one of Oregon's 105 Important Bird Areas. The spectacular spring migration of **Snow**, **Ross's**, and **Greater White-fronted Geese** should be in full swing. In addition to witnessing huge flocks of waterfowl on previous trips, we've also had excellent viewing of **Barrow's Goldeneye**, **Lewis's Woodpecker**, and **Rough-legged Hawk**, to name a just a few of the other species we can expect.



Snow Geese © Jim Cruce

This is a good time of year to be out in one of Oregon's premier birding areas observing the transition from winter to spring. **Bob Fields** is a former manager of the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge System and an active volunteer for Portland Audubon. He has led this popular trip for many years. His intimate knowledge with the wildlife and the issues faced by the refuges makes this a trip not to be missed! **Don Cogswell** is a skillful birder who has co-lead many of Portland Audubon's tours.

**What is included:** Transportation by van from Portland, 3 nights double-occupancy lodging in Klamath Falls, all entry fees, breakfasts, and lunches, and the services of your leaders.

**Fee:** \$490 members / \$530 non-members **Group size:** 14 participants  
**Deposit:** \$250 required to secure your place **Leaders:** Bob Fields and Don Cogswell

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## Birding Texas Style!

February 8–15, 2009

Still  
a couple  
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available!

## Skagit Flats and Falcons!

February 20–22, 2009

**J**oin us for our third annual visit to the Skagit Flats. Just one hour north of Seattle, the broad floodplain of the Skagit and Samish Rivers host an abundance of wintering raptors, shorebirds, ducks, geese, and swans. It is the best place anywhere to attempt seeing all five species of North American falcons in one weekend: **American Kestrel**, **Merlin**, **Prairie Falcon**, **Peregrine Falcon**, and **Gyrfalcon**! Two nights of comfortable lodging in Mt. Vernon allow us to get to prime birding spots easily on Saturday and Sunday. Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, Samish Island, and the quaint town of La Conner are also on our list of places to check out. A stop at the Nisqually River NWR near Olympia helps to break up the drive as well as provide some great birding.

**What is included:** All transportation from Portland, 2 nights lodging (based on double occupancy), two breakfasts, one lunch, and the services of your guide.

**Fee:** \$275 members / \$315 non-members **Group size:** 9 maximum

Contact Steve Engel at [sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6119.

## HOW TO REGISTER

### Adult Classes

1. Phone or email with your **contact information and the classes** in which you wish to reserve one or more spaces.
2. **Mail in your payment right away.** Make checks payable to Audubon Society of Portland.
3. We'll contact you with **confirmation of payment and class details.**

### Educational Trips & Tours

1. Phone or email to **request a registration packet** for the trips of interest.
2. Complete and sign the **Registration / Waiver Form** and return it with the **required deposit.**
3. We'll contact you with **confirmation of payment and further details.**

**Contact:** Steve Engel, Adult Education Coordinator  
**Email:** sengel@audubonportland.org  
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 Portland, OR 97210

**Credit Card Payment:** We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. A 3% processing fee is added to each transaction. Include card number, expiration date, and billing address, or call Steve Engel and pay over the phone.

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## JANUARY

### Sparrows and Other 'LBJs' in Winter

**January 15 (Thursday), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**January 17 (Saturday), 9am-Noon: Field Trip**

'LBJs' are those Little Brown Jobbers that abound in the brush and fields during our Willamette Valley winter. Many of them are sparrows of one kind or another, some of them are wrens, and some just can't be identified! Or can they? **John Rakestraw**, author of numerous articles and the *Falcon Guide to Birding Oregon*, will help you tackle how to identify the birds in that flitting flock in the field with a Thursday evening class and a Saturday field trip.

**Fee:** \$25 members / \$35 non-members  
**Enrollment limited:** 15 participants

### Gulls in Winter

**Feb. 19 (Thursday), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Feb. 21 (Saturday), 9am-Noon: Field Trip**

Do you typically take a 'pass' on identifying gulls when you are out birding? If you feel it is time to take the plunge and learn some tricks for figuring out what kind of gull that is, then join **John Rakestraw**, author of numerous articles and the *Falcon Guide to Birding Oregon*, for an evening class on gull identification and natural history. On Saturday, John leads a field trip to a local gull hangout where we will put our new-found knowledge to the test.

**Fee:** \$25 members / \$35 non-members  
**Enrollment limited:** 15 participants  
**Pre-registration is required.**

### Trees in Winter

**Feb. 15 (Sunday), 10am-3pm in Heron Hall**

Are you feeling like a stranger amongst the many tree species that make up our world-famous forests? Then it's time to be introduced! Spend a day learning fun facts about common and not-so-common native northwest trees. We'll learn many different identifying clues — from their bark to their berries and where they are growing. Knowing your trees is a great way to feel connected to where you live and, for birdwatchers, a very useful tool for describing to your companions where a bird is located. We'll spend half our time indoors and then venture outside into the Audubon Sanctuary. Instructor is **Steve Engel**, Adult Education Coordinator.

**Fee:** \$20 members / \$25 non-members  
**Enrollment limited:** 15 participants  
**Pre-registration is required.**

## FEBRUARY

### Revving Up for the Raptor Road Trip: An Introduction to Raptor Identification

**Feb. 5 (Thursday), 7pm-9pm in Heron Hall**

The Willamette Valley is home to a host of hawks, eagles, and falcons. Identifying these birds may seem daunting at first, but sorting through them all isn't so hard when you know what to look for. Join local author and guide **John Rakestraw** for an introduction to raptor ID. We'll learn the key field marks for all the local wintering raptors, and make side-by-side comparisons of similar species.

**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
**No class size limit. Pre-registration is required.**

### Beginning Field Birding and Sauvie Island Exploration with Greg Baker

**Saturdays, 8am-Noon, February 7, March 7, April 4**

Saturday morning explorations at one of Oregon's most accessible Important Bird Areas — **Sauvie Island Wildlife Area**, managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife — continue with **Greg Baker!** This field class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of conditions with the tutelage of an expert birder. Explore different habitats on the island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors. This workshop is limited to 15 people and signups are for all three days. Carpooling is encouraged.

**Fee:** \$50 members / \$60 non-members  
**Enrollment limited:** 15 participants  
**Pre-registration required** – participants register for all three days.

### Beginning Birding I


**February 9 (Monday), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**February 15 & 22 (Sundays), 8:30am-11:30am: Field Trips**


If you've always wanted to give birding a try and would like to learn some basics, this class is for you. Designed especially for beginners, topics include finding birds, tips for looking at birds, recognizing behavior and habitats, and identifying bird sounds. Take concepts from the evening program and apply them on two Portland-area field trips. Your instructor will be **Laura Whittemore**. Sign up early, as Laura's classes fill quickly!

**Fee:** \$35 members / \$50 non-members  
**Enrollment limited:** 14 participants  
**Pre-registration is required.**

## Winter Break Camp 2008 at the Audubon Society of Portland

**All camps run from 9:00am to 4:00pm.  
No camp on December 25 & 26 and January 1.**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24	No Camp December 25 or 26
<p><b>'Let's Wing It' Bird Art 1st-3rd grade</b> Hike along forest trails winding through woodpecker, owl, and songbird habitat. Use your observations of birds and their habitat to create boldly colorful, wildly imaginative drawings and sculptures using oil pastel, graphite, colored pencils, and clay. Fee: \$60 / \$70</p> <p><b>Junior Wildlife Vet 102 4th-5th grade</b> Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 / \$70</p>	<p><b>Cartooning Animals 2nd-3rd grade</b> Bring your imagination, inventiveness, and hiking shoes to this art and nature camp. We'll hike forest trails, keeping our sharp detective eyes on the lookout for animals to use as potential cartoon characters. Use forest, creek, and pond habitats as background settings for your cartoons and comic strips. Fee: \$60 / \$70</p> <p><b>Junior Wildlife Vet 103 6th-8th grade</b> See description for JWV 102 (Dec. 22). Fee: \$60 / \$70</p>	<p><b>Jr. Wildlife Vet 101, session 1 1st-3rd grade</b> See description for JWV 102 (Dec. 22). Fee: \$60 / \$70</p> <p><b>Cookin' at the Cabin 4th-8th grade</b> The holiday season lends itself to treats and sweets. Prepare your stomachs as we head to Portland Audubon's Marmot Cabin for a day of Cookin' at the Cabin. We will learn different fire building techniques in order to explore various cooking methods on an open fire. Orange cakes, cookies, western hemlock tea, and bannock (bread on a stick!) anyone? Fee: \$65 / \$75</p>	
<p><b>Snowshoe and Hot Cocoa Adventure 12/22 for 6th-8th grade — 12/23 for 4th-5th grade</b> Venture onto the snow-covered slopes of Mt. Hood on snowshoes. We'll snowshoe the White River Canyon, an incredible wilderness area, in search of Snowshoe Hare, Bobcat, and Coyote. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Fee includes snowshoe rental. Fee: \$70 / \$80</p>			

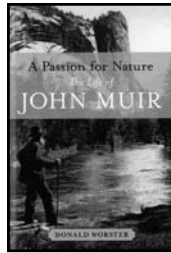
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<p><b>Jr. Raptor Road Trip I 2nd-3rd grade</b> Grab your binos, we'll bring the scope and treats! Join us for a road trip through Sauvie Island as we trace the path of the annual Raptor Road Trip put on by Audubon and other groups. We'll search for magnificent Bald Eagles, Hawks, and Falcons that spend the winter here. Learn the route and all the cool things that raptors have to teach us, so you can lead your family on the official road trip in February! Fee: \$65 / \$75</p> <p><b>Wolves 4th-8th grade</b> Come experience the magical world of Wolves as we travel in a pack to the <i>Wolf Haven Sanctuary</i>. With Portland Audubon as your Alpha Wolf, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. We're sure to have a howlin' good time! Fee: \$65 / \$75</p>	<p><b>Winter Treasure Hunt 2nd-3rd grade</b> Hidden animal tracks. Elusive birds. Squirrel nests. We'll search for all of these and more as we travel to natural areas around Portland to find all the things that make winter in the Pacific Northwest special. Later, we'll celebrate our success with a special treat ... if we can find it. Fee: \$65 / \$75</p> <p><b>Elk Extravaganza 4th-8th grade</b> Jump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve. Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the coast range. Participate in an Elk-feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close. Fee: \$65 / \$75</p>	<p><b>Who's New at the Zoo? 2nd-3rd grade</b> Winter is a great time to find a baby Elephant, as long as you know where to look. We'll head to the Oregon Zoo to find native northwestern animals like Cougars and Black Bears, as well as exotic ones like Warty Pigs, fruit bats and, of course, Sam the baby Elephant. Fee: \$65 / \$75</p> <p><b>Jr. Raptor Road Trip 2 4th-6th grade</b> See description for Jr. Raptor Road Trip I (Dec. 29). Fee: \$65 / \$75</p>	<p><b>Jr. Wildlife Vet 101, session 2 1st-3rd grade</b> See description for JWV 102 (Dec. 22). Fee: \$60 / \$70</p> <p><b>Knitting Nature 4th-8th grade</b> We'll take a forest hike, learn the basics of knitting, and start a fun project. You can make a bookmark, an ear-warmer, or a scarf. Once you learn the basics, the possibilities are endless! We'll make our own knitting needles to take home. Beginners are welcome. Yarn and needles included. Fee: \$60 / \$70</p>
			

Please visit [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) for registration information.

# Nature Store Highlights

by Sally Loomis, Nature Store Clerk

Oh, what gorgeous books are in store for you this holiday season! We are stocking some wonderful art and photography titles that would make memorable gifts or enrich your own personal library. Here are just a few of the many titles we have for you. Please come by the Nature Store and take a look!



Three new titles celebrate the life and work of pioneering naturalists. *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir* by Donald Worster richly details the story of this important conservationist and founder of the Sierra Club. *Nature's Beloved Son: Rediscovering John Muir's Botanical Legacy* focuses on his extensive travels in search of botanical samples, featuring photographs of the very specimens Muir himself collected and pressed. *Audubon: Early Drawings* consists of the artist's rare works prior to *Birds of America*. Audubon destroyed most of his early work, but these bird portraits, very different in style from his later work, are part of a collection that survived.

*Egg and Nest* is a visual delight, a photography collection by Rosamond Purcell. Using the collections at the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, Purcell captures the complexity and beauty of these objects, emphasizing the rich textures of the eggs, and the



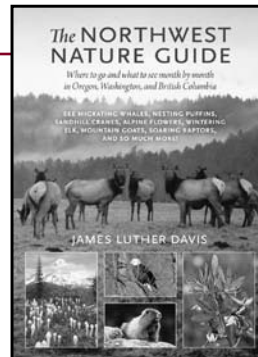
intricacy of nests. The text details the history and environmental perils of the now largely defunct hobby of egg collecting.

*Wild Beauty: Photographs of the Columbia River Gorge, 1867-1957* by Terry Toedtmeier and John Laursen celebrates the beauty of the Gorge, and acts as witness to the enormous changes that have occurred there. Companion to the Portland Art Museum exhibit, the beauty and poignancy of this volume is quite stunning.



A very special collectible item for lovers of ornithological art is *All the World's Birds*, a compendium of works by the 18th-century French naturalist Georges-Louis Leclerc, Count de Buffon. This is a lushly illustrated volume, list priced at \$350. We will be happy to take special orders for you, and your member discount will apply. Please contact Sally in the Nature Store if you are interested in exploring this title.

Aside from art books, here are two new works from popular literary authors that would make great gifts. *Finding Beauty in a Broken World* is Terry Tempest Williams' meditation on chaos and healing in the human and natural worlds. Mary Oliver's new title, *The Truro Bear and Other Adventures: Poems and Essays*, continues her exploration of creatures wild and domestic.



## Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

What will you find at the Audubon Nature Store this holiday season? Top new nature books for kids & adults. One of the best binocular & scope selections in the Northwest, plus a great selection of field guides. Birdfeeders & birdhouses built to Audubon specifications and the wrought-iron hangers to hold them up. Handmade soaps, shade-grown coffee, finely crafted jewelry, tiles & prints by local artists. Logo caps, t-shirts & cozy sweatshirts. And, of course, nature-themed holiday cards, ornaments & calendars to carry you into the New Year. And, Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.

### Save the date!

The Nature Store will be hosting a book launch party on Friday, January 30th for the new Timber Press publication from James Davis, *Metro Naturalist* and former education director here at Portland Audubon. *The Northwest Nature Guide: Where to Go and What to*

*See Month by Month in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia* gives you year-round insights to the best times and places to discover wildlife in our region. Filled with his trademark humor and enthusiasm for the natural world, and with detailed maps and stunning color photography, Davis's book is a must-have for anyone who wants to explore the Pacific Northwest. Details on the event are still forthcoming, but please watch for updates in the next *Warbler* or on our website. See you then!

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10am-5pm Sunday

## Giving In a Tough Economy

by Ann Takamoto, Development Director

The Audubon Society of Portland maintains its excellence in conservation and education, especially through these crucial, trying times. We want you, our members, to know how much your support means to us — we are community leaders because you stand with us. And because you stand with us, we continue to advocate for our precious resources, educate our future conservationists, promote the enjoyment of our region's natural resources, and care for thousands of injured and orphaned native birds and other native wildlife.

Every time you shop in our Nature Store, you help protect local and regional wild places. With each new membership and membership renewal, you provide impactful learning experiences for kids and adults alike. Your gift of a Wild Thing Sponsorship helps assure that we have the highest quality care for the distraught animals brought into our Care Center. Each generous donation helps protect endangered and threatened species near and afar. When you give a legacy gift to the Audubon Society of Portland, you help assure that our work will continue for generations to come.

We realize that you consider carefully when making your philanthropic choices each year. We truly appreciate your support and want you to know that every gift does great things right here where we live.

## Year-end Gifts Benefit You and the Audubon Society of Portland

The passage of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 or "Bailout Bill" on October 3, 2008, does offer some good benefits to individuals — you have one more option to use your money for charitable gifts and help support Portland Audubon's important conservation and education work.

Included in this legislation, the IRA Charitable Rollover Extension is a retroactive extension of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which allowed individuals over the age of 70½ to donate up to \$100,000 per year from their IRAs to charities without paying taxes on the distributions.

70½ is the age when investors are required to draw from their IRA accounts, and the Charitable Rollover Extension allows individuals to reap tax benefits while contributing to the community. This law is in effect through the end of 2009 and is retroactive for all of 2008.

Please contact Ann Takamoto, Portland Audubon Development Director, at 503-292-6855 ext.117 with any questions about contributing to the Audubon Society of Portland.



For children, here are two new book recommendations. *O is for Oregon*, with text by the students at Portland's Winterhaven School, is a fun alphabet book with topics inspired by our state, such as 'G is for Gorge.' *Eyelike Opposites* is the newest title in the Eyelike series, capturing "the beauty of differences in the natural world."

## Give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to Someone You Know!

I want to become a member or give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP at the level marked below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Introductory | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Goldfinch  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Individual   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Warbler (receives special gifts of Official Audubon T-Shirt & Heron pin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Family       |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Wren         |   |

I would like to give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to:

- This gift is for me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The GIFT MEMBERSHIP is from:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We will send a card to the new member notifying them of your gift.

### Payment Method

- My check, payable to Audubon Society of Portland, is enclosed.
- Please charge my:
- MasterCard  Visa  Discover
- Card #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wish List & Thank you's

### Thank you to:

- John Myers for a laptop gateway, wireless mouse, and card reader
- Kruger's Farm Market for 20 pumpkins donated for "Night Flight," our first annual Halloween event
- JoJo Petro for bales of hay and straw for "Night Flight"

### Our Wish List:

#### For Education:

Laptop computer

#### For Sanctuary:

Loppers • Hand saws • Work gloves  
Watering wand hose attachment

#### For Wildlife Care Center:

Science Diet Kitten Growth  
Aquariums • Kiddie Pools  
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent  
Welding Gloves  
Camper/Trailer  
Untreated Wood: 2x4, 4x4, 4x8

If you can donate these items, please first contact Audubon Society of Portland at 503-292-6855 ext.102, Mon-Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

## Winter Food Shortage Adaptations

As with all living things, among birds the secret of success is food. Food is the great regulator; it controls population levels, distribution, and general well being. It also is one of the main reasons birds migrate.

Birds generally do not carry much fat, so they must eat regularly. This could cause problems in times of shortages. Food shortages are found most often during the winter months. Birds have ways to offset starvation to a certain degree. As winter approaches bird metabolism is slowed, and all nonessential functions are closed down. Birds spend more time doing nothing when not foraging for food. They are also much less fussy about what they eat.

Because small-bodied birds cannot retain as much heat as larger-bodied birds, they must forage almost constantly for food. The larger birds, like hawks and owls, need to eat only every four or five days, but when they do eat they take much larger portions.

One wonders how small insect-eating birds, like **Bushtits** and the kinglets, can obtain enough food to survive during the winter. During cold nights many of the smaller species gather in a sheltered spot huddled in tight groups and share their body heat. During the day it's a continuous search

for food. Many of the wintering warblers forage for berries and small bits of grain. All will eat suet when provided at feeding stations or foraged from dead mammals.

Hummingbirds use torpor to survive the night and spend most of the day foraging for insects. Hummingbird feeders maintained during the winter give additional nourishment and probably save many hummingbirds during cold spells. It is interesting to note that the larger **Anna's Hummingbird** winters in Western Oregon but the smaller **Rufous Hummingbird** migrates to warmer climates.

**Bushtits** remain in flocks during the winter months, regularly setting up foraging territories over a large area. Throughout the day the flocks continually, and rapidly, move through the trees and bushes in search of food. Their foraging routes often take days to complete, so the flocks pass through a given location (like your back yard) every few days — or perhaps, in a poor year, every week or two. Seldom do they remain in one place more than a few minutes, except during the nesting season.



Bushtit © Jim Cruce

**Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets** are common wintering birds in Western Oregon. Both are insect-eating birds found in coniferous forests. Golden-crowned Kinglets remain in good-sized flocks throughout the year, foraging high in the canopy; except when noisily chattering, they are often overlooked by birders. Most move to lower elevations in winter, increasing populations in lowland forests.

Ruby-crowned Kinglets move out of the forests in winter to forage in the deciduous bushes and small trees in more open situations. Birders are quite familiar with this species and regularly see them in the field, often at close quarters as the birds are quite unwary.

Insect-eating birds undoubtedly suffer a high mortality during cold winters, but they have the capacity to quickly regain normal populations. Of course, if food becomes scarce, many will fly on to milder and more food-rich locations.

## Sightings

During the first week of October the main flight of northern geese passed over the Portland Metro area, with many stopping on Sauvie Island. At the Fernhill Wetlands a flock of about 500 **White-fronted Geese** joined about 10,000 **Cackling Geese** and remained for over a week. The **Snow Goose** movement was not overly impressive this fall, but quite a few individuals and small groups dropped out and were seen among the Cackling flocks. On October 30 Steve Jagers and John Rakestraw found that the Sauvie Island wintering flock had arrived.

On October 11 Steve Nord saw two **Tundra Swans** on Smith & Bybee Lakes. Lars Norgren found 13 at the Fernhill Wetlands October 26. On October 14 an **Emperor Goose** was found at a small pond in Hillsboro, where it remained through the month. Much more exotic is a bright **Red-breasted Goose** that has been seen with the Fernhill Cackling flocks.

On October 5 Carol Karlen reported a **Surf Scoter** at the Sheridan Sewage Ponds. John Davis found five scoters, along with a **Western Grebe**, October 13 on the

Willamette River between the Morrison and Hawthorne Bridges in downtown Portland. Erik Knight reported the first **Eurasian Wigeon** at Oaks Bottom October 7. Lars Norgren spotted a **Eurasian Green-winged Teal** at Fernhill October 26.

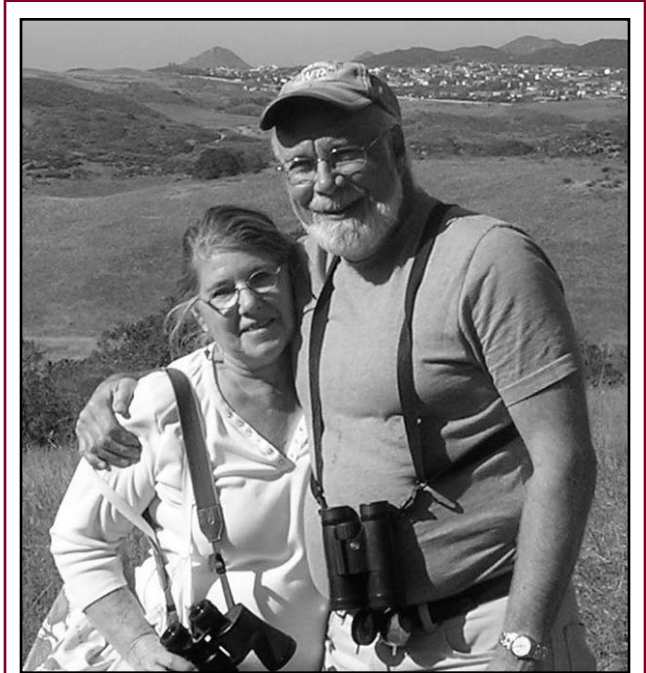


Rusty Blackbird. Photo: Dave Menke/USFWS

The Fernhill Wetlands produced many interesting bird sightings this fall. On October 11 Mike Marsh saw three **Stilt Sandpipers** there. On October 19 Erik Knight saw a **Pacific Golden-Plover** flying over the ponds, and found a bright **Sharp-tailed Sandpiper** at the Cattail Marsh. The Sharp-tailed remained over a week for many to see. Steve Halpern spotted a **Black-crowned Night-Heron** there October 27.

On October 5 there was a general movement of **Black-throated Gray Warblers**, and Tom Love spotted a late bird in West Linn October 25. Pamela Johnston reported a late **Swainson's Thrush** near McMinnville October 21. She had a **Say's Phoebe** there October 23. There was a late **Barn Swallow** at Fernhill October 29, and seven **Tree Swallows** at Smith & Bybee Lakes November 1.

Em Scattaregia and Adrian and Christopher Hinkle found a **Clay-colored Sparrow** on Sauvie Island October 5. John Gatchet reported a **Rusty Blackbird** on the Island October 4. Christa Mynhardt reported a **Magnificent Frigatebird** over Oaks Bottom October 16.



Don and Allie Brown © Alex Brown

## More TogetherGreen Volunteer Days at Audubon!

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Coordinator

The Audubon Society of Portland is pleased to have received a grant from National Audubon to help "spruce up" our sanctuary. These aren't your usual sanctuary work parties, though! We start each TogetherGreen Volunteer Day with a continental breakfast and a short program. Then it's off to the sanctuary for planting of native plants and trees. We break for lunch around 1 p.m. when pizza and pop are provided, and then it's back to the sanctuary to finish up the projects.

During our September and October TogetherGreen Volunteer Days, approximately 1500 feet of eroded trail along the Uthoff and Collins Trails were regraded and restored, and beautiful split-rail fencing was installed in three areas of the main sanctuary. All because



Rick Meyers and Jean Baecher-Brown help out during a recent TogetherGreen Volunteer Day. © Deanna Sawtelle

our great volunteers were enthusiastic, had a lot of energy, and weren't afraid to get a little dirty!

In addition to volunteering individually, this is a terrific opportunity for small groups and businesses who want to do some community service and team building. If you have a community group that would like to get involved in one or more of the TogetherGreen Volunteer Days, or if you'd like to volunteer individually or with your family (minimum age 15), please contact Deanna Sawtelle at [volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855 ext.108.

**The next two TogetherGreen Volunteer Days:**

**Saturday, Jan. 24th, 10am-4pm • Saturday, Feb. 21st, 10am-4pm**

## Volunteer of the Month: Don Brown

by Tammi Miller, Office Manager

As we searched for an Exit Interview Policy last spring, Portland Audubon board member Ron Spencer recalled a birdwatcher he had met on one of Paul Sullivan's Birding Weekends. Don Brown, a regular Birding Weekend participant and a retired human resources administrator, graciously drafted an Exit Interview Policy and offered to review our ten-year-old Personnel Policies.

Don and three staff members met twice monthly for the next 12 months to rewrite these outdated policies. One might think writing Personnel Policies to be rather tedious and downright dull. Injecting humor, caffeine, and sugary treats, Don brought levity and laughter to a process that involved asking hard questions about organizational beliefs, benefits, and values. Don devoted upwards of 100 hours of his time to guide us to completion of 12 new policies, rolled out this summer. His commitment continues as we work to complete this very important task. **Thank you, Don!**

# A Portal to Birding Oregon — Audubon Birding Weekends 2009



At the beginning of my 13th year of leading birding weekends in Oregon, I would like to repeat that it is a joy to share so many beautiful birds with so many fine people. Thank you to all the friends and supporters who have shared these adventures with me.

## Paul Sullivan

I am doing these weekends as a volunteer, simply making my expenses and no more. In return, I would like to ask all future participants to help me with 5 things.

- Please make your check payable to **Audubon Society of Portland**.
- Please send separate checks for each trip (\$70/couple, \$35/individual).
- Please provide all of the information requested for registration.
- Please come prepared with lunch, appropriate clothing, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc.
- Please come, help me find birds, and enjoy the trip!



Birding Weekends: new places, new friends, new birds.  
© Marilyn Stinnett

## A special note

Because these trips are so popular, they fill early and there is often a waiting list. At the same time, on the 10 trips in 2008 there were over 60 cancellations. That was a lot of *overhead* for me and for other participants. Please think before registering.

## How an Audubon Birding Weekend works

- You decide on the trip you want to attend, and send in a registration, including payment. Checks are not cashed until the trip happens. If you cancel, you get your check back. However, those who cancel should let me know well in advance so that someone on the waiting list can participate.
- No-shows will forfeit their registration payment.
- Folks who inquire, but don't send money, don't get on the list.
- About 10 days before the trip, I send a letter to participants giving details like lodging options, meeting place, schedule, possible birds, etc.
- Participants are responsible for their own transportation, food, and lodging. I try to help arrange carpooling.
- We travel to the location on Friday and stay in the same lodging two nights. We meet at a restaurant for breakfast on Saturday, then carpool and bird all day. We bird half of Sunday, then separate and head home.
- *We see new birds, explore new locations, and meet new people. We have fun.*

Carol Karlen will again help lead these trips. We continue to enjoy sharing birding in Oregon with others.

— Paul T. Sullivan

## How to Register for an Audubon Birding Weekend

Registration for Audubon Birding Weekends is \$35 per person for each weekend.

Please make your separate checks payable to the **Audubon Society of Portland**.

Register by the Tuesday before the weekend you plan to attend. The following registration information is needed for each weekend you wish to attend:

- your name(s)
- address
- phone
- email
- trip you wish to join
- number of attendees
- amount enclosed.

### Please send the registration to:

Paul T. Sullivan,  
4470 SW Murray Blvd. #26,  
Beaverton, OR 97005

**Questions?** Email Paul at [ptsulliv@spiritone.com](mailto:ptsulliv@spiritone.com) or call 503-646-7889. Weekday evenings are the best time to reach me.

## AUDUBON BIRDING WEEKENDS – 2009

### January 17–19 — Willowa County

We will look for the winter specialties of this beautiful corner of Oregon: Bohemian Waxwings, Rosy-Finches, Redpolls, and Snow Buntings, as well as the Gray Partridge, raptors, and waterfowl. The Willowa Mountains are beautiful at this time of year. **Base: Enterprise.**

### February 28–March 1 — Curry County

We will escape the cold of winter and look for the first spring migrants, as well as coastal species. **Base: Gold Beach.**

### March 21–22 — Summer Lake

We will visit this staging area for large numbers of Snow Geese and other waterfowl on their northward migration. **Base: Summer Lake.**

### April 25–26 — Jackson County

As spring comes to southern Oregon, we will visit this area to catch the early migrants. Specialties of the area include Oak Titmouse, Mockingbird, California Towhee, and Black Phoebe. **Base: Ashland.**

### May 23–25 — Malheur County

We will explore the birding haunts of this spectacular county in another time zone to find spring migrants and early summer nesters. We will look for shorebirds, raptors, waterfowl, and songbirds too. **Base: Ontario.**

### June 6–7 — Malheur NWR

We will visit this mecca of Oregon birding at the prime time to find regular spring migrants. This is also an excellent time of year for unusual vagrants.

**Base: Malheur Field Station.**

### July 25–26 — Lane County

We will visit Fern Ridge Reservoir to see the diverse array of migrant shorebirds, as well as waterfowl and upland songbirds. We will also visit the coast at Florence.

**Base: Eugene.**

### August — no trip

Join us in Charleston at the Oregon Shorebird Festival and Oregon Field Ornithologists' annual meeting.

### September 26–27 — Malheur NWR

We will enjoy the crisp air at Malheur NWR and look for fall migrants. This is a prime time of year for unusual vagrants. The fall colors on Steens Mountain are spectacular at this time. **Base: Burns.**

### October 10–11 — Baker County

We will visit this beautiful county to look for fall migrants and early wintering species. We will visit the Burnt River, Unity and Phillips Reservoirs, and the Powder River valley.

**Base: Baker City.**

### November 7–8 — Klamath Basin

We will check out the wintering waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors in the Klamath Basin. This is a prime place to see large numbers of Snow Geese, Ross's Geese, swans, and a variety of forest species as well. **Base: Klamath Falls.**

### December — no trip

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

### In Honor

**Alison Towle and Charlie Moore**  
Anne and Daryl Vermillion

**Dan van den Broek**  
Chad and Mary Karr

### In Memory

**Gordon Charles**  
Arlene Rae Heller  
Dale Schatz

**Joan Anderson**  
Doreen Kelley

**Donald Douglas Wallace, Sr.**  
Pat Ellis  
Nikole and Mike Emerson

**Fern Lingner**  
J. Paul and Marjorie Schweinfurth  
Joseph and Elizabeth Schweinfurth

**Thomas Stoel**  
Alan Locklear and Marie Valleroy

**Robert P. Barnum**  
Alan Uney and Cathy Ross

**Mary Polansky**  
Anne Marie and Gary Smith

You can honor a special person with a gift to Audubon Society of Portland. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature.

You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) or by calling 971-222-6129. A songbird card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

The Audubon Society of Portland is a member of Earth Share of Oregon. For more information, contact Earth Share of Oregon at 503-223-9015 or on the web at [www.earthshare-oregon.org](http://www.earthshare-oregon.org).



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## Welcome, New Members!

Portland Audubon is a force in conservation thanks to its strength in membership, standing together since 1902. We appreciate each and every one of our members and celebrate our membership by welcoming our new members monthly. Thank you for joining our vibrant and growing community!

Keelin Anderson  
Dorothy Blalock  
Patricia Bollin  
Catrina Bradford and  
Amber Davis  
Terry Brown  
Joe Ciravlo  
Amy Clark  
Wes Craven  
Molly A. Delorit  
Dorothy V. DeMars  
Cheryl DesRuisseaux  
Chris Dwight  
Mary Ellis  
Tom Ficker  
Yael Garfinkle  
Susan Glass  
Daniel Gotkowitz  
Richard Hall  
Judith Head  
Joely Helgesen  
Susan Helzer  
Ken Hogan  
Heather Jacks

John and Liana Jamison  
Beverly R. Jarrell  
Timothy A. Johnson  
Paula M. Johnson  
Janice Junkin  
Cheri Klimpel  
James A. Koch  
Geoff T. LaMaye  
John C. Leadley  
Donald C. Leedy  
Shayla D. Morgan  
Deborah Nelson  
Kevin Newsom  
Mary O'Neal  
Stephen L. Pilson  
Elise Skora  
Craig Stewart and  
Barb Robitaille  
Dorothy K. Strasser  
Marci A. Uchytel  
Ken Vanderkamp  
Eric Von der Heyden  
Amy Whitworth

If you would like to join us or have any questions about membership, please contact Catherine at [chalpin@audubonportland.org](mailto:chalpin@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855.

# Take a Wild Thing Under Your Wing

**Go GREEN with your gifts this holiday season.**

**Sponsor a Wild Thing, give a cool present, and protect wildlife at the same time!**

The Audubon Society of Portland Wildlife Care Center provides a permanent home for several non-releasable native birds. Each of these birds came to us with an injury or condition so severe that they would be unable to survive in the wild. Sponsoring one of these birds is a great way to learn more about these incredible creatures, while at the same time helping us meet their food, medical, and housing needs. In turn, these birds act as ambassadors for their species and for Portland Audubon at our sanctuaries, in classrooms, and at events.

When you sponsor one of the Audubon Society of Portland "Wild Things," you are providing care and treatment for our resident native birds AND helping the sick, injured, and orphaned native wild animals that are treated in our Wildlife Care Center. Each year we care for over 3,000 native animals with a goal to release them back to the wild.

**Syd, Finnegan, Hazel, Julio, Jack, Ruby, and Aristophanes** are permanent residents of the Audubon Society of Portland Wildlife Care Center. We cannot give them freedom, but are committed to giving them the best captive life possible.

**You can help by taking one of these birds "Under Your Wing."** And when you do, come to the Care Center to say hello. They are viewable daily, 9am - 5pm.

**Your support will help provide:**

## Aristophanes, the Common Raven

Aristophanes was taken from his nest and raised by humans. As a result, he became imprinted upon people and never learned to act like a raven. Attempts to place him with a pair of wild ravens raising their own young failed as Aristophanes took no interest and continued to seek out humans for interaction. Because of this and his lack of survival skills, he is unreleasable.



Aristophanes © Deanna Sawtelle



Syd © Ken Barron

## Syd, the Red-tailed Hawk

On one of her first flights after leaving the nest, Syd was struck by a car and her right wing was fractured. The wing did not heal properly and she can only fly a few feet. Syd would not be able to hunt or survive in the wild and has lived in the Wildlife Care Center since 1992.

## Finnegan, the Peregrine Falcon

Finnegan came to the Wildlife Care Center as a nestling in 2000. He was removed from his nest by a wildlife biologist who discovered that he has a deformed foot that would make him unable to hunt effectively in the wild.



Finnegan © Chuck Nakell

## Hazel, the Northern Spotted Owl

Hazel was about 2 years old in 2004 when she was found starving on the ground in the Mt. Hood National Forest. She had injuries to both eyes consistent with some sort of impact, and her feathers were in terrible condition. The damage to her primary feathers extended all the way down to the feather follicles and many of the new feathers came in deformed and misshapen. After more than a year of effort, it was clear that she would never regain the ability to fly.



Hazel © Chuck Nakell

## Julio, the Great Horned Owl

Julio was found as a nestling after the tree holding her nest was cut down. Julio was raised by humans and never learned to be an owl. By the time she was brought to the Wildlife Care Center in 2005, she was five years old and it was too late to reverse the imprinting that had occurred.



Julio © Chuck Nakell

## Jack Sparrowhawk, the American Kestrel

Jack was found in near Hazel Dell, Washington in 2006. He was brought to the Wildlife Care Center where it was discovered that the tip of his left wing was missing. It isn't clear what happened to the wing, but because he is unable to fly, Jack cannot be released back to the wild.



Jack Sparrowhawk © Chuck Nakell

## Ruby, the Turkey Vulture

Ruby was only about 6 months old when she was found near McMinnville, Oregon. Her history is unknown, but at that age was already following people around and relying on them for food. It was determined that Ruby had probably been illegally taken from the wild as a baby and imprinted onto humans. As a result, Ruby would not survive in the wild and will live her life in captivity.



Ruby © Chuck Nakell



Tammi Miller with Syd © Portland Audubon

- Food – \$20/day; \$140/week**  
We provide a natural, species-specific diet for each bird.
- Health Care – \$175 per exam**  
Every bird gets an annual examination, routine diagnostic testing, bloodwork, fecals, vaccinations, and any necessary treatments.
- Housing – \$3,000 for a new cage**  
Each bird has a safe, appropriate cage that is cleaned and inspected daily.
- Bird Handler Training – \$150 trains one bird handler**  
Each bird handler goes through extensive training to learn about behavior, natural history, and legal aspects of the birds.
- Accessories and Equipment – \$80 buys one bird-handler's glove**  
Each bird needs appropriate jesses, perches, and traveling carriers.
- Care for 3,000 orphaned and injured wild animals** each year with veterinarians on staff 365 days/yr!

## Sponsor a Wild Thing

**I would like to sponsor:**

- Aristophanes    Finnegan    Hazel  
 Jack    Julio    Ruby    Syd

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**This is a Gift Adoption for:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Include a GIFT MEMBERSHIP for above**

**Please indicate what you would like us to do:**

**New Parents receive a packet**

- Send packet to me  
 Send packet to recipient

**Renewing Parents receive a special certificate**

- Send certificate to me  
 Send certificate to recipient  
 No need to send a certificate

**I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 per bird)**

- Cash  
 Check enclosed  
 VISA / Mastercard / Discover

**Card #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wild Thing Sponsors receive:**

- A beautiful color photo of your bird
- A sponsorship certificate with your name
- A personal history of your bird
- General information on your bird's species
- Information on how to help injured wildlife

# Holiday Shopping at THE NATURE STORE

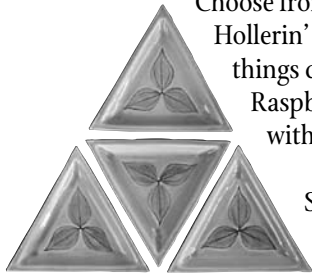
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The world's softest toys? They're made by **Douglas**, of course. That's why they're called **The Cuddle Toy!** The huggable wildlife in the Nature Store has now expanded to include Potter the Otter, Scoop the Brown Pelican, Mike the Bighorn Sheep, Joker the Coyote, Wise Guy the Great Horned Owl, Dillon the Beaver, and Tonto the Raccoon. Stop in any time to give them a cuddle.



What's one of the best reasons to live in the Rose City? Tangy & tasty fresh **Oregon berry preserves** with just the right amount of spicy habanero pepper added, from **Rose City Pepperheads**. These tasty jellies are perfect for **BBQ dipping**, and **cooking**. Try them ladled over a block of cream cheese then spread on your favorite cracker.

Choose from Sizzlin' Strawberry, Blazing Blueberry, Hollerin' Huckleberry, or Marionberry Blast. Or tone things down a bit with the smokey flavor of Rockin' Raspberry Chipotle. The best of our local bounty with a south of the border twist. Aye Chihuahua!



Serve up your holiday treats on **beautiful handmade plates, platters, and tile coasters** from the potters at **Convergence** in Centralia, WA. Designs feature native plants, and some are shaped like the lovely leaves they depict. Colors are subtle greens, golds, and blues.

To tote your goodies home, pick up a reusable **Fold-Out Shopping Bag**. The distinctive eye-catching prints are by **Roger la Borde of London** and they cost a mere \$8. These super-light bags fold easily into their own storage pouch to tuck into a purse or pocket.



At holiday shopping time, remember the **Audubon Nature Store, where the profits are for the birds!**

## Holiday Open House Weekend • December 6 & 7 Free Movies, Live Music, Holiday Treats!

### Dec. 5, Friday Night — Author's Party (5pm–7pm)

Celebrate the publication of *Swiftly's Big Flight*, a local story set during the return of the **Chapman Swifts** to their fall roost. A Portland author and Audubon supporter, Sydney Clevenger — who writes under the pen name **Lee Jackson** — will be on hand to sign copies of her wonderful new children's book. Enjoy seasonal treats & decorations while we kick off a fun weekend of activities.

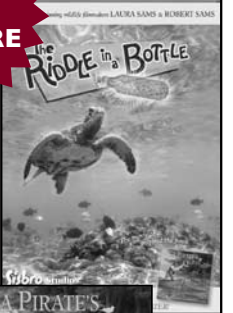


**OREGON  
MOVIE  
PREMIERE**

### Dec. 6, Saturday — Kids' Day! (10am–6pm)

#### Movie: *Riddle in a Bottle* (2pm)

All day we will be screening movies celebrating the creative work of Portland's own **Sisbro Studios**, the brother-sister team of **Laura and Robert Sams**. The highlight will be their personal appearance at the **OREGON PREMIERE** of their new movie, *Riddle in a Bottle*, at 2pm. This fun-filled adventure follows two professional "Riddle Solvers." a.k.a. Laura & Robert, as they solve the riddle of a mysterious message in a bottle. In the end they get some help from a friendly pirate, who has since become the inspiration for their first children's book, *A Pirate's Quest*. For more info, visit [www.sisbrostudios.com](http://www.sisbrostudios.com).



Rob & Laura first gained fame as the creators of the delightful film version of the best-selling children's book *Lost in the Woods*. Featuring catchy tunes and excellent live-action nature footage and photographic stills, their DVD follows the adventures of a lost raccoon, Fernando Hernandezfandez, as he meets a host of forest critters including a little fawn who's alone but isn't really lost at all! Both films were finalists in the Children's Choice category of the **Wildscreen Film Festival**, with *Lost in the Woods: The Movie* receiving a Panda Award, which is called the "green Oscar" for natural history filmmakers, in 2006.



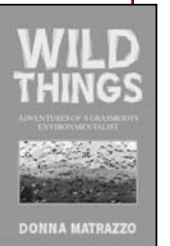
We'll be continuously screening these films and another Sisbro movie, *Stranger in the Woods: The Movie*. In the Nature Store you'll find a selection of books that inspired or were inspired by these great children's movies, plus all the **Sisbro DVDs** to take home and enjoy during the holidays.

### Dec. 7, Sunday — Music Day (10am–5pm)

Enjoy holiday treats all day. From **12:30 to 4:30pm**, tap your toes to the **Bluegrass Jam** in Heron Hall and have local artist **Nancy J. Smith** autograph her beautiful 2009 nature calendar for you.

### Special Sunday Evening Event (5pm–7pm)

Come to our closing-night party with **Donna Matrazzo**, celebrating the publication of her new book, *Wild Things: Adventures of a Grassroots Environmentalist*. Matrazzo is a longtime Portland author and activist, who describes the book as "a from-the-trenches story of the enormous passion, courage, fun, and friendships that are the heart of environmental activism." Audubon members will recognize many of her adventures from our local history, and may even find themselves in the personalities depicted! Donna will make a presentation from her book, share refreshments, and (of course) sign books.



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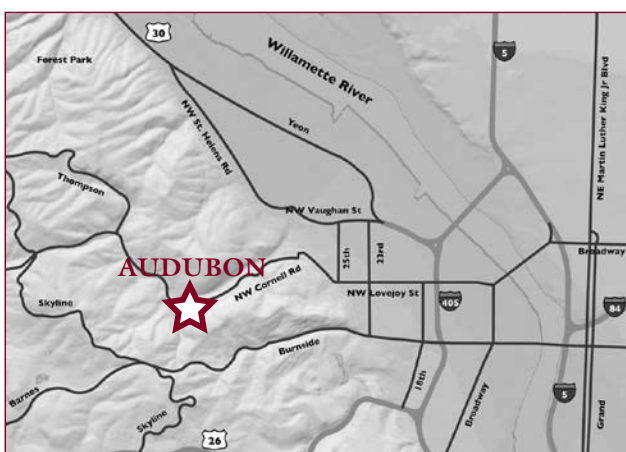
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