



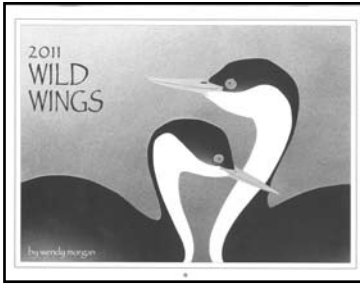
Black-throated  
Gray Warbler

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## A Guide to Giving — NATURALLY

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE NATURE STORE

by Nanci Tangeman, Nature Store Volunteer

When you give a gift, you make a connection. No matter the recipient, a gift is a way of finding a common interest, opening up a new passion, or sending a heartfelt message. When you choose a gift from our Nature Store, you're also making a connection to your community. All profits from our store are used to support the programs, classes, conservation efforts, and wildlife sanctuaries that you value at Audubon.

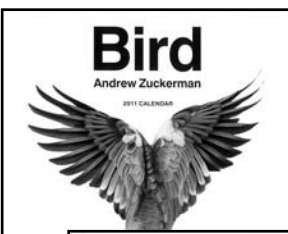
Peaceful or hectic. Celebratory or reflective. Fun or frantic. Whatever your December has in store for you, we're here to help. Need a break from the madness? Explore our 150-acre Nature Sanctuary and see what treasures winter brings to the outdoors: Douglas Squirrels, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, and Varied Thrushes all have something to show you. Afterwards, come inside and we'll show you how to check off some items on your holiday shopping list, without the stress or crowds of downtown or the malls.

Here's a preview of what you'll find inside our Nature Store. Consider it our Guide to Holiday Shopping. And in true Audubon spirit, we hope you'll spot something colorful and exciting flitting through these pages.

Remember, all Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off our regular retail prices!

### CALENDARS: A new year ahead

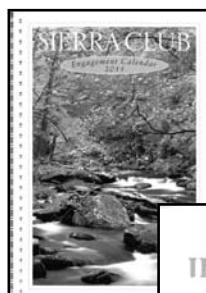
Looking forward to 2011? Our wildlife calendars are a natural way to welcome the New Year with stunning photography, vivid graphics, and fun-to-quote information.



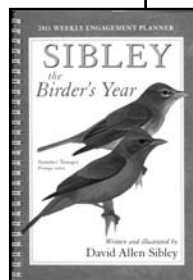
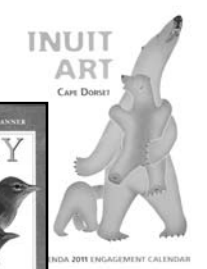
For wall calendars, Northwest photographer Steve Terrill's *Visual Journey through Oregon* mails easily to someone yearning to be here. Every month brings an astonishing new avian portrait by Andrew Zuckerman in his new *Bird* calendar. For a more classic take on bird illustrations, choose J.Fenwick Lansdowne's *Birds of North America*.



There's a new species of engagement calendar for next year, the *Songbirds Weekly Planner* from Cornell Labs. It's filled with avian data, from mnemonics ("Quick, three beers!") to bird-themed pro sports team names. Give the new *Charley Harper* calendar with its 26 detachable



postcards and you can expect thank-you notes all year long. Audubon's popular engagement calendar featuring wildlife photography is back, as is *Sierra Club's* scenic gem, and *Sibley's The Birder's Year* in both engagement and page-a-day desktop styles.



For the fledglings on your list, the *Make-Your-Own-Calendar Kit* comes with 200 stickers, so children can personalize their entire year. And adults will enjoy the *Charley Harper Coloring Calendar*, although they may have to steal some crayons to complete the drawings.

### TOYS: Always time to play

This year we're featuring more toys for infants and toddlers than ever before! Fun or educational (or both!), our selection is carefully crafted to inspire an early love of nature.

A recent migrant from France, *Bioviva* is a family trivia game (ages 8+) that combines nature with geography and ecosystems. Winner of 13 international awards! *EcoToy Buddy Blocks* for toddlers feature North American animals such as skunks, squirrels, foxes, raccoons, turtles, and rabbits. *EcoYoYos* are an eco-friendly retro toy for 6+-year-olds. Our *EcoToys from ImagiPLAY* are earth-friendly, child-safe, crafted from natural woods harvested from sustainably managed forests — and FUN!

At the Nature Store we have a wide range of Wild Republic plush toys ready to take over a lucky child's habitat, including *Cuddlekins* ravens and raccoons; a trio of *Natural Poses* elf owls, eagle owls, and snowy owls; and large, economical and extra-soft *Rascals* beavers, bears, and skunks (under \$10 each!). We also have a

### Holiday Store Hours

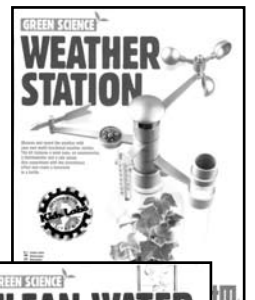
Monday–Saturday	10–6
Sunday	10–5
December 24th	10–3
Christmas Day	Closed
December 31st	10–3
New Year's Day	Closed

Snowed In? Many of the items listed here and in our online store can be ordered without leaving home, shipped straight from the Nature Store. See [www.portlandaudubon.org](http://www.portlandaudubon.org) or call 503-292-9453.

great selection of seashore and woodland animal favorites from Douglas, plus hand and finger puppets from Folkmanis.

Want to encourage educational play? Try a Green Science activity kit. A couple of favorites from our selection are the Weather Station with experiments on the greenhouse effect and the EnviroBattery that uses potatoes, salt water, and mud to create power. These kits are geared for kids 8 and older.

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Join us for  
**Christmas Bird Count!**  
Dec. 14, 2010 – Jan. 5, 2011

Portland Audubon's Count Day is Sun, Jan. 2.  
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# From the Executive Director



Meryl Redisch

## Looking Forward to an Optimistic Year and Future for Audubon

Audubon chapters around the country have good reason to be excited about the New Year and National Audubon's future. A few weeks ago, Portland Audubon's board and staff had the opportunity to meet National Audubon's new President/CEO, David Yarnold, during his "Boots on the Ground Tour." Traveling west of the Mississippi, David got a chance to see Audubon's expansive grassroots network comprised of individuals dedicated to protecting wild birds and their habitats across all types of landscapes.

David's resume is notable. He is a Pulitzer Prize-winning editor for the *San Jose Mercury News* and served as Executive Director for the national nonprofit Environmental Defense Fund, whose mission is protecting the environmental rights of all people and access to clean air and water, healthy and nourishing food, and flourishing ecosystems. What greatly impressed us was hearing him speak about the power of chapters and grassroots activism, the need to invest resources to revamp National Audubon's science and policy programs, and the necessity for developing new partnerships to help lift the 500 Audubon entities operating across America.

David shared some of his first impressions with us. He talked honestly about the unique challenges facing National Audubon including how to creatively manage a vast network of centers, chapters, and state offices that operate with different protocols. Another key question before all of us is how to cultivate and sustain the next generation of supporters. David is smart to have stepped outside and away from his East Coast office at the beginning of his tenure to learn, listen, and consider the lay of the land. David certainly has the credentials to lead a national conservation group. I believe he also possesses the intellectual fortitude to make good decisions for National Audubon's long-term relevance and prosperity.

Here in Oregon, we are undertaking a new collaborative approach with our statewide Audubon chapters. For the first time, the Oregon Audubon Council, which is comprised of 12 chapters, are organizing ourselves around a focused legislative agenda. For the first time, Audubon chapters representing more than 20,000 people from urban, rural, and coastal communities can bring to the forefront what David Yarnold referred to as the power of grassroots. By working together and with intention, Audubon can advance a conservation agenda that improves wildlife practices, increases funding for habitat acquisition

and restoration, and leverages additional money for natural resource agencies. For this session, Portland Audubon will lead in:

- Building a financial base for Oregon's Statewide Conservation Strategy through the Wild Bird Conservation Act;
- Refining the Wildlife Penalty Bill that was passed during the 2009 session; and
- Advancing HB 3013, which designated a system of marine reserves and protected areas.

There is no question that the next session will be challenging for multiple reasons. The House is split between democrats and republicans, and agency budgets continue to fall. Pressures will increase to develop new energy sources through Oregon's seascapes and landscapes. Even so, we believe that we have opportunities to make Oregon a better place for people and native birds and wildlife. Portland Audubon will be counting on you, our powerhouse of support, to help us with these statewide efforts and those nearer to home. With 2010 coming to a close, I want to sincerely thank you for staying with us, keeping Portland Audubon part of your life, and ensuring that our future is bright. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season and New Year.

## Join Us for the 111th Christmas Bird Count!

by Wink Gross, compiler, Portland Christmas Bird Count

The weather is turning cold and wet. Leaves are falling from the trees. The birds of summer are long gone, but the winter birds are settling in for the season. It's time to get out and see who's here. What better way than joining the Portland Christmas Bird Count? Last year 186 participants found 118 species, just two shy of our all-time record set in 2008. Can we set a new record this year? Maybe so — with your help!

The 111th Christmas Bird Count season is upon us. All over the Americas, Audubon chapters will be conducting one-day bird counts between Dec 14, 2010 and Jan 5, 2011. Audubon Society of Portland held its first Christmas Bird Count in 1926. This year our 85th Count is on **Sunday, January 2, 2011**. 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.

**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. There's a long tradition of beginning birders spotting unusual birds on the Christmas count. People unable to participate out-of-doors can provide valuable observations as "feeder watchers" if they live within the Count Circle (see box).

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 will 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. An amazing bibliography of Christmas Bird Count research and the entire historical record of all Christmas Bird Counts may be found at <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>.

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 50 other counts will be conducted in Oregon and SW Washington this year during the 3 weeks surrounding the holidays. Some of the counts in NW Oregon are listed at right. A complete list of Oregon counts can be found on the Portland Audubon Society website at [www.audubonportland.org/about/events/cbc2010](http://www.audubonportland.org/about/events/cbc2010).

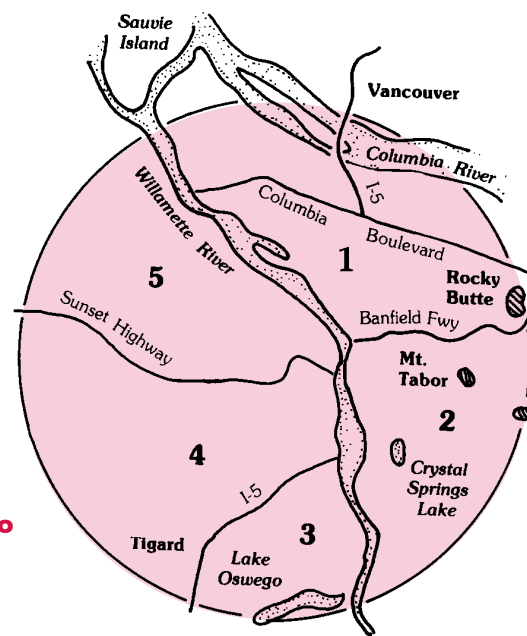
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## Area Leaders for Portland Count (Sunday, Jan 2)

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

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

**Area 3: Lake Oswego**  
Lynn Herring  
503-635-8030  
lynnhe@comcast.net



**Area 1: Columbia Riparian**  
John Fitchen  
503-775-0928  
jfitchen@aol.com

**Area 2: Southeast Portland**  
Pat Muller  
503-236-6711  
neptunea2@cs.com

## Major Counts in NW Oregon and SW Washington

For more listings, see [www.audubonportland.org/about/events/cbc2010](http://www.audubonportland.org/about/events/cbc2010).

**Dec 17: Sauvie Island**  
Oregon side contact:  
Karen Bachman  
ppphooie@comcast.net or  
karen.bachman@tonkon.com  
503-289-3605 or 503-802-2057  
Washington side contact:  
Tammy Bjorkman  
bjorkman@columbianlandtrust.org  
Contact the compilers.

**Dec 18: Forest Grove**  
Mary Anne Sohlstrom  
masohlstrom@msn.com  
503-463-9540  
Greg Gillson  
greg@thebirdguide.com  
Meet 7:00am (earlier if eating  
breakfast), Elmer's Pancake House,  
390 SW Adams, Hillsboro.

**Dec 18: Salem**  
Glen Lindeman  
gdalindy@msn.com  
503-364-6968  
Contact the compiler; teams  
arranged in advance.

**Dec 18: Tillamook Bay**  
Owen Schmidt  
oschmidt@att.net  
503-789-4854  
Meet at 6:30am, Denny's  
Restaurant, 2230 Main Ave N  
(Hwy 101), Tillamook.

**Dec 19: Columbia Estuary**  
Mike Patterson  
celata@pacifier.com  
503-325-1365  
Meet 7:00am at Pig-n-Pancake  
Restaurant in Astoria.

**Dec 19: Lyle, WA**  
(includes The Dalles, Rowena, and  
Mosier, OR)  
Bob Hansen  
bobhansen@gorge.net  
509-637-2736  
Contact the compiler.

**Dec 21: Corvallis**  
Marcia F. Cutler  
marciafcutler@comcast.net • 541-752-4313  
Contact the compiler after December 1.  
Post-count gathering at community room in Fire Station #5  
(Walnut Blvd just south of ML King Park off Fair Oaks Dr).

**Jan 2: Hood River**  
Catherine Flick  
stewart@gorge.net  
509-493-1195  
Meet 6:30am at the Best Western  
in Hood River (Exit 64 off I-84).

**Jan 2: Portland**  
Wink Gross  
winkg@hevanet.com  
503-226-3842  
Contact one of the area leaders or  
the compiler (see map).

**Jan 2: Yaquina Bay**  
Dawn Grafe  
oregoncoastbirding@gmail.com  
541-961-1307  
Contact the compiler.  
Post-count gathering at USFWS  
office, 2127 SE Marine Science Dr,  
Newport.

## Feeder Watchers needed, too!

A day tramping around in the cold and wet doesn't appeal to you? You may still be able to participate. The Portland Christmas Count welcomes reports from "Feeder Watchers." Feeder Watcher observations are very important for certain species, such as Anna's Hummingbirds and goldfinches. If you happen to live within the Count Circle (see Google map at <http://tinyurl.com/26pmpmf>) and maintain a bird feeder, we'll want to know what you saw on Count Day. You need count birds for only an hour to make a significant contribution. Remember, only birds seen on the actual day of the Christmas Bird Count "count." Download the Portland CBC Feederwatcher Checklist at [www.audubonportland.org/about/events/christmas\\_bird\\_count/feederwatch](http://www.audubonportland.org/about/events/christmas_bird_count/feederwatch) or contact Wink Gross at 503-226-3842.

## Calendar at a Glance

### DECEMBER

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
4	Sat	7:30am	Netarts & Cape Meares (p.3)
4	Sat	8am	Vancouver Lake Park (p.3)
4	Sat	10am-6pm	<b>Holiday Open House</b> (p.8)
5	Sun	9am	Westmoreland Park (p.3)
5	Sun	12:30pm	Bluegrass Music Jam (p.8)
5	Sun	10am-5pm	<b>Holiday Open House</b> (p.8)
7	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
11	Sat	8am	Ridgefield NWR (p.3)
15	Wed	7pm	Finches of Oregon class (p.7)
16	Thu	7pm	Gray Whale Watching (p.7)
17	Fri	Various	Christmas Bird Counts (p.2)
18	Sat	Various	Christmas Bird Counts (p.2)
19	Sun	Various	Christmas Bird Counts (p.2)
20	Mon	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
21	Tue	Various	Christmas Bird Counts (p.2)
22	Wed	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
23	Thu	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
24	Fri		<b>Admin Offices closed</b>
24	Fri	10am-3pm	<b>Nature Store (early closure)</b>
25	Sat		<b>Nature Store CLOSED</b>
27	Mon	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
28	Tue	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
29	Wed	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
30	Thu	9am-4pm	Winter Break Camps (p.7)
31	Fri		<b>Admin Offices closed</b>
31	Fri	10am-3pm	<b>Nature Store (early closure)</b>
<b>JANUARY</b>			
1	Sat		Nature Store CLOSED
2	Sun	Various	Christmas Bird Counts (p.2)
2	Sun	Various	<b>Portland Audubon's Count (p.2)</b>
4	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall

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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 Sunday, January 2. The area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am-4pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can't decide which area? Contact Wink Gross at [winkg@hevanet.com](mailto:winkg@hevanet.com) or 503-226-3842.

Can't do the Portland Count on Jan 2? Check out the other Counts around the state (see list). 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 generally 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 Count turns up an unusual bird. Last year the Portland Count found a Black-billed Magpie, normally seen only on the east side of the Cascades. Perhaps you will be the person that spots the bird that makes everyone say, "Wow! We never expected that!"

### December 4 (Sat), 7:30am-5pm Netarts Bay & Cape Meares Birding

Let's explore Netarts Bay and the surrounding area for sea birds and waterfowl. We'll also take a short hike on the south trail to the Octopus Tree and Cape Meares Lighthouse. Meet at the North Plains Chevron Station just north of Hwy 26 at North Plains/Glencoe Rd Exit 57 and plan to depart for the coast by 7:30. Dress for weather, bring binoculars and lunch/water. We'll return to Portland by 5pm. Contact **Marsh Sly** at [marshandsharon@aol.com](mailto:marshandsharon@aol.com) or 503-643-1742 with questions. Beginners welcome; **free, no sign-up needed.**

### December 4 (Sat), 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, including the White-throated Sparrow. 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 (possible \$2 entrance fee). Dress for the weather. Beginners welcome. If you have any questions, call Ron at 503-771-3454. **Free, no sign-up needed.**

### December 5 (Sun), 9am-11am Westmoreland Park

Join leader **Max Smith** for a morning walk through southeast Portland's Westmoreland Park. Max will share tips for identifying the several species of gulls that gather at this park each winter. We will also look for grebes, ducks, and songbirds. Birders of all experience levels are welcome, dress for the weather. Meet at 9am at the northwestern corner of the park near the corner of SE 22nd and Bybee Blvd. Call Max at 503-720-9730 with questions. **Free, no sign-up needed.**

### December 11 (Sat), 8am-11am Ridgefield NWR's Carty Unit

Join leaders **Robin Carpenter** and **Gabriel Forcier** on the 2-mile Oaks to Wetland loop of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Many parts of the trail are uneven, rocky, steep, narrow, and may become slippery when wet. Wear sturdy shoes and use caution to avoid contacting poison oak in some areas. A good variety of birds can be expected. From I-5, take Exit 14; turn left onto Pioneer St (501); go west 3 miles into the town of Ridgefield until Pioneer "Ts" with Main Ave. Turn right on Main and drive north for 1 mile; refuge entrance road is on the left. Beginners welcome; **free, no sign-up needed.**

## Audubon Birding Weekends 2011 – A Portal to Birding Oregon

**A**udubon Birding Weekends are back! As before the intention is to see new birds, visit new locations, and meet new people. Paul Sullivan & Carol Karlen will again be leading the trips.

**NEW: There is a limit of 4 trips per person for this year. Note that several trips are 3-day weekends.**

### How it works:

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 Saturday. We bird half of Sunday, then break up and head home. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, food, and lodging.

About 10 days before the trip, I send a letter to participants, giving information like rendezvous details, lodging options, schedule, possible birds, etc.

- Registration for Audubon Birding Weekends is \$35 per person for each weekend.
- Please make your check payable to Audubon Society of Portland.
- Please send separate checks for each trip (\$70/couple, \$35/individual).
- Please come prepared with lunch, appropriate clothing, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc.
- Please provide the information requested for registration:
  - Trip you wish to join
  - Number of attendees and amount enclosed
  - Your name, address, phone, and email

### Registration, Cancellation, Waiting List, & Refunds

If you want to claim a spot, send in a registration. The trips fill fast and there is always a waiting list. If you can't go, cancel well in advance so someone else can go. You get your check back if you don't go.

Please send the registration information & check to Paul T. Sullivan / 4470 SW Murray Blvd #26 / Beaverton, OR 97005. Questions? Email Paul at [ptsullivan@spiritone.com](mailto:ptsullivan@spiritone.com) or call 503-646-7889. Weekday evenings are the best time to reach me.

### January 15-17 — Wallowa 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 Wallowa Mountains are beautiful at this time of year. Base: Enterprise.

### March 12-13 — 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 30-May 1 — Josephine 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: Grants Pass.

### May 21-22 — Yamhill County

We will search for spring migrants in this county that gets too little attention, and explore its hotspots. Base: McMinnville.

### July 15-17 — Lake County

We will visit southern Lake County: Lake Abert, Hart Mountain NWR, and the Warner Valley to see the diverse array of migrant shorebirds, as well as waterfowl, and forest birds. We may find the Juniper Titmouse. Base: Lakeview.

### September 23-25 — 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 8-10 — Crook County

We will visit the reservoirs and woods of this Central Oregon county to find migrant waterfowl, shorebirds, and fall migrant songbirds. Base: Prineville.

### November 25-27 — 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.

## NATURE NIGHTS

**Second Tuesday of the month, 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.

Though there's no December program, check next month's *Warbler* for information about January's Nature Night, to be presented on Tues, January 11, 2011.

# Protecting Birds in the Backyard and Beyond

## Wild Bird Conservation Act



Peregrine Falcon juvenile © Steve Berliner

by **Bob Sallinger**,  
Conservation Director

During Oregon's 2011 legislative session, bird lovers will have a chance to support a bill which will help ensure that conservation of native bird species in Oregon receives adequate funding in our state. The Wild Bird Conservation Act places a 5-cent-per-pound fee on birdseed — “a nickel for the birds” — to fund Oregon's most important bird-related priorities. The Wild Bird Conservation Act was developed by a coalition of conservation organizations and the Backyard Bird Shops. The Act would generate approximately \$2 million per year for wild bird conservation and education projects in Oregon which would be doubled by a 1:1 federal match.

### What would the Wild Bird Conservation Act do?

By paying an extra nickel for each pound of birdseed, bird lovers would directly generate nearly \$2 million per year to fund wild bird conservation initiatives in Oregon. This funding would be leveraged 1:1 with federal matching

funds, effectively doubling the impact to \$4 million per year. Less than \$100,000 a year would go toward funding an Avian Conservation Coordinator at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), with the rest — minus administrative costs — going directly toward funding wild bird education and restoration projects on both urban and rural landscapes across Oregon. Priority would be placed on projects involving partnerships benefiting birds.

The following are just a few examples of the types of projects that might be funded:

- Bluebird recovery projects that provide nest boxes and monitoring for Western Bluebirds;
- Habitat restoration for Oregon's state bird (Western Meadowlark) and other grassland species;
- Lights-out programs to reduce bird collisions with buildings during migration;
- Backyard habitat and certification programs to help residential property owners create bird-friendly backyards;
- Training programs for oil spill wildlife response volunteers.

### Why is it important that bird lovers help fund wild bird conservation initiatives in Oregon?

Many of Oregon's bird populations are in trouble. Recent reports show as many as 25% of Oregon species experiencing serious long-term declines. The ODFW Non-Game Program manages all species not hunted or fished in Oregon, which includes 88% of species, including most bird species, found in our state! This program historically has been woefully under-funded. The non-game program currently receives less than 2% of the ODFW budget, and may see even further cuts in the face of an unprecedented budget crisis.

The reason for the disparity between funding levels of game and non-game species is that for decades, hunters and fishermen have paid a 10% tax on hunting and fishing gear which directly funds conservation of game species. It is no coincidence that in the recent State of the Birds Report released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, waterfowl — most of which are hunted — were cited as an example of bird species which have made a tremendous comeback over the past several decades, while almost all other categories of birds (forest, coastal, aridland, and grassland) have seen major declines.

The Wild Bird Conservation Act begins to remedy this disparity and represents a critical step toward providing a permanent, stable source of funding for wild bird conservation efforts in Oregon.

### Accountability

The funding from the Wild Bird Conservation Act would be managed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, with oversight from a stakeholder group including representatives from conservation organizations and birdseed retailers. The Wild Bird Conservation Act has a sunset clause in 2018 which would require evaluation of the program prior to renewal.

The Wild Bird Conservation Act is being introduced by Representative Chris Garrett. Thanks to Representative Garrett for leading this effort to protect and restore Oregon's birds!

Are you willing to pay “a nickel for the birds”? We need your help to pass this legislation to protect our wild birds. The legislative session will kick off in February, and it will be critical that our legislators hear from people who care about birds that they are willing to pay an extra nickel a pound for birdseed to protect Oregon's birds. If you are willing to speak up for wild birds and the Wild Bird Conservation Act, please contact Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger with your opinions, both positive and negative, at 503-292-6855 ext.110 or bsallinger@audubonportland.org.

## “God's Dog” in the Alameda Neighborhood

by **Bob Sallinger**

Coyotes have lived in Northeast Portland's Alameda Neighborhood for years. Audubon periodically receives reports from neighbors who have observed a coyote hunting mice at dawn in Wilshire Park or stealthily slinking down a neighborhood street as night approaches. It is no surprise that coyotes are there — coyotes, an animal that Navajo shepherders once referred to as “God's Dog,” have established themselves in neighborhoods across Portland just as they have established themselves in cities across North America. Although they are often observed alone, coyotes are pack animals and a pack will establish a territory over an area that can cover several kilometers. Normally they are shy and secretive, and neighbors often do not even realize that they are around.

However, in November something changed in Alameda. After years of quiet existence, the neighborhood coyotes suddenly became much more visible. They were observed walking down the street in broad daylight, coming up on porches, sunning themselves in driveways. Audubon's phones were ringing off the hook. I went out to Alameda early on a warm sunny November Sunday morning to see if I could catch a glimpse. My wife asked me as I set out, “Do you really think you will find them on a sunny morning with people out on the street?” The answer came quickly enough. I had no sooner parked my VW bus when a coyote ambled out of Wilshire Park right in front of me, hooked a quick right turn, and strolled down the middle of the street. I followed the healthy-looking coyote for the next 90 minutes as it made a series of loops around a 50-block radius. He moved just far enough to one side of the street or the other and occasionally into a yard to avoid people out enjoying the morning, but stayed continuously on course and in sight. He had been making this circuit for a while; coyote scat littered the sidewalks, revealing that their primary diet as expected is small rodents. It was both amazing and disturbing to observe.



Coyotes recently photographed in the Alameda Neighborhood. © Bob Sallinger

What changed to cause these coyotes to suddenly change their behavior and become so comfortable around humans? In cases across the country where coyotes have become highly visible around humans, the story is the same: They have lost their instinctual fear because of human food handouts. Due to both intentional feeding as well as opportunistic accessing of outdoor pet dishes and other unnatural food sources such as garbage cans and compost bins, they have come to associate food with people. Under normal circumstances, neighborhood coyotes present an exceedingly low threat to humans, but when they lose their instinctual fear, conflicts can occur. Every neighbor in Alameda seemed to have a coyote story to tell, but the ones that were most troubling were about deliberate feeding — including one rumor that a neighbor was putting out dead chickens for the coyotes.

Residents of the Alameda Neighborhood are working with Portland Audubon and wildlife agencies to enact a program to haze the coyotes and reestablish instinctual fear of humans in the local coyote population. When humans do not react to a coyote wandering by, it reinforces the coyote's perception that it has nothing to fear. By shouting and making other noise, people can sometimes restore a coyote's natural behaviors. Alameda residents are also embarking on an educational outreach campaign to ensure that human behaviors that may have led to this habituation are eliminated. The hope is that by going this route, the human and wild residents of Alameda can return to peaceful coexistence. However, if the coyotes continue to display habituated behaviors, they will be removed. Habituated coyotes are not relocated; they are euthanized.

There will likely always be coyotes in the Alameda Neighborhood. New coyotes quickly replace coyotes that have been removed. The only real question is whether human residents will make changes that minimize conflicts with these wild dogs. Kudos to the Alameda residents for responding to their wild neighbors with a balance of caution, appreciation, and most importantly, proactive efforts to address potential conflicts.

### Living with Coyotes

- Do NOT provide any food for coyotes: Feed pets indoors, cover garbage and compost tightly, pick up dropped fruit in yards.
- Do NOT approach or follow a coyote: If you see one, make it feel unwelcome by shouting or making other loud noises (rocks rattled in a tin can work well).
- Do NOT run from coyotes: Avoid coyotes by walking calmly away.
- Teach children to respect wildlife from a distance.
- Keep house pets indoors or under close supervision outdoors (cats are prey for coyotes and significant predators of wild birds, so keeping them in is win-win).

For more information on coyotes, go to [www.audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/brochures/coyote](http://www.audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/brochures/coyote).

### Have you seen a coyote in your neighborhood?

Please report sightings to Bob Sallinger at [bsallinger@audubonportland.org](mailto:bsallinger@audubonportland.org). Include date, time, location (be specific as possible), and any behaviors observed.

# Important Bird Area of the Month

by Mary Coolidge, Assistant Conservation Director

## Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge IBA

*"My first climb of Hart Mountain is in memory like a haunting melody. This is an exotic ridge, different from any I have known... Here is a vast expanse of dry, windblown land that to the untrained eye paints a picture of desolation."*

— William O. Douglas, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, in *My Wilderness*, 1960

Sixty-five miles from the nearest major town, the western ridge of **Hart Mountain** rises 3,000 feet out of the surrounding expanse of desert, a looming 30-mile rimrock escarpment stretching from Warner Peak north to Poker Jim Ridge in Lake County. From this ragged rise, the land descends gently to the east. The visitor's western approach to this isolated and rugged 278,000-acre refuge was aptly described (above) by William O. Douglas, the 36-year Supreme Court Justice who dedicated himself to a life-long personal exploration of wilderness and advocated for its conservation.

Hart Mountain is arguably as iconic as neighboring Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Steens Mountain, and was established in 1936 by Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide habitat for Pronghorn Antelope, "sage hen" (Greater Sage Grouse), and other sagebrush obligates. Pronghorns here number as many as 1,900 today, many of which spend spring and summer at Hart and migrate 20 miles south to winter at Sheldon NWR in northwestern Nevada. Some 300 wildlife species have been documented using the richly diverse landscape of the refuge, including California bighorn sheep, mule deer, sagebrush lizard, and redband trout. Hart Mountain contains some of the most extensive and high-quality sage steppe habitat in Oregon, laced with both dry and wet upland meadows, riparian habitat of aspen and willow, mixed deciduous shrub habitat, and snowpocket Aspen stands.

The removal of cattle from the high desert riparian habitat on Hart Mountain back in 1994 may be the primary contribution to an increase in measured avian abundance. Today it is one of the largest wildlife areas in the arid west that does not host cattle and is relatively free of feral horses. The livestock grazing exclusion has allowed volunteers from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Oregon Natural Desert Association to remove hundreds of miles of fence line — which were constructed to manage livestock — to allow for unrestricted movement of wildlife. Though Hart Mountain is due for an updated management plan, their Comprehensive Conservation Planning process is likely delayed for a year or two. Refuge management challenges include potential development on privately owned in-holdings, recreation management, and staff shortages related to budget shortfalls, but the area is in remarkably good shape.



Greater Sage Grouse male displaying. © Lee Rentz



Hart Mountain overlooking the Warner Valley. © Marilyn Stinnett



Northern Harrier © Jim Cruce

Douglas's writings on Hart Mountain conclude with faith in the immeasurable value of land conservation. His sadness at departing is replaced with reflection on this legacy:

*"After I travel a few hours and turn to see its great bulk against a southern sky my heart rejoices. This refuge will leave our grandsons and granddaughters an inheritance of the wilderness that no dollars could recreate. Here they will find life teeming throughout all the life zones that lead from the desert to alpine meadows."*

### Ornithological Significance

Hart Mountain was designated as one of Oregon's 97 Important Bird Areas in 2003 for **Greater Sage Grouse**, and today nearly the whole of Hart Mountain is encompassed within the Sage Grouse Core Area identified by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). ODFW's goal is to provide recommendations for protection of essential habitat in order to preclude Endangered Species Act listing. The recent USFWS finding that the Greater Sage Grouse ESA listing is "Warranted but Precluded" reflects the decline in this species' population — as well as a shortage of funding to manage a growing list of species nationwide whose populations are slipping precipitously.



Short-eared Owl © Jim Cruce



Horned Lark © Jim Cruce

Naturalist Stanley Jewitt's incomplete bird list of the area in 1940 named 120 species, and now 239 species have been recorded, including **Short-eared Owl, Black-chinned Hummingbird, Common Nighthawk, Horned Lark, Common Raven, Vesper Sparrow, Brewer's Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Cassin's Finch, Sage Thrasher, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Great Horned Owl, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Common Poorwill, Western Wood-Pewee, Chipping Sparrow, Gray Flycatcher, Bushtit, Townsend's Solitaire, Western Meadowlark, Lazuli Bunting, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Rough-legged Hawk, and American Kestrel**. Blue Sky Hotel, an isolated stand of Ponderosa Pine and riparian habitat, has been the site of some rare sightings on the refuge during spring migration, including **Summer Tanager, Flammulated Owl, Least Flycatcher, Scarlet Tanager, American Redstart, and Red-eyed Vireo**.

### If you go:

From Lakeview (where the NWR complex office is located in the Post Office Building), take US-395 north. Head right on OR-140 east for 19 miles, and left at refuge sign through Plush. Right at sign to refuge. The climb up Hart Mountain's western escarpment affords a sweeping view of the Warner Valley Important Bird Area below. From Malheur NWR, head west from Frenchglen on a 36-mile gravel road. For more information, contact **Sheldon-Hart Mountain NWR** at 541-947-3315 or PO Box 111, Lakeview, OR 97630.

## Wildlife Care Center

### Great Horned Owl Spends Night in Chicken Coop

When a call came into the Wildlife Care Center on October 12 that there was a Great Horned Owl trapped in a chicken coop, volunteer Candy Plant eagerly offered to make the trip to Buxton, Oregon. Candy, a long-time volunteer, is one of a handful trained to do injured wildlife field rescue for Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center.

The chicken coop was made of wire mesh and only 3 feet high, and Candy had to crawl the entire 20-foot length to get to the owl, which had suffered injuries to its face and eyes. The bird did not come willingly, but Candy was able to safely restrain it with gloves and a towel. Once she captured the feisty owl, she wrapped it in the towel and maneuvered back out the coop.

Back at the Wildlife Care Center, the Great Horned Owl was examined by the veterinary staff. Remarkably, the injuries were limited to the eyes and surrounding areas. The bird was given supportive care and treated for facial abrasions and corneal scratches.

Recovering quickly, ten days later the owl was released back to the wild in Buxton. Candy and the homeowners watched as the owl fervently flew to freedom.

Candy observed: "The amazing part of this story is that the owl had spent the night in the chicken coop with 15 chickens that it did not injure or kill. All 15 chickens were accounted for the next morning. We do believe that the owl however probably took care of the mouse problem the homeowner was having in the coop!"



Candy Plant with the Great Horned Owl just before its release. © Shelly Reynolds

# Educational Trips & Tours

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early. A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland. View more International and Domestic trips at [www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult).

## Birds & Wildlife of Brazil

April 2–17, 2011



Four spaces remain!

Red-fronted Macaws © Mileniusz Spanowicz

Travel with experienced naturalists from the Audubon Society of Portland and local guides into some of the most incredible bird habitat in the world as you explore the avian wonderland that is Brazil.

After a night in Sao Paulo, you'll travel deep into the **Pantanal**, the single largest fresh-water wetland in the world. We'll spend the next 4 days exploring this unique habitat in search of such interesting species as the **Red-billed Scythbill**, **Black-fronted Nunbird**, **Jabiru**, and the wonderful **Hyacinth Macaw**. We may encounter **Capybaras**, **Black Caimans**, and even the rare **Two-toed Sloth** on our trek through the Brazilian wilderness. We'll keep our eyes peeled for primates as well, including the **Black-tailed Marmoset**, the **Brown Capuchin**, and the the infamously loud **Black Howler Monkey**. We will also offer a night drive to try and spot two of the most elusive animals in all of South America, the **Ocelot** and the mighty **Jaguar**.

We then travel to the *Serra da Araras*, where we'll search the tropical jungle for the impressive **Harpy Eagle**, the largest eagle in the world. Then we visit the Brazilian coast and into the ecological hotspot, the **Atlantic Rain Forest**. Though huge, what remains of this forest today is but a fragment of what used to blanket this coastal

region. Birds we're likely to find on this leg of the trip include the stunning **Saffron Toucanet**, the **Yellow-tufted Woodpecker**, the **White-eared Puffbird**, the **Golden-winged Cotinga**, the **Bare-throated Bellbird**, the **White-bearded Manakin**, and 5 species of **Kingfishers**, to name just a few. We'll also have the chance to visit several hummingbird feeders along the way, guaranteed to yield many species of these acrobatic flyers.

Our trip will end in **Rio de Janeiro**, where you'll enjoy birding the botanical gardens and a free day to explore this fascinating city. This is sure to be a memorable trip filled with wildlife viewing at its best. Please feel free to call **Steve Engel** at **503-292-6855 ext.119** to register for this tour or for more information.

Harpy Eagle © Steve Runnels

**Fee:** \$3585 members / \$3885 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1200 required to secure your space  
**Group size:** Limited to 14 participants and 2 guides  
**Leaders:** **Steve Engel** and local guides

Fee is based on double occupancy and includes all lodging, all ground transportation, all meals except a few dinners, and all guide fees. Fee does **not** include tips for local guides or the cost of internal flights, or airfare to and from Brazil.

## Belize & Tikal!

Jan. 22 – Feb. 1, 2011

A few spaces remain!



Keel-billed Toucan © Steve Robertson

Join experienced naturalists from Portland Audubon on this 11-day adventure to Belize, one of the most remarkable countries in the world. You'll bird vast wetlands and tropical forests, snorkel coral reefs, and visit Mayan ruins, all in a country about one-tenth the size of Oregon!

We'll team up with local experts for the first week to bird some of the country's finest birding hot spots, including the famous **Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary**. We'll keep our eyes peeled for the **Tody Motmot**, the **Roseate Spoonbill**, and the **American Pygmy Kingfisher**, to name just a few. With the variety of habitats and biomes we'll explore, we're sure to build a healthy species list — but keep in mind, this is Belize, so we'll do more than just birding!

Belize is also the Land of the **Maya**, and on this trek we'll explore three of the region's most impressive ancient cities, **Altun Ha** and **Lamanai**, the latter accessed after a wonderfully bird-rich cruise down the New River. Finally, we'll travel over-land into **Guatemala** for two days, exploring and birding the vast Mayan city of **Tikal**. Tikal is a Mayan-Lacandon Important Bird Area (IBA) and a prime birding destination that yielded 172 species in the Christmas Bird Count of 2009. Some of these included the **Violaceous Trogon**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Montezuma Oropendula**, **King Vulture**, **Bat Falcon**, **Blue-crowned Motmot**, **Keel-billed Toucan**, and the **Emerald Toucanet**, all of which we have a good chance of seeing on this trip.



Belize Beach © Steve Robertson

The last 3 days we'll be based out of the village of **Placencia**, our launching pad for exploring this coastal region. We'll spend a magical day snorkeling the beautiful coral reefs in the warm blue waters surrounding **Laughing Bird Caye**, with **Magnificent Frigatebirds** overhead and an unbelievable array of sea life below. We'll also be sure to build in plenty of **free time** so you can relax and enjoy the trip! If you would like more information, please call **Steve Robertson** at **503-292-6855 ext.118**. Trip deposit secures your place on the trip.

**Fee:** \$2575 members / \$2900 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1200  
**Leader:** **Steve Robertson**, Education Director

Fee is based on double occupancy and includes all lodging, ground transportation, all meals *except dinners*, all guide fees, park fees, and planned group activities such as birding, snorkeling, boat trips, etc. **Not included:** Airfare to & from Portland, dinners, and tips for local guides.

## Panama Birding April 9–22, 2011

\$3495 members / \$3695 non-members

Two spaces left!

## England: Birding the Land of the Bard

June 10–21, 2011

Our journey takes us from London into **East Anglia**, a region known as the sunniest and driest in all of England. The vast flatland here stretches out to the sky and meets the sea in a thin strip of coastal marshes. Many of the rich peat wetlands of this region have been drained, and the former fens of East Anglia are now one of England's major agricultural regions. Many small villages dot the countryside, filled with medieval churches and a sleepy charm. The coast is dotted with quaint fishing villages, and the marshes offer some of the best wildlife viewing in the country.

Most of our stay will be at the comfortable Briarfield Hotel, which situates us nice and close to our destinations; in fact, it is right next to our first stop at Titchwell. We plan to visit many of the RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) reserves and other birding hotspots in this part of the Island. The wetlands at the Titchwell RSPB Reserve host **Eurasian Marsh Harrier**, **Eurasian Avocet**, and the **Bearded Tit**, to name a few. Snettisham RSPB Reserve is a wetlands and estuary that harbors nesting colonies of



Common Pochard. Photo: Laitche

**Common Terns** and **Black-headed Gulls**.

A visit to the elegant gardens of Sandringham House, owned by the Royal Family, may turn up some interesting

birds of the countryside. We will take a short boat trip to the Island of Blakeney to sample a small colony of **Sandwich Terns** as well as get close-up views of **Common and Grey Seals**. Established in 1926, Cley Marshes are one of the first and finest birding locations, with numerous pools and scrapes that attract avian visitors from near and far. While there we will utilize the many blinds set up in the area to search for **Common Pochard** and **Tufted Duck**. Nearby is the famous Cley Windmill, built near the sea for the constant breezes. We will make a couple of woodland stops to search for specialties such as **Lesser Spotted Woodpecker**, **Golden Oriole**, and **Hobby** in the Holkham Estates and the Lakenheath scrub.

Join us in East Anglia — a place of rich history, medieval churches, lavender fields, and the best sandy beaches in Great Britain! If you would like more information, please call **Dan van den Broek** at **503-292-6855 ext.105**. Trip deposit secures your place on the trip.

**Fee:** \$2795 members / \$2995 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1200  
**Group size:** Limited to 12 participants and 3 guides  
**Leaders:** **Steve Robertson**, **Dan van den Broek**, and local guides

Fee is based on double occupancy and includes all lodging, all ground transportation, all meals except a few dinners, and all guide fees. Fee does **not** include tips for local guides, or airfare to and from England.

## Skagit Flats and Falcons!

February 18–20, 2011

Join us for our fourth semi-annual visit to the Skagit Flats. North of Seattle, the broad floodplains 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 **Gyr Falcon!**



Gyr Falcon © Steven R. Halpern

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 National Wildlife Refuge near Olympia, WA helps to break up the drive and provide some great birding at the same time. Contact **Steve Engel** at **971-222-6119** or [sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org).

**Fee:** \$315 members / \$365 non-members  
**Group size:** Limited to 7 participants and 2 leaders

Fee is based on double occupancy and includes all transportation from Portland, two nights lodging, two breakfasts, two lunches, and the services of your leaders.

# HOW TO REGISTER

To view additional classes, go to [www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps](http://www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps).

# Trips & Classes

## Adult Classes

- NEW** — register and pay online! Visit class description on our website.
- OR** — contact Steve Engel via phone or email to be put on the roster, then make your payment as soon as he confirms availability. Only your payment holds your spot.
- Mail your check** payable to Audubon Society of Portland **or call** with your credit card information.

## Educational Trips & Tours

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

**Contact:** Steve Engel, Adult Education Coordinator  
**Email:** [sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org)  
**Phone:** 971-222-6119

**Mail:** Audubon Society of Portland  
 5151 NW Cornell Rd.  
 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.

## Finches of Oregon December 15 (Wed), 7pm-9pm

Finches are *the* often colorful, classic, seed-eating bird. Oregon has its share of species that can be found in locales from your backyard to the highest mountaintops. Join **Doug Robberson** in this multi-media program that takes a close-up look at Oregon's finches. Learn how to identify them, where and how they live, and when to find them.  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
 Free for active volunteers!  
**Pre-registration is required.**



American Goldfinch © Don Baccus

## Marine Mammals of Oregon January 26 (Wed), 7pm-9pm

Ever wonder what it takes to enter the world of "Marine Mammal-dom"? It is not easy, yet many types and species of mammals have successfully made the ocean their home. The Northeast Pacific Ocean is rich with Cetaceans, Pinnipeds, and Fissipeds. "With what?" you say. You'll just have to come and find out who these creatures are that live on and off our shores, and how they do it. **Steve Engel** will take you into the lives of whales from the smallest to the largest and give a shout-out to the seals and sea lions that hug our shorelines. Oregon has a rich assortment of marine mammals, so isn't it time you met them?  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
 Free to active volunteers!  
**Pre-registration is required.**

## Nocturnal Raptors — OWLS! January 27 (Thu), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall January 29 (Sat): Tentative Field Trip date: timing to be announced

Nighttime and we find ourselves tucked away from the cold and dark. But fierce nocturnal raptors are just waking up to rule the woods. Who are they and how do they do it? The evening class will explore the lives of Oregon's owls from the Northern Pygmy to the Great Grey. An evening field trip is planned to search for two or three local species. **IMPORTANT:** Due to unpredictable weather conditions the field trip may be re-scheduled. Alternate dates will be announced at class, if needed. **Steve Engel** teaches the class, and Audubon Outings leader **Stefan Schlick** leads the outing.  
**Class & Field Trip Fee:** \$25 members / \$35 non-members / \$15 volunteers  
**Class-Only Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members / Free for active volunteers  
**Field Trip limited to 12 participants. Transportation by carpool. Pre-registration is required.**



Western Screech-Owl © BjornFredrickson.com



Gray Whale Tail © Don Baccus

## Gray Whale Watching 101 December 16 (Thu), 7pm-9pm in Heron Hall

Learn about the fascinating natural history of the Gray Whale and prepare yourself for whale watching along our coast this winter. Gray Whales undertake the longest annual migration of any mammal, and during December and January they are passing near Oregon on their way south to Mexico. We'll follow the life of a Gray Whale from beginning to end, as well as learn about the dramatic recovery the population has made since the days of whale hunting. **Steve Engel** has spent years observing Gray Whales in the breeding lagoons of Mexico and their feeding grounds in Alaska.  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
 Free for active volunteers!  
**Pre-registration is required.**



Glaucous-winged Gull © Jim Cruce

## Gulls of Oregon January 13 (Thu), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall January 15 (Sat), 8am-5pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

Oregon is a gull-watcher's paradise in winter. While the large flocks of various species (and the different plumages within each species) may seem overwhelming at first, this abundance of gulls provides a great opportunity to hone your identification skills. Join leader **John Rakestraw** for an evening class to study the common species of gulls found in Oregon. Then on Saturday we are off to the coast to practice our new skills in the field.  
**Class & Field Trip Fee:** \$65 members / \$80 non-members  
**Class-Only Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
**Field Trip limited to 12 participants**  
**Pre-registration is required.**

## Camp registration starts early this year!

Register for both Spring and Summer Camp beginning Tuesday, January 4, at 8:00am. Online registration will be available, or call 971-222-6120 to reserve a place while you send in a form. Look for the schedules at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org).

## WINTER BREAK CAMP 2010 EXCITING CAMPS FOR KIDS ENTERING 1ST-8TH GRADES!

Go to [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) for camp availability and online registration. Questions? Call Sarah Swanson, Camp Director, at 971-222-6120. **All camps run from 9:00am to 4:00pm.**

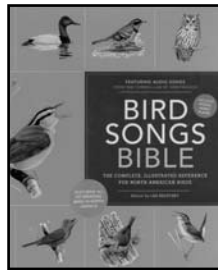
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23
<b>Beautiful Bird Art</b> <b>Grades: 1-3</b> Explore the colorful birds of winter at the Wildlife Care Center and Audubon Interpretive Center. Create your own holiday cards and scenes of winter using a variety of art media. Meet Audubon's Education Birds and get to know them better through creative games and costumes. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member	<b>Jr Wildlife Vet 101 session 1</b> <b>Grades: 1-3</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 of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member	<b>Winter Treasure Hunt</b> <b>Grades: 1-3</b> Hidden animal homes. Slippery salamanders. Squirrel middens. We'll search for all of these and more as we scour Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary to find the creatures that make winter in the Pacific Northwest special. Later, we'll celebrate our success with a special treat... <i>if we can find it</i> . Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member	<b>Birds of Prey</b> <b>Grades: 2-3</b> Grab your warm clothes, we'll bring the scopes and treats! Join us for a road trip around Sauvie Island in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter in the Portland area. Afterward, we'll get to meet Audubon's own Education Birds, including Julio the Great Horned Owl, and Jack and Lillie the American Kestrels. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member
<b>Snowshoe and Hot Cocoa Adventure</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> Venture onto the snow-covered slopes of Mt. Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon, searching for tracks of Snowshoe Hare, Bobcat, and Coyote. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. This trip typically includes a snowball fight of epic proportions! Fee includes snowshoe rental. Fee: \$70member/ \$80non-member	<b>Reptiles of the World</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> Burmese Pythons, Black Caimans, and giant Alligator Snapping Turtles await you on this day of reptilian adventure. Travel south to the incredible facility known as <i>Brad's World</i> , where you'll see and handle strange and exotic species from around the globe. Fee: \$65member/ \$75non-member	<b>Cookin' at the Cabin</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> The holiday season lends itself to treats and sweets. Prepare your stomachs for fun as we head to Portland Audubon's <b>Marmot Cabin</b> for a day of <i>Cookin' at the Cabin</i> . We will learn different fire-building techniques in order to explore various cooking methods on an open fire. Anyone for orange cakes, cookies, western hemlock tea, and homemade bannock (bread on a stick!)? Fee: \$65member/ \$75non-member	<b>Eagle Eye</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> Audubon's most popular camp game of all time now has its own camp. Join us for a day of <i>Eagle Eye</i> and other awareness-based games in Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary. We'll hone our senses of sight and hearing, practice our fox walking, and learn how to blend in with the trees. Wear your forest-colored clothes and be ready to get muddy. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30
<b>Ducks and Doughnuts</b> <b>Grades: 2-3</b> Become a Junior Ornithologist and expert doughnut connoisseur for a day as we seek out and identify bird species at hidden wild wetlands in and around Portland. We'll see Herons, Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal and, if we're lucky, maybe even a Bald Eagle! Fee: \$65member/ \$75non-member	<b>Beautiful Bats</b> <b>Grades: 1-3</b> Experience these mysterious mammals of the night from a new perspective as we study bats from all over the world. We will have hands-on experience with specimens of some of the more common bats of Oregon, play bat games, and learn more about the myths and legends that these flying mammals have inspired. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member	<b>Jr Wildlife Vet 101 session 2</b> <b>Grades: 1-3</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 of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member	<b>Wonderful Winter Animal Art</b> <b>Grades: 1-3</b> Discover the fascinating animals that live in the forest during the winter and explore their habitats through collages of color, texture, and dynamic shapes. Take a hike in Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary and create your own winter habitat using natural, found materials. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member
<b>Winter Survival</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> Travel to Mt. Hood for a 100% safe day of learning winter wilderness survival skills. We'll focus our attention on the arts of fire building and emergency shelter (snow cave) construction, and learn how to stay warm in a frozen alpine habitat. Fee: \$65member/ \$75non-member	<b>Elk Extravaganza</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> Jump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at <i>Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve</i> . Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the coast range. Learn all about these animals as well as the other cool critters we will see along the way! Participate in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close. Fee: \$65member/ \$75non-member	<b>Wolves</b> <b>Grades: 4-8</b> Come experience the thrilling world of Wolves as we travel as a pack to the <i>Wolf Haven Sanctuary</i> near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. We're sure to have a howlin' good time! Fee: \$65member/ \$75non-member	<b>Jr Wildlife Vet 102</b> <b>Grades: 4-6</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 of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60member/ \$70non-member

# Nature Store Highlights

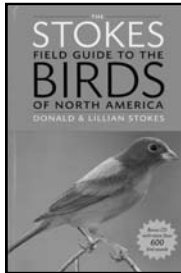
by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

We're really excited about new book and media arrivals waiting for you at the Nature Store. We have wonderful items for either a serious birder or a more casual nature lover, suitable for either adults or children. Please drop by this winter season to check out our collection, because there's just not enough room here to highlight them all!

The absolutely stunning new *Bird Songs Bible* edited by Seattle author Les Beletsky is a gorgeous coffee table-sized work that includes an audio unit, covering 747 North American species in picture and sound. It's the deluxe splurge book of the season, and can provide countless hours of informative entertainment (Chronicle Books, \$125.00).



Donald and Lillian Stokes have just released *The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America* (Little, Brown, \$24.99). It comes with color-coded sections, a CD sampler, and lots of photographs. Also available are new editions of their popular CD audio guides, in either Eastern or Western versions (\$24.98 for each), plus a box set that covers both (\$39.98). Both book and audio versions have the most current AOU nomenclature.



David Allen Sibley is releasing a series of posters based on his field guide artwork. Look for versions that feature Hummingbirds or Owls at \$24.95, or Raptors or Backyard Birds (Eastern or Western) at \$29.95. All feature his graceful, meticulous illustrations.

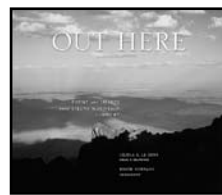
*Bird Feathers: A Guide to North American Species* by S. David Scott and Casey McFarland (Stackpole Books, \$34.95) provides all the clues you need to figure out the origin of feathers you run across. Readers interested in tracking or bird physiology will find lots of fascinating information here.



*Birdwatcher's Daily Companion: 365 Days of Advice, Insight and Information for Enthusiastic Birders* by Marcus H. Schneck and Tom Warhol (Quarry Books, \$19.99) is a treasury of informative nuggets. While not itself a calendar (see page 1 for some featured calendars), it is designed to be read as a small daily snippet. Less-disciplined readers like me will enjoy jumping around from topic to topic.

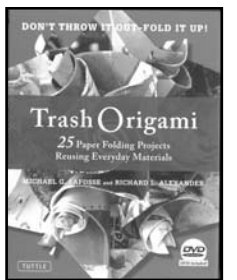


Any Oregon birder who has seen the desolate beauty of the Steens Mountain area will appreciate the new collaboration between Ursula K. Le Guin and Roger Dorband, *Out Here* (Raven Studios, \$35.00). Photos,



drawings, and text capture the magic of that corner of the state.

Crafty folks will enjoy the next two titles. *Trash Origami: 25 Paper Folding Projects Reusing Everyday Materials* by Michael G. LaFosse and Richard L. Alexander (Tuttle Publishing, \$19.95) shows how you can transform ordinary objects from landfill to colorful art pieces. A DVD comes with the book. *Woodland Style* by Marlene Hurley Marshall (Storey Books, \$24.95) combines crafts and recipes based on found items and natural materials you can gather from the woods, along with eco-tips on how to do so responsibly.



## NATURE STORE Holiday Open House

Sat, Dec. 4, 10am-6pm  
Sun, Dec. 5, 10am-5pm

Join us for our annual Open House as we kick off the Holiday Season. A warm, welcoming fire in our cozy Audubon House hearth will beckon winter revelers. Delicious food treats and warm beverages will chase away the winter chill. Enjoy live music or participate in a family activity to make a perfect gift for a favorite nature lover.

### All weekend enjoy:

Spiced Tea & Portland Roasting Coffee;  
Food treats from Food Front Coop & Grand Central Baking.

Free giftwrap table: We supply boxes, shredded paper packing for fragile items, wrapping paper, raffia ties & gift tags.

### Saturday Events

**11am-3pm**  
Live contemporary keyboard music with local composer/performer Therese Michaud.

**10am-4pm**  
Make a Pinecone Bird Feeder — a creative family activity guided by Portland Audubon Volunteers.

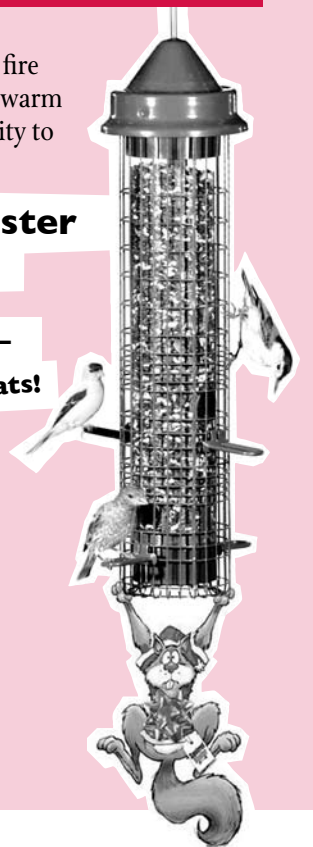
### Sunday Events

**12:30pm-4:30pm**  
Live Bluegrass Music Jam! Bring an instrument & join in, or just watch, listen & tap your toes to the musicians of the Oregon Bluegrass Association during this free, fun, casual monthly jam session.

**Noon-4pm**  
Make a Pinecone Bird Feeder (see Saturday events).

Squirrel Buster  
Classic

Sorry, Squirrels —  
No Holiday Treats!



# Sanctuaries News

## Restoring an Old-Growth Forest

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

When I began working at Portland Audubon 3½ years ago, I spent much of my first few weeks on the job wandering about the buildings and the sanctuaries, assessing current conditions and formulating the beginnings of an action plan for improving both our physical structures and our ecological resources. Prioritizing facilities issues can be rather easy, as the most pressing needs always percolate to the top of the list once they are identified. Habitat restoration priorities are not always so clear cut.

On the one hand it makes sense to focus efforts on the most pristine and most used areas, ensuring that their current ecological and functional values are maintained. Another school of thought would align more closely with the strategies of facilities maintenance and address the most critically degraded habitats first, assuring a more widespread level of basic ecological health. With limited financial resources and a very small group of sanctuaries volunteers at the time, that choice was made for me — adopt the “protect the best” model and begin searching for funding alternatives for the more involved work.

As priorities were laid out on the table, the daunting task of dealing with the heavy infestation of invasives in the Collins Sanctuary was unfortunately moved down the list. The trails through Collins were not actively used in our education programs, and the infestation was so bad as to be considered beyond our means to deal with, at least without a significant capital investment. Additionally, Audubon only managed the property on behalf of the Oregon Parks Foundation, which limited some of our fundraising capabilities for necessary work.



Collins Sanctuary pre-treatment... after initial Ivy treatment... Ivy dying off after Hawthorn treatment. Photos © Metro

Things were looking to go from bad to worse when the Oregon Parks Foundation began looking for a buyer for the property a few years ago, and we wondered if we would have to cross off Collins Sanctuary restoration from our list permanently.

But what a difference a couple of years can make. A little over two years ago Metro came to the table with an offer to buy the Collins Sanctuary with funds from the 2006 bond measure. After securing the purchase of the property in November 2008, Metro entered a 10-year lease with Portland Audubon to continue managing the property as wildlife sanctuary. Saved from potential loss, the Sanctuary also benefited from a two-year process, known as stabilization, which occurs with all properties acquired by Metro through the bond measure. As properties are acquired they are assessed by Metro staff scientists, and any significant environmental or ecological degradation on the property is addressed in the short term by the investment of stabilization funds to address the most significant problems present.

In the first two years of ownership, Metro invested heavily in habitat restoration of the Collins Sanctuary by hiring contract crews to treat the entire 86 acres for invasive plant infestations; Ivy, Clematis, Holly, Laurel, and European Hawthorn were all targeted. As the two-year window of stabilization drew to a close this month, it is amazing to look back at the changes that have occurred in the past two years. While the infestations in the Collins Sanctuary were quite heavy, two years of persistent treatment have knocked back the Ivy to manageable levels and have all but

eliminated the Holly, Laurel, and Hawthorn. The habitat quality of the Sanctuary has been greatly improved and is now well suited to be managed by Portland Audubon's expanded volunteer efforts.

As invasives have been brought back to manageable levels the restoration efforts have been re-doubled through a partnership with Friends of Trees, which has agreed to host 2 restoration plantings per year, for the next 10 years, in the Collins Sanctuary as part of its Gift Tree Program. With the goal of planting at least 10,000 native trees and shrubs and facilitating the restoration of an urban old-growth forest, the Gift Tree plantings have been a welcome addition to the efforts in the Collins Sanctuary.

Currently we are in the process of applying for funding for an interpretive sign to welcome visitors to the upper reaches of the Collins Sanctuary and highlight the ongoing restoration efforts. Portland Audubon's funding partnership with National Audubon's Together Green Volunteer program is channeling over 500 volunteer hours per year into invasives removal and planting maintenance in the upper portion of the Sanctuary, which had been the most degraded portion of the property. A comprehensive planning process addressing long-term trail repair and improvements is under way. And thanks to a generous \$50,000 challenge grant from the Collins Family, which has been graciously matched by Portland Audubon's membership over the past two years, the Collins Sanctuary now has the financial foundation to ensure that current restoration efforts will continue to bear fruit in the future.

## Migration of White-fronted Geese Through Oregon

On October 10 a major migratory movement of **White-fronted Geese** passed over central Oregon on their way to the Klamath Basin. The flight was first noticed about 9pm and lasted several hours. Wave after wave of many thousands of noisy birds flying overhead attracted the attention of many people including a number of local birders.

The fall migration of White-fronted Geese from Alaska to the Klamath Basin is one of the outstanding birding events in North America. Unfortunately for Oregon birders these movements usually reach Oregon after dark and are often missed.

Following nesting, most White-fronts gather in the Yukon Delta or the Bristol Bay lowlands. Others move south singly or in small family groups. Beginning about mid-August and continuing through October, small numbers are seen scattered throughout Oregon and Washington.

There are two major flights that occur each fall. These flights follow a route from Alaska flying 2,000 miles over the ocean

to the mouth of the Columbia River. Then most continue inland to Portland and down the Willamette Valley, and over the Cascades to the Klamath Basin. Others continue down the coast to turn inland farther south. Smaller numbers pass southward east of the Cascades.

Most birds fly nonstop from Alaska to the Klamath Basin. The entire nonstop trip takes about 48 hours. Many, though, stop along the way to rest and refuel.

The first main flight consists of the Bristol Bay birds that usually arrive in Oregon during late September. This flight is often missed as they are widely scattered. This fall the flight was seen September 26 to 28. The birds were widespread east and west of the Cascades.

The second main flight involves the Yukon Delta birds and occurs about mid-October. It is usually more obvious than the first flight, and in some years can be spectacular. Usually it passes southward over the Willamette Valley, but for some reason this year the flight was concentrated east of the Cascades and lasted only a few hours.

By late October almost the entire population of White-fronted Geese have gathered in the Klamath Basin. Soon after, most move to the rice fields in the Central Valley of California. Many move farther south into Mexico.



White-fronted Goose  
© Tom Shreve

Individuals and small groups of White-fronts regularly winter in the Willamette Valley and are often seen in Cackling Goose flocks. In recent years the number of wintering White-fronts appears to be increasing. Perhaps in a few years they may increase enough to form their own flocks.

By mid-March early northbound migrants of White-fronted Geese begin drifting into the Willamette Valley. West of the Cascades peak numbers occur in late April, with stragglers seen to mid-May. Those passing northward west of the Cascades are birds heading to the Yukon Delta. Bristol Bay lowland birds leave the Klamath Basin to stage at Malheur NWR before flying northward east of the Cascades to Alaska. Numbers at Malheur peak during late March with stragglers seen through April and into May.

**Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:**

### In Memory

<b>Estelle Keefer</b> Ruth & Don Turner	<b>Cleo Teague</b> Loba Azul
<b>Chrisandra Jane Sarda</b> Steve Buchan	<b>Ann Donaldson Wilcox</b> Fred & Helen McNaughton William & Candace Houston
<b>Barry Shapiro</b> Wendy Shapiro	<b>Buddy</b> Stephanie Imig
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<b>Ruth Barnes</b> Antonia Lindsey	<b>Ginnie Ross</b> Jeanne Beyer Sue Wetzel
<b>Rachael &amp; Randall Kester</b> Mary & Bob Ricks	<b>Dr. Matthew Thomas Russell</b> Sara Russell
<b>Robert Murray</b> Rachael Murray	<b>Lauren Waters</b> Heidi McGreal

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.

## Sightings

The first major storm of the season crossed Oregon October 23–26, pushing many offshore migrants to the beaches. The storm apparently was not strong enough to push many strays into the interior valleys, although on October 27, students in Jewell found a dead **Leach's Storm-Petrel** on their school grounds.

On October 23 Stefan Schlick found two **Long-tailed Ducks** on Hagg Lake south of Forest Grove. On October 24 a **White-winged Scoter** was at the Fernhill Wetlands. The next day Greg Gillson checked Hagg Lake, well known for attracting out-of-place birds. Circling the lake he tallied 19 **Surf Scoters** and six **White-winged Scoters** as well as the two **Long-tailed Ducks**. Steve Jagers reported an early **Surf Scoter** at the mouth of the Tualatin River October 4. These fall scoters are believed to be birds flying toward the coast from inland nesting sites, not flying away from the stormy coast.

Jay Withgott reported a **Poorwill** in his Northwest Portland neighborhood October 2. After allowing good views the bird flew off and disappeared. By late October there were several reports of **Barred Owls** in residential areas. It is thought that many come into the cities during the winter months.

On October 13 Luke Redmond spotted a **Ross's Goose** among a group of **Cackling Geese** on the grass at Parklane City Park in Northeast Portland. During early October a number of grebes showed up in the metro area, including **Horned, Western, and Red-necked Grebes**.

Greg Gillson saw a **Red-shouldered Hawk** October 1 in Jackson Bottom in Hillsboro. Katy Weil saw another October 25 near the Portland Airport. Gerard Lillie saw a **Rough-legged Hawk** over Northeast Portland October 7. Linda Leavens spotted the first-of-season **Eurasian Wigeon** October 1 in Oaks Bottom. Linda and others watched a group of **White-fronted Geese** at Oaks Bottom during late October.

On October 19 Greg Gillson saw an **American Tree Sparrow** at the Fernhill Wetlands. Jennifer Jones spotted a **Dipper** October 5 along the Willamette River just south of the St. Johns Bridge. Perhaps most unusual was the **Common Ground-Dove** that David Mandell saw October 31 on Sauvie Island. It flew right over him and landed in a field nearby. After allowing satisfactory views it flew off and could not be relocated.

## Wish List & Thank yous

### Thank you to:

- Food Front Cooperative Grocery for food & beverages for the annual Nature Store Holiday Open House.
- Grand Central Bakery for baked goods for the annual Nature Store Holiday Open House.
- Kazume Georgelis for assorted birding books.
- Kruger's Farm Market for 30 pumpkins for Night Flight Halloween event.
- MWI Veterinary Supply for veterinary supplies & equipment for the Wildlife Care Center.
- Portland Roasting for coffee for the annual Nature Store Holiday Open House.
- Roberta & Edward Schwarz for an Epson projector for use at our East Portland satellite office.

### Our Wish List:

#### For Education:

Laptop computer • Powerpoint Projector  
Flat Screen Monitor

#### For Sanctuary:

Loppers • Hand saws • Work gloves

#### For Wildlife Care Center:

Science Diet Kitten Growth • Bleach  
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.**

## Volunteer of the Month: Jackie Sparks

by Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager

December's Volunteer of the Month is **Jackie Sparks**. A multi-talented volunteer, she has been active in the Nature Store, the Volunteer Program, and the Wildlife Care Center.

Ohio-born, Jackie lived with her family in the Midwest until moving to Portland from Michigan in 1972. In 1980, Jackie and her husband purchased vacation property on the Oregon Coast at Oceanside. Her architect husband designed a beach house and over the next five years, together they hand-built their new vacation home with a spectacular view of Three Arch Rocks. Researching used bookstore finds, they pieced together a history of the rocks, the first National Wildlife Refuge west of the Mississippi.

Fast forward some years to Jackie's retirement as a Medical Dietitian. With more time on her hands, she looked for new activities and interests. Becoming involved with the Portland Senior Recreation walking group, her new pastime often led her down the Macleay trail past the Audubon Sanctuary. In September of 2007 she began Audubon's volunteer training. Within a month she was working a regular weekly shift in the Nature Store, and shortly after she accepted a shift in the Wildlife Care Center. Now she was on a roll!

When the opportunity to become a bird handler arose, Jackie was delighted to take on duties with Jack and Lillie, the American Kestrels, and Hazel, our Northern Spotted

Owl. She may tell you that she is a rather quiet, shy person, but when Jackie tells Hazel's story, her eyes sparkle with infectious excitement as she educates a single curious child or a large group of onlookers. She is great at telling not just Hazel's story, but the story of Portland Audubon, a story that connects back to the early Oregon environmental activists and their success in creating Three Arch Rocks, the wildlife refuge right outside her beach house window.

Jackie's desire to help shape volunteer training and activities led her to accept an 18-month position on the Volunteer Council, concluding this past July. Jackie says that she is "inspired by the passion and dedication of our volunteers" and we applaud her own passion and dedication. She lives close to the Pittock Mansion and arrives at the Audubon Sanctuary via the Forest Park trails. Neither snow nor rain nor sleet keeps her from her tasks — although in the "gloom of night" she does occasionally drive here.

Jackie, we are grateful for your ongoing regular commitments to the Wildlife Care Center, the Nature Store, and the Volunteer Program, as well as for your recent work on the Volunteer Council. **Thanks, Jackie!**



Jackie with Hazel © Portland Audubon

## 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 in each *Warbler* issue. Thank you for joining our vibrant and growing community!

Kerry Aden	Wayne W. Lincoln
Thomas Allen	Tol Luangsrinchotha
Kristin Astle	Jeff A. Maag
Penny Barker	Toon & Hilario Marquez
Jean Barr	Pat & Sheila Martin
Hal & Barbara Barwood	Veronica McClaskey
Melinda Beaumont	Fawn McGee
Rachael Bowles	Kevin McLaughlin
Fred Bowman	Richard Mercer
Josie Boyle	Glenn & Gail Meyer
John Burnside	Donald Mickey
Priscilla Butler & Steve Boyer	Marisa Monahan
Donna Butler	Dave Moughmer
Robert & Jean Cady	John Mullen
Avery Cenicerros	Damian Muth
Jill Cessna	Arne Olsen-Storvik
Todd Chase	Peggy Osburn
Rivkah Coburn	Sheila Pastore
Colleen Cochran	Carla Patterson
Gwen Collier	Lisa & Wayne Patterson
Tyrus Cronk	Russell Paul
Michael & Christine Crowe	Sandra Pittenger
Evan & Pip Denhart	Jon Plueard
Anne-Marie DiStefano	Annie Popkin & David Parker
Sam Dornfest	Clayton & Candace Pratt
Mindy Drake	Robert E. Priest, PhD
Lori Eads	Beverley & Robert Reeves
Cheryl Effenberger-Legg	Judith Riley
Nico Escobedo	L.R. Rockwood
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Peter Fallaw & Brady Howe	Linda B. Roth
Jill Fenimore	Betsy Russell
Brenda Finley	Ilene Safyan
Klara Fodor	Ioannis & Iliana Schoinas
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Nathan Fraser	Jude Siegel
Jason Freadman	Patricia Sipowicz
Leon Fredrich	Matthew Smith
Larry Gaines	Kendall Snow
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Sonny Gamponial & Diana Lyons	Susan Stern
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Michael Giskaas	Pete Suttner
Carl Goleman	Audrey Sweet
Lisa Goslow	Arden Tarum
Karen Groves	Virginia & Thomas Taylor
Brook Gutman	David & Susan Taylor
Edward Hannaford	Andrew Todt
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Jessica Lagurra	Jessie Whiteside
Claudia Laub	Dan & Amy Wiancko
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	Juliet Wyers
	Eileen Wynkoop
	Robert Zimmerman

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.

## Help protect wildlife and our shared habitat by giving through the Willamette Week's Give!Guide

Audubon Society of Portland connects people with nature and their power to protect it. From Portland's urban neighborhoods to across the region and state, Portland Audubon has been mobilizing Oregonians for over 100 years and has been instrumental in developing the environmental policies that shape our region today.

We rely on memberships, donations, and sponsorships to keep advocating for our region's environmental health, and we are always looking for ways to invite new people to our "flock." That's why we are very excited to promote our second year of inclusion in *Willamette Week's* popular Give!Guide.

The WW Give!Guide is a publication and website whose primary goal is to facilitate year-end giving to a cross section of Portland-area nonprofits. With a distribution of 80,000 copies, the WW Give!Guide offers a great opportunity for participating organizations. The goals of the Give!Guide are:

- to encourage people age 18–35 to get involved in philanthropy; and
- to attract new donors and/or volunteers to these causes; and
- to provide publicity and exposure for a variety of local nonprofits.

We are so pleased to be a part of the Give!Guide. Last year, donations exceeded \$916,000 for our area's nonprofits, and this year we'd like to receive a good piece of that in the name of native birds, wildlife, and habitats, so it's our job to help spread the word.

So give heartily, and tell your friends. *Willamette Week* wants everyone to get in the spirit and will reward donors with fun incentives, swag, and cheer, like discounts from local merchants, gift bags, the chance to win \$1,000 for donors 35 and under, **and** much more — check out the entire list at [www.wweek.com/giveguide](http://www.wweek.com/giveguide).



Holiday Raven © Portland Audubon

## Happy Holidays from Portland Audubon!

### The Nature Store Has a TINY OPTICS SELECTION!

Never thought you'd hear us say that, did you? Of course, you know we have the best and biggest selection in the Portland area. But we also have tiny, as in "slips right in your shirt pocket."

Ok, you love your full-sized binoculars. But isn't there a time when you just can't tote along something that weighs nearly 2 pounds and measures upward of 8 inches?

**Without binoculars in your purse or pocket, you just might miss that rare sighting!**



Zeiss Victory Compact

We've carried the **Zeiss Victory HD Compact Binoculars** in 8x20 and 10x25 models for a couple of years now. We've been delighted to discover that top quality optics in small packages really offer big-time performance. Best quality glass lenses make a world of difference in small binoculars. And surprisingly, the field of view is comparable to many full-size models!

**An extra incentive is provided by our good friends at Backyard Bird Shop, who will match the first \$1,000!** And the nonprofit that either attracts the greatest number of contributions from donors under the age of 36, or generates the most money, will get an additional gift of \$1,000 from *Willamette Week*!

Make your contributions online via the Give!Guide website, [www.wweek.com/giveguide](http://www.wweek.com/giveguide). Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the "Environment" category — and spread the word!

Donations are accepted through midnight December 31st.

### Give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to Someone You Know!

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

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Introductory | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Goldfinch   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Individual   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Warbler<br>(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: \_\_\_\_\_

Swarovski Pocket Traveler



Now **Swarovski Optics** has introduced their brand new Swarovski Pocket Travelers, elegant little optics that are the ideal companion for every trip. These distinctive sand-colored compacts are available in 8x20 and 10x25 models with a matching leather case. Utilizing the patented Swarobright technology, they offer optimum color fidelity. And their dual-hinge mechanism allows them to fold to a mere **2.2 inches wide**.

So if you are looking for a **BIG little holiday gift** for your favorite birder, hiker, or backpacker, or even your favorite sports or opera lover, look no further than at Audubon's Nature Store!

**Note: Zeiss is also offering a \$100 prepaid VISA card as a rebate with each Victory Compact purchase through Dec. 31 — so hurry in!**

### PORTLAND AUDUBON'S NATURE STORE

5151 NW Cornell Road • Portland, OR 97210  
503-292-9453 • [store@audubonportland.org](mailto:store@audubonportland.org)

Open 10am–6pm Monday through Saturday  
10am–5pm Sunday

## Great Green Gift Idea! Help a Wild Thing for the Holidays

When you give a gift sponsorship of one of Portland Audubon's Education Birds, both you and your gift's recipient will know that you're helping to provide care and treatment for our resident native birds. You're also 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 the goal of releasing them back to the wild.

Syd, Finnegan, Hazel, Julio, Jack, Lillie, Ruby, and Aristophanes all came to us with an injury or condition

so severe that they would be unable to survive in the wild. We cannot give them freedom, but we are committed to giving them the best captive life possible. In turn, they act as ambassadors for their species and for Portland Audubon at our sanctuaries, in classrooms, and at events. **Come to the Care Center and say hello — they are viewable daily, 9am–5pm.**

Go to [www.audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/wcc/edbirds](http://www.audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/wcc/edbirds) or call 503-292-6855 for more details about giving the unique gift of sponsorship of an Education Bird.

### MEET OUR EDUCATION BIRDS

#### 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. Because of his lack of survival skills, he is unreleasable.



Aristophanes  
© Deanna Sawtelle

#### 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; it did not heal properly and she can only fly a few feet. Syd would not be able to survive in the wild and has lived in the Wildlife Care Center since 1992.



Syd © Ken Barron

#### 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. Damage to her primary feathers extended all the way down to the feather follicles, and 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. Raised by humans, she never learned to be an owl. By the time she was brought to Audubon in 2005, Julio was 5 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 near Hazel Dell, Wash. in 2006. At the Wildlife Care Center it was discovered that the tip of his left wing was missing. Because he is unable to fly, Jack cannot be released back to the wild.



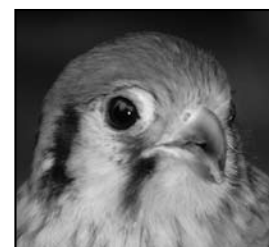
Jack Sparrowhawk  
© Chuck Nakell

### Your support will help provide:

- 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!

#### Lillie, the American Kestrel

Lillie came to Audubon in spring 2009 with deformities resulting from an inappropriate diet after she was taken from the wild at an early age. The resulting malnutrition caused her bones, including her jaw, to form incorrectly. Unable to survive in the wild, she must live the rest of her life in captivity.



Lillie © Portland Audubon

#### Ruby, the Turkey Vulture

Ruby was about 6 months old when she was found near McMinnville, relying on people for food. Probably illegally taken from the wild, she was already imprinted onto humans. As a result, Ruby would not survive in the wild and will live her life in captivity.



Ruby © Chuck Nakell

## December is a Great Time to Give!

Don't forget to get your last-minute tax deductions, and take a moment to send in your support to the Audubon Society of Portland. There are a great many ways to help protect native animals and their habitats — you can choose to renew your membership, give the gift of membership, give a gift in honor or memory of a loved one, sponsor a Wild Thing, include Portland Audubon in your estate plans, and give a gift of stocks.

**Giving long-term appreciated stock offers you a potential three-fold tax savings.** First, you avoid paying capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. Second, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. The third tax savings is a reduction in the value of the donor's taxable estate by the amount of the gift.

If you decide to give stocks, contact your brokerage and instruct them to transfer the shares to the Audubon Society of Portland account at RBC Wealth Management: DTC number 0235; Audubon Society of Portland account number 307-84759. If there are questions, have your broker phone our Account Executive, Shelly McFarland, at 503-833-5212, or Development Director Ann Takamoto at 503-292-6855.

Please notify us about your stock gift as soon as possible. We will watch for it to show up in our account. For tax purposes, the gift date is the day the shares are actually transferred to our account, and the gift value is the average of the day's high and low prices.

Year-end support is very important to Audubon Society of Portland. If you are planning to give before December 31st, **THANK YOU** — and consider giving stock!

## Give a lasting, green gift this holiday season: an Audubon Society of Portland and Friends of Trees Gift Tree

Gift Trees make perfect holiday gifts! Honor a loved one and help us build a healthy forest. Your \$35 donation will plant a tree and help restore Portland Audubon's Collins Sanctuary.

Thanks to our partnership with Friends of Trees and Metro, the Collins Sanctuary is being restored and replanted with hundreds of natives. For your donation, a young native tree will be planted in honor of a loved one and an acknowledgment card sent to the person you choose.

You will be invited to plant your Gift Tree at one of two annual Gift Tree plantings. (Because of the sensitive nature of the site, we cannot label the trees.)

To get your Gift Tree, you can send in this form, or purchase online at <http://bit.ly/aONUXr>, or purchase at our Nature Store.

\_\_\_\_\_ # Gift Tree(s) @ \$35 ea. = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

#### Your information:

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### Tributee Information:

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Gift Notification:

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Looking for a stocking stuffer for a gardener?

## Give the Gift of Wildlife Habitat!

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program will help your favorite gardener create wildlife habitat in their backyard, no matter how small or large. In a one-hour site visit with a technician, they'll learn which plants are invasive, native plants that attract wildlife, and how to manage stormwater on site. The technician will work with them to develop a site plan to achieve certification — and will provide a packet of resources with discounts on soil and mulch, access to native plants at nearly wholesale prices, and many other incentives. Winter is a great time to schedule a visit and get a plan in place for the spring.

Please note this program is available to residents of the City of Portland only — expanding to other areas soon!

The cost for the one-hour site visit is \$25.

To purchase, send in this form or fill it out online at [www.portlandaudubon.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat](http://www.portlandaudubon.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat).

### Backyard Habitat Certification Program



You can also visit the Nature Store in person, or call Ariana at 503-292-6855 ext.126.

### Backyard Habitat Site Visit Gift Certificate

Gift from (Your Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gift To: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*City of Portland residents only at this time.

# A Guide to Giving — NATURALLY

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE NATURE STORE

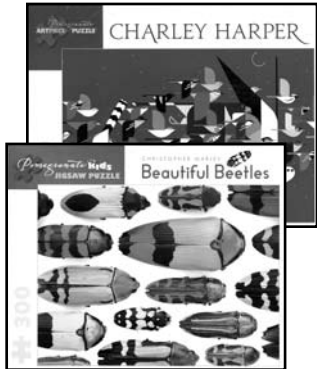


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## PUZZLES: Problems we can solve

Why are puzzles perennial gift favorites? Some promote togetherness. Some enliven solitary time. All are easily packaged and mailed. And for budget- and time-conscious shoppers, they can be an excellent (and efficient) gift for an entire family.

Our **jigsaw puzzle selection** includes 300-piece Pomegranate Kids puzzles featuring **Charley Harper's Biodiversity in the 'Burbs** and **Christopher Marley's Beautiful Beetles**. More adult offerings include three "minimal realist" Charley Harper graphics and an intricate new image from Chris Hardman depicting the **ECOLOGICAL SEASONS**, showing how the world's inhabitants respond to the changing seasons. Our colorful **SunsOut** nature puzzles offer a range of challenges from **200 to 2000 pieces**.



EcoToy **ColorMeUp paintable puzzle craft kits** feature hand-crafted wooden **polar bears, marine turtles, and owls**. Older children or adults can paint the puzzles with watercolors (included), and toddlers and children age 3 and up can assemble them.

## JEWELRY: Natural beauty is best

Especially for the holidays, we've brought in several collections of nature-inspired jewelry, many by **Northwest artisans**. Pieces include intriguing **earrings, bracelets, and necklaces** of resin and sterling silver from Taina Hartman of White Salmon, WA; colorful pewter-backed **pendants** from Paper Wings Studio, Vancouver, WA; and elegant **sterling silver & semi-precious stone** pieces from Sue B Designs of San Francisco. And for something **fun**

and **funky**, chose one of Dee Indgjerd's pendant necklaces created from **recycled** Scrabble and Mahjong game pieces creatively backed with avian images from In Small Packages of Spokane, WA.

## FEEDERS & NEST BOXES: Taking care of our friends

Of course, the Nature Store is where you go for backyard habitat advice, year-round. But the holidays allow you to share your knowledge — and your passion for birds. **Feeders and nest boxes are a year-round reminder of how much you care.** Support your local backyard habitat provider by giving them a nest box with a red, green, or blue tin roof or a feeder by Countryside Culture of Grants Pass, OR. Or choose from a wide range of suet cages, fly-through feeders, and easy-to-clean tube feeders, including our most popular, the **Brome Squirrel Buster Classic**. And don't forget to add a **bag of birdseed!**

## ORNAMENTS & CARDS: The little things in life

There are so many small ways to share your passion for the outdoors. We've brought in an assortment of nature-themed or natural ornaments to make it easy for you. **Ornaments** made from twigs, pine cones, gourds, and grasses are thoughtful host/hostess gifts during the holidays or attractive **toppers for wrapped gifts**. Portlander Lori Judge offers **colorful hanging ornaments** of kiln-formed glass birds to perch in your tree. **Stocking stuffers** can be spotted throughout the store — pocket guides, wildlife key chains, temporary nature tattoos, trivia books. And for greetings that take flight (via airmail), a full range of **holiday cards** with bird and nature themes is available. **Come see it all at the Nature Store this holiday season!**

## Picture your next meeting or event surrounded by nature!

Treat your staff to a true retreat just minutes from downtown



### Our Facilities:

**Heron Hall – 31 ft. x 31 ft.**

- accommodates 75 people if organized auditorium style
  - accommodates 50 people if organized banquet style
- Rental includes:**
- tables and chairs, 27-inch video screen, slide projector and 10x12 projector screen
  - kitchen with small refrigerator, microwave, coffee urn, dishes, cups, silverware.
  - nature library and natural history display
  - use of our sanctuary and trails
  - new improved lighting and wi-fi access

### Rental Fees:

- \$50 per hour (two-hour minimum)
- \$25 nonrefundable deposit
- Certificate of insurance naming Audubon Society of Portland as additional insured (required at time of deposit)

To rent our facilities, please contact our Sanctuaries Director at 503-292-6855.

Business members receive special discounts. To become a business member, call 503-292-6855 and speak to our Development Director.

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).



## Audubon Society of Portland

*Inspiring people to love and protect nature since 1902*

*Audubon Society of Portland promotes the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native birds and other wildlife and their habitats. We focus on our local community and the Pacific Northwest.*

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503-292-6855 • Fax: 503-292-1021  
9am to 5pm, Mon. - Fri.

### SANCTUARIES

Dawn to dusk every day

### NATURE STORE

503-292-9453  
10am to 6pm, Mon. - Sat. • 10am to 5pm on Sunday

### INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store

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503-292-0304  
9am to 5pm every day

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