

# Warbler



Black-throated  
Gray Warbler

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Snapshots from Camp Explorador © Portland Audubon

## CAMP EXPLORADOR!

by Steve Robertson, Education Director

If you have been a member of the Audubon Society of Portland for any length of time, you are likely aware of the array of education programs that we offer for both children and adults. You probably also know that we run an extensive Summer Camp Program that includes everything from half-day programs for first graders to week-long adventures that take older students far afield to investigate nature. But chances are you have never heard of the program that helps us reach the children that would otherwise have little or no opportunity to engage in authentic outdoor education. We call this summer camp “Explorador.”



For the past six years, Portland Audubon has teamed up with two organizations that provide affordable housing for Latino and other immigrant populations living in the metro area: **Hacienda in Northeast Portland, and Bienestar in Hillsboro. These organizations recruit and register**

**the children for Camp Explorador while Portland Audubon provides staff and operates the camp.** We rent a school bus (which our staff are trained to drive) and pick up the young Exploradors at their apartment complexes each day for their adventure. This eliminates the barrier to environmental education that transportation has historically posed for these communities.

This exciting program has enabled us to give Latino and other immigrant children an experience all children should have: attending a week of summer camp. And more than that, because of Audubon’s environmental theme, Explorador helps children build meaningful relationships with nature and gain a better understanding of the workings of the natural environment.

**As the name suggests, the goal of Explorador is to give children the chance to explore their local wild areas and**

**greenspaces.** Students spend the week learning the names of the plants and birds living in their neighborhood, testing the water quality of local ponds and streams, discovering the fun of journaling one’s discoveries, and learning the basics of outdoor survival. They also may try their hand at nature mapping, animal tracking, and reading the clues of animal sign. Young Exploradors finally get to see the forest as more than just a wall of green, as they become familiar with the predominant trees and their uses. They learn, for example, that the Western Red Cedar is the tree to find if they are ever truly lost and cold in the woods, as the inner layer of its bark makes ideal tinder, easily ignited for a warming fire.

In addition to serving the community, Explorador also serves Audubon’s mission as we strive to “inspire people to love and protect nature.” To ensure that native birds and other wildlife and their habitats are protected, Portland Audubon needs to reach out to all members of our community. **If we hope to preserve the quality of life that defines living in the Pacific Northwest, it is vital that people from all cultures and economic backgrounds have the opportunity to explore, investigate, and better understand the natural world.** Only in this way can we help prepare children of all cultures and communities to become environmentally responsible citizens.

Camp Explorador is one of our “community-based Summer Camps” which is designed, as described, to travel to the community it serves. The other such camp currently running is the “Audubon Nature Team” (formerly known as Alberta Nature Team) or **ANT Camp**, serving children that live in North and Northeast Portland. For this program, we work with local schools to help recruit children that would benefit the most, since **ANT Camp — like Explorador — is designed to reach those students that may otherwise not be able to participate in such a program.** We are currently running six weeks of Explorador and three weeks of ANT Camp, each week having a maximum of 24 students.

**Both Explorador and ANT Camp are free for participants, so every year Portland Audubon seeks grant funding for these important programs. We also hope for donations from people who want to support this effort.** If you would like to help children learn to love and appreciate the value of a clean and healthy environment, please contact Catherine Halpin at **503-292-6855 ext.129**, or simply send your contribution for the Explorador/ANT program to Portland Audubon.

## Sign Up for Backyard Habitat Certification

by Karen Munday, Urban Wildlife Specialist

Now is a great time to sign up and get started with the Backyard Habitat Certification Program! We have built up our capacity and are looking for yards to certify. Not ready for certification yet? Then let our Backyard Habitat Field Technicians come into your yard and give you the resources and advice to get you started.

**What does it mean to have a Certified Backyard Habitat?** It means that care has been taken to landscape for wildlife with native plants, destructive invasive plant species have been removed, and steps have been taken to manage stormwater onsite to promote wildlife stewardship.



Another backyard certified for wildlife habitat.  
© Portland Audubon

Over the long run, landscapes planted with native plants require less maintenance, reduce the need for herbicides and

pesticides, provide shelter and food for local wildlife populations, and can be even more beautiful than traditionally landscaped yards. You also get the benefit of attracting a large array of different songbirds: If you plant it with natives, they will come!

You and your yard have an important role to play in protecting our native wildlife populations. More than 200 species of birds pass through Portland each year, and more than a third of those species are experiencing serious long-term declines. **Creating backyard habitat provides birds, butterflies, and other wildlife with much-needed places to rest, feed, and nest at they pass through our neighborhoods.** Native plants provide a benefit for wildlife that traditional ornamentals and cultivars just don’t match.

Get started by signing up today at [www.audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat](http://www.audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat), or call Karen Munday at 503-292-6855 ext.122. Currently the program is for residents within the city of Portland.



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## Thirty Years of Counting Birds



Meryl Redisch

It's still too soon to know if Portland Audubon's 30th annual Birdathon netted the ambitious fundraising goal of \$150,000. But the month-long event (based on counting as many species as possible in a given period of time) certainly yielded colorful stories, plenty of "first bird" sightings, and in the case of team Wild Turkeys, a segment on OPB's locally produced program, Oregon Field Guide, to be broadcast this fall. The Field Guide crew followed the team as the team followed the birds across some of Oregon's most stunning and iconic land- and seascapes.

In the process, I overheard bits of conversations and commentary from seemingly sane individuals who willingly spend a long weekend apart from family and friends, use vacation time from work, endure many hours in a van and few hours in a bed, and ask everyone they know (and some they don't) to pledge them, all for the sake of advancing Portland Audubon's mission. What I heard were comments such as: Audubon makes it possible for people of all ages to enjoy and appreciate nature close to home; and it's Audubon's advocacy and policy work that makes a positive difference for people, birds, and wildlife in the region.

I also caught a sample of what a couple of people said when asked by the Field Guide crew to describe what a "typical" birdwatcher is like. It was interesting to hear the responses

that described a typical birder as someone who spends time and money on birding, expensive equipment, and traveling the world in order to add new birds to a life list. I won't dispute that this answer describes a sector of the birding populace, and our chapter is thankful to them as long-standing members who purchase products from our store and travel extensively with our staff.

This simple question made me think about what I would have said if asked. Today, I would offer the following: a typical birder is anyone who enjoys watching birds outside their window that are year-round residents, notices what's flying above them, and looks forward to spending time at their favorite natural area in anticipation of seasonal migrants. It's an answer that could describe just about anyone, and that's the point.

Every Birdathon team — from the Raven Maniacs, A-Grebe-Able Bunch, and Bus Passerines to the Roadrunners, Cream of the Crop and yes, even the Wild Turkeys — consists of typical birders. What's not so typical and in fact quite



Wild Turkeys at Newport Bay Jetty with Oregon Field Guide crew. © Alan Locklear

unconventional is the wonderful generosity from hundreds of individuals who give to this annual fundraiser by counting, pledging, and volunteering, all for the purpose of promoting the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds and their habitats.

Thanks to everyone who took part in making Portland Audubon's 30th Birdathon successful and fun!

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 Family Adventures:

### "Swift Watch!"

Join Audubon volunteer naturalists for a special evening event centered around "Swift Watch." This is our newest Audubon Family Adventure designed to offer an opportunity for families to enjoy and learn about nature together. Learn about Vaux's Swifts and how they've adapted. Meet one of their predators! Enjoy a light snack, make a take-home craft, and then enjoy a reserved seat at Chapman School to view the Swifts in action.



**Date:** Sunday, September 12

**Time:** 4 p.m.–7 p.m. (please check in by 3:45 p.m.)

**Place:** Audubon Society of Portland, Heron Hall

**Target age:** 5–9 years (an adult must accompany every 1–3 children)

**Cost:** \$10 per participant

Space is limited, so get your registration in soon at [audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/family](http://audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/family). Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy hiking shoes.

## Portland Riverfest

*The Willamette: Respect, Reconnect, Renew*

August 19–22 (Thu–Sun)

Join in the fun as Portland caps off the summer with an event to celebrate the Willamette River. RiverFest offers a family-friendly chance to come down by the riverside, get out on the water, take river tours, enjoy live music, learn firsthand about the river's history and environment, clean up the riverbank, and view river spectacles. See all the Riverfest event listings at [www.portlandriverfest.org](http://www.portlandriverfest.org).



## New Seasons Barbecue

Do you love barbecue food? Do you want to support Portland Audubon? You can have the best of both worlds on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18! Every New Seasons Market in the metropolitan area is sponsoring a barbecue where 100% of the proceeds will go to support the Audubon Society of Portland.

**New Seasons BBQ**  
July 17 & 18 (Sat & Sun)  
Noon – 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$6 includes hamburger or veggieburger, fruit, chips or coleslaw, cookies or brownies. And remember: Every cent goes to Audubon!

Since 1902 Portland Audubon's mission has been "To inspire people to love and protect nature." With a 150-acre nature sanctuary that's open to the public every day, a Wildlife Care Center that takes care of over 3,000 injured native animals and answers 15,000 wildlife-related telephone calls annually, adult and youth educational programs that reach out to thousands of participants, and a conservation staff that works to preserve the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, Audubon helps people learn to appreciate and live with the urban wildlife around us.

Show your support for Audubon's efforts by visiting the barbecue at your local New Seasons Market:

**Arbor Lodge**

6400 N. Interstate Ave,  
Portland

**Cedar Hills Crossing**

3495 Cedar Hills Blvd,  
Beaverton

**Concordia**

5320 NE 33rd Ave,  
Portland

**Happy Valley**

15861 SE Happy Valley  
Town Center Dr,  
Happy Valley

**Mountain Park**

3 SW Monroe Parkway,  
Lake Oswego

**Orencia Station**

1453 NE 61st Ave,  
Hillsboro

**Raleigh Hills**

7300 SW Beaverton-  
Hillsdale Hwy, Portland

**Sellwood**

1214 SE Tacoma St,  
Portland

**Seven Corners**

1954 SE Division St,  
Portland

## A portal to birding Oregon —

### Audubon Birding Weekends 2010

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

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. After birding half of Sunday, we separate 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 with details including rendezvous location, schedule, lodging options, and possible birds.

- 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.

Please send the registration 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.

#### Schedule for 2010

**July 31–Aug 1 — Summer Lake**

We will visit this staging area for large numbers of migrant shorebirds and other waterfowl on their southward migration. Base: Summer Lake.




**October 16–17 — Jackson County**

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

**November 13–14 — Columbia River**

We will check out the fall migrants on the Columbia River from above the McNary Dam to Hood River. This is the time of year to hope for unusual loons, scoters, etc. Base: Arlington.

# Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

 = Birding trips starting later, going slower, with restrooms in sight  = Sign-up needed  = Fee involved

## July 1 (Thu), 10am–Noon Planning Meeting

The Magpies will hold our annual planning session in the Jay Conference Room at Portland Audubon. Everyone is encouraged to come. We will be planning the walks and trips and assigning leaders for the 2010–2011 birding season. For information contact **Dudley Thomas** at [dbthomas70@gmail.com](mailto:dbthomas70@gmail.com) (Subject: Planning) or 503-244-6496.

## July 17 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** to scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for post-nesting songbirds. 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! **Free; no sign-up needed.**

## July 19 (Mon), 8am–3pm Timberline Lodge Area

Interested in exploring the timberline habitats on the slopes of Mt. Hood? Chance to see Cassin's Finch, Calliope Hummingbird, and Black-crowned Rosy-Finch. We will hike the trails above and around Timberline Lodge. We'll leave Clackamas Town Center parking lot off Sunnyside Road (off I-205) at 8am. Call **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) for details and to reserve a spot on this trip. **Free.**

## July 24 (Sat), 7am–11am Sandy River Delta

Join leader **Patty Newland** on a walk around this rich riparian area near the Columbia River looking and listening for chats, buntings, and others. From Portland take I-84 east, take Exit 18. At the stop sign turn right and loop under the freeway. Meet Patty at 7am at the parking lot by the restroom. Bring water, binoculars. Beginners welcome! **Free; no sign-up needed.**

## August 10–12 (Tue–Thu) Central Oregon

Join **Sue Carr** and **Ed Hausafus** on this trip to the Fort Rock, Summer Lake, and Prineville areas. We'll meet at the "Aurora–Charbonneau" I-5 southbound rest stop south of Portland at 7:30am on Tuesday. We will bird on the way and stay overnight at La Pine. Contact Ed Hausafus at [Ethaus@aol.com](mailto:Ethaus@aol.com) or 503-637-3485.

## August 17–19 (Tue–Thu), 9am–4pm Grays Harbor

Join **Marilynn Burke** and **Sue Carr** for a trip to Grays Harbor, Washington. Trip will be limited to 12 people. For information call Marilynn at 503-228-0598 or Sue at 503-649-3360.

## August 28 (Sat), 7am–10am Sandy River Delta

Join leader **Ron Escano** on a walk around this rich riparian area near the Columbia River looking and listening for early fall migrants. From Portland take I-84 east, take Exit 18. At the stop sign turn right and loop under the freeway. Meet Ron at 7am at the parking lot by the restroom. Bring water and binoculars, beginners welcome! **Free; no sign-up needed.**

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# Protecting Birds in the Backyard and Beyond

## Save West Hayden Island

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

When people think about Hayden Island, the first things that come to mind are shopping malls, boat marinas, bridges, and Wal-Mart controversies. However, Hayden Island is also home to one of the region's largest and most important unprotected wildlife areas. The 826 acres of intact cottonwood-ash bottomland forest, grasslands, riparian habitat, and wetlands located on West Hayden provide habitat for over 100 wildlife species including Bald Eagles, western painted turtles, and federally listed salmon and steelhead. West Hayden Island provides important connectivity between a complex of surrounding natural areas including Smith & Bybee Lakes, Vancouver Lake Lowlands, Sauvie Island, and Government Island. It is a spectacular place that few have visited, but that represents a critical and sadly highly vulnerable piece of our urban wildlife refuge system.

Audubon's vision for this parcel is to see it permanently protected and restored in its entirety as a wildlife area and as a world-class urban nature park. At 826 acres, West Hayden Island would be second only to Forest Park in size within the Portland Park System and would immediately join Forest Park, Powell Butte, Ross Island, Oaks Bottom, and Smith & Bybee Lakes as the crown jewels of our system of protected natural areas. Situated at the Northern Gateway to Oregon, it would speak to our commitment to protecting and restoring our environment and integrating nature into our urban landscape. It would offer unique opportunities for environmental education and nature-based recreation in North Portland and provide access to nature for the East Hayden Island community, currently one of the most park-deficient neighborhoods in the entire metropolitan region.

A permanently protected West Hayden Island would also have tremendous economic value, providing ecosystem services such as flood storage, carbon sequestration, and

habitat for listed wildlife species. Portions of the island could serve as mitigation sites for Willamette River companies required to restore habitat as part of their Superfund obligations and for federal dams required to restore habitat to compensate for impacts to salmon. In 2005 a coalition of conservation groups led by Portland Audubon approached the island's owner, the Port of Portland, and offered to purchase the island. That offer still stands — we remain confident given the island's ecological significance that if the Port were willing to sell, funds would be available to purchase.

That vision however is far from the current reality. For the second time in a decade, the Port of Portland is seeking to have the City annex and rezone West Hayden Island to allow for large-scale marine industrial development. The Port is not able to say what exactly it intends to build or when the new facilities will be constructed, but it has indicated that the most likely scenario would involve new auto facilities — a scenario which would bring to life the old Joni Mitchell song about “paving paradise and putting up a parking lot.” The Port's minimum development footprint plus auxiliary development needs, including a new bridge and access roads, would consume between 400 and 500 acres and leave nothing but narrow strips of fragmented edge habitat.

In 1999, huge community opposition and a lack of demonstrable need for development on West Hayden Island caused the Port to temporarily abandon its development efforts. That opposition extended far beyond just the conservation community. In an editorial dated

September 25, 2000, the *Portland Business Journal* wrote, “We are relieved to learn that the Port of Portland has decided to re-examine its West Hayden Island project. The Port wants to rend the island's fragile environmental fabric so that marine cargo facilities... can be built there.... We are not convinced it's a good trade-off.”



West Hayden Island. Photo: Portland Audubon

For the last year a committee appointed by the Mayor that includes Audubon Society of Portland has been studying whether it makes sense to revisit the annexation and rezoning question — a decision which would once again open this wildlife area to large-scale industrial development. Specifically the Mayor charged the group with determining whether it was possible to protect the island's fragile natural resources, build industrial port facilities, and provide nature-based recreational opportunities for the community. After more than 18 months of study, it is clear that little has changed from 1999 — not only is it not possible, it is also not necessary.

The Port once again failed to make a compelling case for the necessity of additional marine industrial terminals in Portland. Cargo forecasts between now and 2040 demonstrate that the Port currently has existing capacity to handle five out of the six types of cargo identified as appropriate for the Portland market. Forecasts do demonstrate a potential deficiency in capacity to handle automobiles. However, the studies failed to take into account that the Port of Vancouver is currently permitting two new auto facilities just across the river. When asked whether the region would be likely to be able to procure business for new facilities in Vancouver and Portland auto facilities, the Port's consultants answered that it would be “pushing it.” In addition, the studies failed to look at opportunities to make better use of the existing industrial land base in Portland, opportunities to redevelop facilities in Portland using efficiency techniques that are now common in Asia and Europe, and opportunities for collaboration with the Port of Vancouver — deficiencies in the analysis that the Port was also roundly criticized for failing to address back in 1999.

At the same time, the studies validated the findings of many previous reports. The 826-acre mosaic of habitats on West Hayden Island are “high value” because of their unique location, size, and complexity. The study failed to identify meaningful ways that the loss of hundreds of acres could be meaningfully mitigated either on- or off-site. This critical piece of our urban wildlife system could not be replaced.

### What you can do to help

- Attend the West Hayden Island Hearing on July 29 at 6pm in City Hall.
- Contact Bob Sallinger for more information at [bsallinger@audubonportland.org](mailto:bsallinger@audubonportland.org).
- Look for additional information on our website at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org).

On July 29, Portland City Council will decide whether to continue forward with the annexation and zoning process to allow industrial development on West Hayden Island. We will need your strong support to ensure that Hayden Island is permanently protected for wildlife habitat and access to nature rather than turned into parking lots. Please check Audubon's website at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) or contact Conservation Director Bob Sallinger for more information on the hearing.



Someday this could all be parking lots. © Bob Sallinger

### Did You Know?

- At 826 acres, if West Hayden Island were to be brought into the Portland Park System, it would immediately become the second largest park in the City behind Forest Park.
- Lewis and Clark camped on Hayden Island on November 5, 1805. They called it “Image Canoe Island.” In their journals they wrote the following about the prolific wildlife: “Rained all the after part of last night, rain continues this morning. I [s]lept but verry little last night for the noise Kept [up] during the whole of the night by the Swans, Geese, white & Grey Brant, Ducks, etc on a Small Sand Island close under Lard. Side; they were emensely numerous, and their noise horid [sic].”
- During the 1996 floods, West Hayden Island was almost completely under water.
- West Hayden Island's 415 acres of cottonwood bottomland forest represent an astounding 4% of all the intact cottonwood forest left between Rivermile 12 and Rivermile 145. This was once the dominant habitat type along the Lower Columbia.
- According to the Coalition for a Livable Future Equity Atlas, West Hayden Island residents have some of the worst access to parks and natural areas in the entire region. Only one acre out of 676 acres on East Hayden Island has been protected as parkland.
- In 2005 a coalition of conservation groups led by Portland Audubon offered to buy West Hayden Island from the Port.
- In 2006 a Blue Ribbon Committee established by Metro considered putting West Hayden Island on a list of priority natural areas for acquisition and protection,



Photo: FWHI.us

but ultimately removed the island from the list at the Port of Portland's request.

- The proposed industrial development would require an additional new bridge from Marine Drive across to the natural area for truck traffic. The bridge is expected to cost more than \$100 million.
- Susan Barnes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Regional Biologist, served on the West Hayden Island Technical Advisory Committee and reported that ODFW would rate West Hayden Island at least Category II Habitat. This designation means that this is “essential wildlife habitat” and if impacts cannot be avoided, mitigation should result not only in “no net loss of either habitat quantity and quality” but also lead to a “net improvement in habitat quality or quantity.”
- Kemper McMaster, Oregon State Supervisor for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wrote in a letter to the Port in 2005 that “West Hayden Island would be considered an important conservation asset regardless of its location. Its presence on an otherwise highly urbanized urban landscape accentuates its importance.”

## Help Protect Places for Nature in Lake Oswego

by Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist

Over the last year Portland Audubon, the Tualatin Riverkeepers, and local conservationists have been tracking the ongoing update of the City of Lake Oswego's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Program. Lake Oswego's Comprehensive Plan calls for protection of environmentally sensitive lands that are vulnerable to development or other activities that disturb native soil and vegetation. Like many local governments in the region, Lake Oswego partially implements this policy through zoning regulations or Sensitive Lands Overlays (SLO) that apply to these activities in or near streams, wetlands, and tree groves. These environmentally sensitive lands sustain many native wildlife species, including over 200 native bird species that inhabit and migrate through the Portland metropolitan region. Preserving environmentally sensitive lands is also critical to maintaining water quality and quantity and to reducing natural hazards from flooding and landslides.

Lake Oswego's SLO does not prohibit development; it merely requires that development or other disturbance occurs in a way that avoids or minimizes impacts on clean water and wildlife and their habitat. Lake Oswego's watersheds are currently degraded but have great potential for restoration and recovery. By minimizing the direct and cumulative environmental impacts of human activities and especially new development, Lake Oswego's SLO secures the possibility of enhancing and restoring water quality, wildlife habitat, and overall watershed health over the long term. The SLO is a critical safeguard to protect the public interest in a healthy environment.

Over the last year Lake Oswego has been revising its SLO program to meet state and regional natural resource

planning goals *and* implement policies in its comprehensive plan. In response to a number of concerns raised about the existing SLO by some landowners and developers, the Mayor and City Council charged the "Second Look Task Force" (SLTF) to review the existing SLO regulations, issues, and concerns expressed by some residents, and propose recommendations for changes. The SLTF was composed of Lake Oswego residents and landowners including one member of the Planning Commission. The SLTF's recommendations to the City Council on May 28 included 63 recommendations for clarifying aspects of the code and adding flexibility in the application of regulations. The City Council will review the SLTF's recommendations on June 22 and take public comment on these recommendations on June 23. A final decision and adoption of new policies are anticipated by mid-November.

There are a number of myths and inaccuracies circulating in the community about Lake Oswego's SLO program. It is critical that residents get the facts in formulating their opinions of these policies and the recommendations of the SLTF.

### What You Can Do

It is also critical that the City Council hear from those who support natural resource conservation. Please attend one of the upcoming public meetings and listening sessions listed below, get educated, and speak up for protection of environmentally sensitive lands. For more information and updates see the Urban Conservation Page at [www.audubonportland.org/issues/metro](http://www.audubonportland.org/issues/metro), **where you can**



Tryon Creek near Obie's Bridge in Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Lake Oswego's Sensitive Lands Overlay protects the headwaters of Tryon Creek from new urban development that could threaten water quality, disrupt wildlife habitat, or jeopardize ongoing efforts to enhance and restore the watershed. Photo: Finetooth, Wikimedia Commons

**sign an online petition supporting natural resource conservation in Lake Oswego.**

### Key Dates

**June 29 & 30 at 6:30pm:** City Council Listening Sessions; public comment accepted. **Location:** Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego.

**July 10 at 10am:** Additional public comment opportunity. **Location:** To be determined.

**July 20 at 6:30pm:** Council discussion and adoption of Sensitive Lands Program improvement and approval of next steps. **Location:** Council Chambers at City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego.

## Wildlife Care Center

### Western Painted Turtle Returned to Smith & Bybee Wetlands

by Karen Munday, Urban Wildlife Specialist, and Deb Sheaffer, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

On June 10 a young Western Painted Turtle was returned to Smith & Bybee Wetlands Natural Area after it was illegally caught and removed 5 months earlier.

This winter a Portland high school science teacher had contacted Susan Barnes, Regional Conservation Biologist for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, because one of his students had netted a half-dollar-coin-sized Western Painted Turtle while field sampling at Smith & Bybee Lakes. The turtle had been in brumation, a reptile's version of hibernation during cold winter months. It was taken to the classroom, warmed up, and kept for a couple of days. Because it was awakened and removed during the cold winter months, the turtle would not have survived being put back in the water.

Ms. Barnes brought the healthy young turtle to our Wildlife Care Center for appropriate care and rehabilitation until the weather was warm enough for release back to the wild. Suitable habitat was provided, including a swim area, basking area, hiding areas, and a special ultraviolet light. Eagerly eating the worms, fish, and greens it was offered, the turtle went from 7 grams in January to 49 grams when it was released 5 months later. For the last month of rehabilitation, it was acclimated to the outside weather so release wouldn't be too much of a shock upon its return.

Although the turtle was able to be released back to the wild, it is unfortunate it was taken away from its environment in the first place.

Here in the Portland-Vancouver metro area we have two species of native turtles: the above-mentioned **Western Painted Turtle** and the **Western Pond Turtle**. Both species are listed in Oregon as Sensitive Critical Species due to their declining numbers. They are protected by state law and **may not be possessed or harmed in any way**. In this case the student or school did not possess the appropriate permit, a Scientific Taking Permit, required for any field sampling.

**The decline of Oregon's native turtles is due to the loss of their**

**critical wetland habitats as well as the introduction of invasive species.** Our native turtles spend most of their time in shallow streams, lakes, and rivers. They prefer slow-moving water with soft muddy bottoms, and they not only need intact wetlands but also require adjacent terrestrial landscapes for breeding, nesting, traveling, and wintering. They also rely on the connectivity of their habitats in order to survive and for populations to mix. In urban areas there are many additional hazards, and turtles can encounter roads and other impassible barriers.

Invasive animal species are another major threat against our native turtles. Many you might see and find in our local wetlands are actually invasive turtles from the East that were introduced to the Pacific Northwest from the pet trade. **Red-eared Sliders and Snapping Turtles were introduced and are now widespread and common throughout the area and contribute to the decline of our native turtles.**

**Bullfrogs are another major threat.** Young Western Pond and Painted Turtles are particularly susceptible to predation by bullfrogs. In some areas bullfrogs can eat almost 100% of the baby native turtles! That in combination with the fact that **it takes Western Pond Turtles 10–15 years to reach sexual maturity** makes it incredibly important to try to protect these young turtles (see Lower Willamette Valley Turtle Conservation Project at [www.oregonturtles.com](http://www.oregonturtles.com)).

We are lucky to have breeding populations of Western Painted Turtles right in the heart of the metro area at Smith & Bybee Wetlands Natural Area in North Portland.



Marbled Murrelet © Thomas Hamer

### Murrelet Training & Survey

July 14–15 in Yachats

Come help with the 5th annual Marbled Murrelet survey at the Cummins, Ten Mile, and Yachats landscape, including the Central Coast Murrelet Important Bird Area, which comprises approximately 100,000 acres of the Siuslaw National Forest.

**Wednesday, July 14:** Survey training starts at 6:30pm at the Yachats Commons with Kim Nelson, Oregon State University, and Paul Engelmeyer, Coastal IBA Coordinator. Survey site selections and directions (maps) will be distributed at the evening training.

**Thursday, July 15:** Morning survey at upland sites starts at 4:53am–6:53am and nearshore surveys (6 coastal sites) start at 10am–11am. Picnic starts at Noon at Hans Radtke's, one mile up Ten Mile Creek Road.

Camping available at the area's numerous campgrounds; see [www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/recreation/tripplanning/newpflor/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/recreation/tripplanning/newpflor/index.shtml).

Yachats accommodations at <http://nwcoast.com/city/hotels.asp?yachats>.

Please RSVP your participation, and if you need more information contact Paul Engelmeyer, Coastal IBA Coordinator, Audubon's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary, at [pengelmeyer@peak.org](mailto:pengelmeyer@peak.org) or 541-547-4227.



Young Western Painted Turtle minutes before release into Smith & Bybee Wetlands. © Laura Odom



Hyacinth Macaw © Marcelo Krause

## Birds & Wildlife of Brazil

April 3–17, 2011

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 freshwater 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 loudest terrestrial mammal in the world, the infamous **Black Howler Monkey**. We will also offer a night drive to seek out two of the most elusive animals in all of South America, the **Ocelot** and the mighty **Jaguar**.

After leaving the Pantanal, we will travel to a variety of habitat types that will yield new and exciting species. While in the Serra da Araras, we'll search the tropical jungle for the impressive **Harpy Eagle**, the largest eagle in the world. This powerful bird is known to crash fearlessly through the branches of trees to capture its prey. We then travel along the Brazilian coast and into the ecological hotspot known as the **Atlantic Rain Forest**. Though huge, what remains of this forest today is but a fragment of the vast forest that 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

**Fee:** \$3,585 members / \$3,885 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1,200 required to secure your place  
**Group size:** Limited to 14 participants and 2 Audubon guides  
**Leaders:** Audubon Staff

Common Caiman  
© Marcelo Krause



## Panama Birding

April 9–22, 2011

Join Portland Audubon trip leader **Dan van den Broek** on an amazing trip to one of the most biologically rich tropical regions on the planet. We'll visit three distinct regions including the Panama Canal region, the eastern foothills, and the mountain forests of El Valle, located inside an extinct volcanic crater. We will search for familiar tropical birds such as **toucans**, **tanagers**, **oropendolas**, and **parrots**, and take time to search for the rare and unusual birds of Panama. We begin our trip with a stay at the quaint and remote Burbayar Lodge. Burbayar, nestled in the eastern foothills of Panama, is located in a biological corridor connecting Central and South America. Around the lush forest of the lodge, there are many species we'll look for including the local **Speckled Antbird** and **Sapayoa**, two specialties of the region. Mixed-species flocks, including **Bicolored Antbird** and **Ocellated Antbird**, which are attracted to the army ant swarms, may appear at anytime. As we leave this area we'll take a detour to boat across Bayano Lake and visit an Embara Indian Village.



Canopy Tower  
© Kike Calvo

Our next destination is the lodge of Sierra Llorona in the lowlands of the Caribbean. We'll spend a full day in nearby San Lorenzo National Park searching for such showy birds as **Crested Oropendola**, **Spot-crowned Barbet**, and **Blue-headed Parrot**. The following day we'll travel by boat across the Panama Canal to Barro Colorado Island, a site of continuous biological research by the Smithsonian Institute since 1923. On our tour of the island we'll learn about some of the research that has taken place over the years.

Next we travel to the famous Canopy Tower, a rainforest lodge where you can immerse yourself in the sounds of the tropical forest as you sip your morning coffee high above the trees. The stunning view from the balcony of this first-rate lodge (a converted Army satellite tower) permits great views of the treetops where **Blue Cotinga**, **Green Shrike-Vireo**, and **Slate-colored Grosbeak** may be found. Occasionally raptors such as the **Black Hawk-Eagle** pass by, allowing for stunning views. We will visit the nearby Soberania National Park and the birding mecca of Pipeline Road. This area is home to five species of **trogon** as well as **antbirds**, **manakins**, and **raptors**. We may encounter some unusual mammals here as well, including **Geoffrey's Tamarin** and the **Tamandua**.

Our final destination takes us to the village of El Valle. The cool climate here makes it a popular getaway from the heat of Panama City. We'll stay at the elegant Canopy Lodge where many birds are attracted to the gardens, and birding the lush volcanic slopes is an unforgettable experience. Here we'll find the **Scarlet-rumped Cacique**, **Blue-crowned Motmot**, and **Red-legged Honeycreeper**, to name a few.

On this tour we will be staying in comfortable lodges while visiting some of the world's prime birding destinations. Panama is a fascinating country full of emerald-green forests, mountains covered in fog, and moist rainforests. As we travel through, we will gain a better understanding of these protected natural areas.

All trips fill on a first come, first-served basis. **Fee includes:** All lodging (based on double occupancy), all ground transportation, all meals **except some dinners**, local guide fees, entrance fees, excursions, and the services of your leaders. A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible



Ocellated Antbird. Photo: Mdf, Wikimedia Commons

contribution to the Audubon Society of Portland. Trip begins and ends at airport hotel near Panama City. **Fee does NOT include airfare to and from Panama City.**

**Fee:** \$3495 members / \$3695 non-members  
**Group size:** 14 participants  
**Deposit:** \$1750 required to secure your place  
**Leader:** **Dan van den Broek**, Master Birder and experienced trip leader

For more information or to register for this trip, contact Dan at [dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6105.

### Upcoming Trips

#### Galapagos

Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2010

Space available; call Steve Engel at 971-222-6119 for more information.

#### Belize!

Jan. 3 – Feb. 4, 2011

\$2800

(tentative date and price)

## 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

1. **NEW** — **register and pay online!** Visit class description on our website.
2. **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.
3. **Mail your check** payable to Audubon Society of Portland **or call** with your credit card information.

### Educational Trips & Tours

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

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

**Mail:** Audubon Society of Portland  
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**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.

### Flycatchers & Kingbirds

**July 20 (Tue), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall**

What are Flycatchers? These feisty little songbirds migrate long distances from the tropics to the Northwest each year. Once here they set up a territory, raise young, and head right back to Central and South America! Flycatchers occur in a wide variety of habitats across the Pacific Northwest, and they are notoriously difficult for birders to identify. Tonight **Harry Nehls**, local bird expert and author of several popular regional birding guides, will share his tips on where to find flycatchers and how to recognize them. Attend this class, then seek out flycatchers this summer equipped with your new skills and knowledge.



Western Kingbird  
© Paul Buescher

**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
Free for volunteers!  
**Pre-registration is required.**

### Dragonflies and Damselflies of the Northwest

**July 21 (Wed), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall**

Ever wonder how many species of dragonflies frequent your local wetland, or how they spend their days? Join instructor **Jim Johnson** for an evening class on the Odonata — otherwise known as the dragonflies and damselflies — to learn about aspects of dragonfly life and especially about field identification of the more common local species. Class topics will



River Jewelwing © Steve Berliner

include: What are dragonflies and damselflies and what makes them different from other insects; life history from egg to adult; habitat preferences; diet; and identification. Jim Johnson has taught dragonfly classes at Portland Audubon, The Wetlands Conservancy, and the Tualatin River NWR. He serves on the executive council of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas and is working on a field guide/manual to the Odonates of the Northwest.  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
**Pre-registration is required.**

### Butterflies of Cascade Mountains

**August 6 (Fri), 6pm–7pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**August 7 (Sat), 10am–2pm: Field Trip to Mt. Hood**

Join **Bill Neill**, author of *Butterflies of the Pacific Northwest*, for an evening class on Oregon butterflies. A field trip the next day to Mt. Hood will search out 10 or more species of butterflies including Fritillaries, Tortoiseshells, Checkerspots, Coppers, Hairstreaks, and an assortment of Blues. Count on 2 hours driving time from Portland. Be ready for uneven footing on trails and mountain meadows, but the hiking will not be strenuous.

**Fee:** \$30 members / \$40 non-members  
**Class Only:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
**Field Trip limited to 10 participants.**  
**Pre-registration is required.**

### Autumn Shorebirds

**August 11 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class**  
**August 14 (Sat), 7am–3pm: Field Trip**

By mid-summer, many shorebirds have already begun their southbound migration from their arctic breeding grounds. If all shorebirds look alike to you, don't despair! In this class, you will learn to identify shorebirds by size, shape, age, habits, and habitats. On Saturday we will visit some of the best shorebird sites in the Willamette Valley to practice your new skills. Join leader **John Rakestraw** on an exploration of these beautiful long-distance migrants.

**Fee:** \$65 members / \$75 non-members  
**Class Only:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members  
**Field Trip limited to 12 participants (transportation provided by Audubon).**  
**Pre-registration is required.**

### Animal Tracking in the Pacific Northwest

**September 24 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**September 25 (Sat), 9am–3pm: Field Trip**

Animal tracks are the world's oldest language, communicating information on who, what, when, where, and why to those who know how to read it. Learn the ABCs of animal tracking with **David Moskowitz** (author of *Wildlife of the Pacific Northwest: Tracking and Identifying Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, Amphibians, and Invertebrates*) and **Steve Engel** (Audubon's Adult Education Coordinator). This class will focus on recognizing animal tracks by their pattern, shape, size, and toes. Learn how to confidently identify individual tracks and how to read animal behavior based on track patterns and understanding of species natural history.

**Fee:** \$45 members / \$55 non-members  
**Class size: 20 participants. Pre-registration is required.**

### Beginning Birding

**September 27 (Mon), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**

**October 3 & 10 (Sun), 8am–11:30am: Field Trips**  
Join **Laura Whittemore** for her ever-popular introduction to birdwatching. Designed especially for beginners, topics include finding birds, tips for looking at birds, recognizing behavior and habitats, and identifying bird sounds. Take concepts from the evening program and apply them on two Portland-area field trips. This class is likely to fill quickly, so sign up early!

**Fee:** \$40 members / \$50 non-members  
**Class size: 14 participants**  
**Pre-registration is required.**



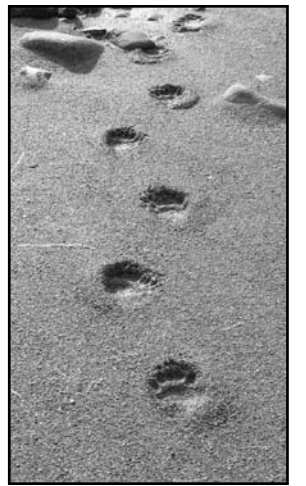
Song Sparrow  
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### Beginning Field Birding

**Saturdays, 8am–Noon:**  
**October 2, November 6, December 4**

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

**Fee:** \$50 members / \$60 non-members  
**Participants register for all three days.**  
**Pre-registration is required.**



Black Bear Tracks. Photo: Padraic Ryan

## SUMMER CAMP 2010

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**ENTERING 6TH–8TH GRADE**

**AUGUST 23–27 (OVERNIGHT MON–FRI)**

**DEPART 9:00AM. RETURN 4:00PM**

**FEE: \$390 MEMBERS/ \$410 NON-MEMBERS**

**INSTRUCTOR: IAN ABRAHAM**

What if you were lost in the forest and had only yourself to depend on? Could you make a fire and stay warm? Could you protect yourself from the elements? Learn the art of wilderness survival by building shelters, gathering safe food from the forest and preparing it on a fire you build yourself without matches! We'll gain our survival knowledge during this weeklong overnight adventure at Marmot Cabin near Mount Hood.

### GNOME HOMES

**ENTERING 1ST GRADE**

**AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 3**

**FEE: \$170 MEMBERS/ \$190 NON-MEMBERS**

Step into the world of the fabled Gnomes of the Pacific Northwest as we explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for the elusive woodland Gnomes, build homes to attract these little creatures, and search for the archenemies of the Gnomes...the weasels! Equipped with magnifying glasses, Gnome Detectors, and field guides, campers will search Audubon's Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes and their foes! Ancient stories and enchanted maps will help students create their very own world of Gnomes.



**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE IN OTHER CAMPS TOO!**

See complete listing on our Summer Camp webpage at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org). Questions? Call Sarah Swanson, Camp Director, at 971-222-6120.

# Sanctuaries News

## On the Lookout for Garlic Mustard

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

In the past two years we have made significant strides in our efforts to remove invasive plants from our Sanctuaries. Grants from Metro and the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services allowed us to bring in AmeriCorps field teams for 45 days, many of which were spent removing English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberry. Our new management partnership with Metro for the Collins Sanctuary has brought in contract crews to perform several complete sweeps for Ivy, Clematis, Laurel, and Holly. And three consecutive years of funding from National Audubon's TogetherGreen program has allowed us to host large-scale work parties each year to primarily target invasive species removal.

The influx of resources has allowed us to get ahead of long-standing infestations, but our efforts have been distracted by the arrival of a new and insidious invasive, Garlic Mustard. Garlic Mustard was first seen in the United States in 1868 in Long Island, New York, and infestations have primarily been limited to the northeastern part of the country. Unfortunately about 20 years ago an infestation managed to pop up in east Multnomah County, at the western end of the Columbia Gorge. It has only been in the past five years that populations have been reported throughout the Portland area, and we are now starting to see infestations throughout the state.

While natural-area managers and public agencies have been on high alert for the past three years, Garlic Mustard is continuing to spread. Even with monthly sweeps along the Cornell Road corridor and annual spraying by the city and county, this plant continues to be a problem.

### What does it look like?

Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a biennial, meaning each plant lives its life over two growing seasons. Seedlings emerge in early March, forming a rosette of leaves the

first year. The leaves are alternate, triangular to heart shaped, have scalloped edges, and give off an odor of garlic when crushed. The odor can be used to distinguish Garlic Mustard from native plants like Evergreen Violet (*Viola sempervirens*), Piggyback plant (*Tolmiea menziesii*), Fringecup (*Tellima grandiflora*), and non-native plants such as Silver Dollar plant (*Lunaria annua*). Garlic Mustard also has a distinct S-shaped curve at the base of the stem.



Garlic Mustard seeds © Chris Evans

Garlic Mustard flowers during the second year of growth. In March and April of the second year, plants send up a flower stalk from 12 to 48 inches tall, topped with a cluster of white, four-petaled flowers. The seeds form in narrow, green seed pods that originate from the center of the flowers and turn brown as the seed matures. The plant dies after producing seed and the brown, dried-out stems with the brown seed pods remain through winter.

### Why is it so hard to eliminate?

Garlic Mustard has several mechanisms which make it harder to control. Each individual plant produces over 5,000 seeds, and those seeds remain viable for at least five years. Missing one plant when removing an infestation can cause a significant headache in the following years. Furthermore, second-year plants can continue to produce flowers and seeds even after being picked. For that reason plants must be bagged when picked and thrown away with the garbage. Since plants can resprout from



Garlic Mustard first-year rosettes © Chris Evans

root fragments and bloom over several months, repeated sweeps are necessary to ensure complete removal. The seeds are very small and are often spread on the boots (or paws) of hikers.

Many roadsides in our area are infested, and if not treated the plant will begin to find its way deeper into the forest. The plant is able to exist in full sun or full shade, providing another advantage over competing native plants. If all this isn't bad enough, its roots exude a chemical toxic to soil organisms which are essential to the health of our native woodlands.



Second-year flowers © Linda Haugen

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

### In Memory

**Mildred Gray**

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## Nature Store Highlights

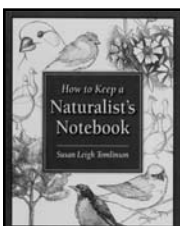
by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

Here's a selection of new books and multimedia now available in the Nature Store!

Were you dazzled by the recent PBS **Nature** program, *Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air*? If you'd like the chance to have repeated viewings, we're selling the DVD version now for \$19.95. Also, the Discovery Channel's epic *Life*, narrated by Oprah Winfrey, has just been released as a 4 DVD set, with special features and a list price of \$59.95. Fans of NPR will enjoy a new collection of audio stories focusing on bird adventures, *NPR Sound Treks: Birds* (HighBridge Audio, \$14.95).



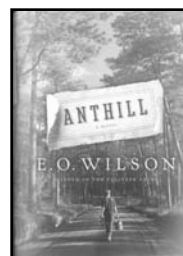
If you'd like a plan for keeping a journal of what you experience in the natural world, look for *How to Keep a Naturalist's Notebook* by Susan Leigh Tomlinson (Stackpole, \$19.95). The author provides suggestions for how to organize and record material, geared at both creative expression and scientific accuracy.



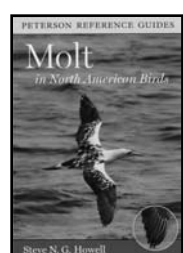
A very different journal is found in Portland graphic artist Kate Bingaman-Burt's *Obsessive Consumption: What Did You Buy Today?* (Princeton Architecture Press, \$19.95), in which she sketches items, whether exotic or mundane, that she purchased over a three-year period. It highlights the excessive materialism of modern life in a whimsical way. Also dealing with over-consumption, but on a broader scale, is Annie Leonard's *Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health — And a Vision for Change* (Free Press, \$26.00). A new edition of Northwest writer Paul Rogat

Loeb's *Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in Challenging Times* (St Martin's, \$16.99) gives inspiration to create social change, whether in regard to environmental causes or other issues.

*Shell Games: Rogues, Smugglers, and the Hunt for Nature's Bounty* (William Morrow, \$25.99) by Seattle writer Craig Welch is a real-life environmental thriller based around the black market for shellfish, especially geoduck clams. Another environmental thriller is the first novel from acclaimed biologist and nature writer E.O. Wilson, *Anthill* (W.W. Norton, \$24.95).



Two new titles should be of interest to the serious birder, both delving into fascinating details concerning bird feathers and appearance. *Bird Coloration* by Geoffrey E. Hill (National Geographic, \$27.50) is a richly illustrated book describing in a very approachable way the chemistry behind feather pigmentation, and the evolutionary strategies underlying the amazing variety of plumages. *Molt in North American Birds* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$35.00) is well-known bird writer Steve N.G. Howell's latest, an overview of the hows and whys of molting patterns and the impact of molt on bird identification.



Please check out our extensive stock of local hiking and camping guides for your summertime recreation!

## Wish List & Thank yous

### Thank you to:

- Ann Littlewood for ten 1-gallon Purple Trillium pots, seven 4-inch Redwood Sorrel pots, and three 4-inch Sisyrinchium californicum pots
- Lynn Sweeney for an Escali scale for the Wildlife Care Center

### Our Wish List:

#### For Education:

Laptop computer • Powerpoint Projector

#### For Sanctuary:

Loppers • Hand saws • Work gloves  
Watering wand hose attachment

#### For Wildlife Care Center:

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

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

## Molting Influences Late Summer Activity

There is an old adage that for every bird you see in the woods there are 10 more hiding in the underbrush. Birds are secretive beings, even more so in July and August. With the young bumbling about and the adults in full molt, it is a dangerous time to be careless or conspicuous. It is a slow time for birdwatching, but birders can still find enough to experience an enjoyable day in the field.

Birds spread widely to breed and fledge their young, but lack of rain and the hot summer sun can make many sections uncomfortable to live in and hard to find adequate water. As soon as the young are strong enough the whole family moves out in search of more hospitable areas. By mid-July the wandering begins, with many birds actually beginning their fall migrations.

It is easy to miss the signs, but there is a major shift in bird activities by late July. There is a sharp drop in

swallow numbers, and almost all the Rufous Hummingbirds coming to your feeders will be females or young. Waterfowl and other water birds become more conspicuous, and shorebirds arrive from the north in large numbers on their way south.

During August, warblers and other forest birds gather into flocks and drift southward. By the end of the month the fall migration is well under way. Most birds will migrate while molting their body feathers, but will stop when molting their tail and primary wing feathers.

In late summer the plumages of young birds are fresher and not overly worn. Adults on the other hand show dull worn feathers. In the fall adults have a full molt including the wings and tail feathers. Juveniles have a full body molt into a dull winter plumage in the fall a month or so later than the adults, but do not molt their tail and primary and secondary wing feathers.



Molting Cackling Canada Goose. Photo: Donna Dewhurst/USFWS

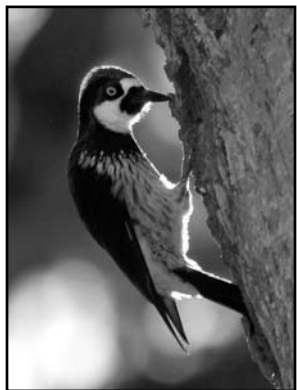
This is easily noted among shorebirds in the fall, as their body plumage is a mix of new and old feathers. The wings and tail on some birds appear old and worn and will be shed later either on the wintering ground or at a safe stopping spot somewhere farther south. Other birds molt their wing and tail feathers before migrating.

Ducks and geese often make molt migrations away from their breeding areas to a more secluded or food-rich area. Male Canada Geese regularly fly northward into Canada to molt in some secluded marsh or pocket of water. Many ducks wander westward to appear along the coast or into western Oregon interior valleys. They are often seen in small wetlands or on sewage ponds.

## Sightings

Early morning at Mt. Tabor Park in southeast Portland is the best time and location in the Portland area to observe the spring migration. Migrants fly in, then pass low through the trees before flying on. It is best known for the flights of warblers and flycatchers. Such hard-to-see species as **Nashville** and **Hermit Warblers** and **Dusky** and **Gray Flycatchers** can often be seen among the swarms of other species. Occasionally an unexpected species is found. This spring the most interesting was the **Rock Wren** Jack Williamson saw on May 17. It remained for several days crawling through the grass and foraging about the base of the trees.

Only a few birders know of the Mt. Talbert Nature Park in Clackamas, heavily vegetated and not as birder friendly as Mt. Tabor in Portland, but much more natural. It can provide a good birding experience. On May 16 Matthew Alexander saw a **Lawrence's Goldfinch** flying about the Mt. Talbert parking lot.



Acorn Woodpecker © BjornFredrickson.com

Because of the cold wet weather, the birds were much more conspicuous with a number of out-of-place birds. Local birders were excited about many new birds at their feeders. Among the more colorful were the numbers of **Lazuli Buntings** reported.

On May 29 David Mandell birding about the County Line Parking Lot on Sauvie Island saw a **Veery** and an **Acorn Woodpecker**. Andy Frank checked the area May 31 and photographed the Veery and found an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** nearby.



Great-tailed Grackle. Photo: Tony Hisgett

Erik Knight photographed a **Great-tailed Grackle** at the Tualatin River NWR May 29. On June 2, it or another was seen by Bob Flores and Jim Danzenbaker at Ridgefield NWR. Jim also reported a **Least Flycatcher** May 31 at his home in Battle Ground. A bit more colorful find by Kevin Kilduff and Steve Shane was a **Blue Grosbeak** May 31 at the Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove.

On May 31 John Deshler saw three **Gray Jays** in Forest Park. He says they probably nest in the park. He returned the next day and spotted a rare **Hooded Warbler** along the Wildwood Trail. Stuart Johnston reported that a **Snowy Plover** was at the mouth of Hood River May 17, and on May 20 seven **Sanderlings** were there.

Not only were the regular spring migrants conspicuous, so too were a number of rarely seen species. Overall it was an exciting spring migration.



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- Help answer the community's appetite for nature history information by being an assistant at the Nature Store.



Kendra Tester volunteers at the Native Plant Sale. © Carol Gross

- Lead school groups through a fascinating exploration of our nature sanctuary.

- Be a voice for Audubon by volunteering as a receptionist or an Audubon Docent.

- Help make Audubon's special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, and Swift Watch.



Volunteer Phil Hubert tells students about the sanctuary. © Deanna Sawtelle

**New Volunteer Orientation is on Tuesday, August 17, 6:00pm–8:30pm — or Saturday, August 21, 1:00pm–3:30pm.**

Volunteers who wish to volunteer in a capacity beyond special events must also attend General Volunteer Training on Saturday, August 28, 9:00am–4:30pm.

If you would like to donate some of your time and energy to the Audubon Society of Portland, please contact Deanna Sawtelle at [volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855 ext.108.

## Wanted: Silent Auction Donations for the 2010 Wild Arts Festival

This fall's **Silent Auction** at Portland Audubon's **2010 Wild Arts Festival**, to be held **November 20 and 21** at Montgomery Park, promises to be as exciting as last year's event. We need your donated items to make this auction a huge success. We welcome donations of wildlife- or nature-related art, photographs, prints, books, sculptures, pottery, jewelry, crafts, antique or collectible works of art, gift baskets, or gift certificates for nature-related services, field trips, vacation stays. All tangible donations need to be in quality condition. We will also have a cash-and-carry table for other nature-related items in good condition.

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If you have questions about a donation or the Silent Auction, please contact Marilyn Scott, Auction Coordinator, at [mwestlinn@q.com](mailto:mwestlinn@q.com) or 503-722-8136.

Your generous donations will help make the Silent Auction a success again this year.



Artwork such as this will be included in the Silent Auction. © 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 monthly. Thank you for joining our vibrant and growing community!

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## The Birds Have Landed!

### Todd McGrain's 'The Lost Bird Project'

Waterfront Park at SW Montgomery Street  
Now through December 2010

Five years in the making for Portland Audubon, The Lost Bird Project is at last installed at Portland's Waterfront Park. The grouping of five beautiful, larger-than-life bronze sculptures are memorials to five species now extinct: the **Passenger Pigeon, Labrador Duck, Heath Hen, Great Auk, and Carolina Parakeet**. The fact that these birds are forever gone conveys the urgent message that we need to protect what remains.

The actual installation in mid-June was quite dramatic and drew lots of attention and curiosity from passers-by. A departure from our programming of conservation and education, we felt that this opportunity to impact large numbers of visitors in Portland's "playground" was a good risk to take. Todd McGrain's vision and passion were certainly compelling. Targeted fundraising through our Lost Bird Committee and specialized grants did not affect funding for our traditional programs — and actually expanded our outreach — especially now that The Lost Bird Project is here!

People have already taken notice — stopping to touch and experience — and artists have lingered to sketch, while

children have played on the large smooth renditions. **Our goal is to encourage individual action to conservation**, bringing awareness to ways people can make their own difference through backyard habitat creation, citizen science, advocacy, and support for our programs.

We hope that everyone has the chance to experience this memorial to extinct birds. The Lost Bird Project will be displayed at Waterfront Park through December 2010.



Installation of these 400- to 700-pound sculptures took ingenuity, patience, and skill. Photos © Rebecca Miller

'The Audubon Society of Portland presents The Lost Bird Project' was made possible with generous support from **Georgia Leupold Marshall** and the **Regional Arts and Culture Council**, and in partnership with **Portland Parks and Recreation**.



Aboard the Sternwheeler Rose, Bob Sallinger (2nd from right) points out one of Portland's Peregrine Falcons. © Sara Henderson

## Peregrines & Pinot Benefits Care Center

After 20 days of Portland rain and gray skies, the sun shone on the June 5th Wildlife Care Center benefit, **Peregrines & Pinot**. All 82 participants enjoyed sun and good food & wine, and learned about Portland's wildlife while cruising the Willamette River aboard the Sternwheeler *Rose*.

The event was a success due to the efforts of our outstanding supporters. A special thanks to the Sternwheeler *Rose* for their longtime support of the Audubon Society of Portland.

Thank you to the following individuals and businesses for raffle and silent auction donations:

Ascending the Giants	Karen Munday
Bob Sallinger	Kelli Walker & the
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And thank you to the **Peregrines & Pinot** planning committee: Sarah Henderson Tara Lilley

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## Important Bird Area Update

by Mary Coolidge, Assistant Conservation Director

Since February 2009, we've featured an Important Bird Area (IBA) in each *Warbler*, giving a brief introduction to one of the nearly 100 parcels that were identified by the Oregon IBA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to support **statewide bird conservation as part of a global effort**. With only 14 Oregon IBAs down, we have many more to go, but let's get back to the big picture for a minute to look at where we've come from and where we're going.

Over the course of this past year, a resolute group of Portland State University GIS Certificate students have worked diligently to map Oregon's IBAs in a collaborative effort modeled after California Audubon's mapping process. Weekly sessions were led by GIS master Dan Craver, who is also a USFWS Water Resource Analyst, PSU Master's candidate, former GIS student club president, and (you may remember) last September's Volunteer of the Month. This partnership provided an opportunity for GIS certificate students to participate in a real-world GIS mapping project. Under Dan's skillful leadership, we established a standard process, compiled a reference list of reliable GIS data sources, and mapped each IBA according to as much detail as the original narrative provided. The **Phase I polygon map is now complete!**

From here, we embark on **Phase II** of our mapping effort, which entails sending individual maps out for peer review.



Earth Day Wapato Weed Pull organized by Portland Audubon, Hands On Greater Portland, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, and Oregon Parks and Recreation District. © Mary Coolidge

Our finalized maps will be used to create a poster of IBAs across the state to raise public awareness about Audubon's grassroots work with community partners to leverage **on-the-ground, measurable habitat conservation work**, everything from Citizen Science to muddy boot restoration projects. Updated maps will also be made available to our conservation partners and agencies as a guiding tool for strategizing about species and habitat conservation priorities and for helping to shape land use decisions.

A big milestone this past April was the **reconvening of the TAC** to guide us in the direction the IBA program should take from here. Today's TAC team (a combination of both old and new members) includes advisors from **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, American Bird Conservancy, Oregon Audubon Chapters, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Habitat Joint Ventures**, and the **Oregon statewide Birding Trail**. The original 2002 TAC team identified critical areas for stewardship, protection, and enhancement to ensure that we retain essential habitats for birds around Oregon as part of a worldwide conservation movement. Our goal now is to use this network of valuable

places to link people to on-the-ground conservation across the statewide landscape, to connect people to avian species in their backyards and beyond. That means understanding that the Rufous Hummingbirds (a Common Bird in Decline, National Audubon 2007) which regularly visit backyard feeders rely on access to healthy habitat across their entire range from Mexico to Alaska!

Another part of the Phase II IBA vision is to ramp up the **mobilization of IBAs**, of which there are a number of great models in a few ecoregions. To briefly summarize our work here in the Portland area: We have activated **Ross Island** with summer kayak trips for cleanups, weed pulls, and bio-blitzes to introduce people to an otherwise inaccessible

natural area in the heart of the city; **Oaks Bottom** is busy with ongoing Point Counts, Wapato Marsh Waterbird Surveys, and the International Migratory Bird Festival; **Sauvie Island** is home to Raptor Road Trip, Point Counts at Oak Island and Wapato State Access Area; and, on all of these areas, field trips and classes introduce and connect people to place.

Portland Audubon is also currently involved in management planning processes for **Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Smith & Bybee Wetlands Natural Area, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)**, where we are negotiating stationing a **new science intern**. Outside of the Portland area, a number of our statewide chapters are engaged in conservation activities in their own neck of the woods: Cape Arago AS (Audubon Society) in the **Coos Estuary IBA**; Lincoln City AS in **Siletz Bay NWR** and the **Salmon River Estuary**; East Cascades AS on **Green Ridge, Hart Mountain, Lake Abert, and Summer Lake**; Lane County AS at **Fern Ridge Wildlife Area**; and Salem AS at **Ankeny NWR**. We hope to keep growing this effort until we have activated IBAs in all of our 8 statewide ecoregions.

You could say that today's IBA program has grown out of the early 1900s grassroots efforts of frontrunner conservationists like William L. Finley who lobbied for preservation of some of Oregon's most valuable habitats in the early days of the refuge system. Today, the IBA designation that points to these places can function as an added conservation tool that emphasizes just exactly what the label suggests: importance to birds, and a mechanism to focus our energies where it matters most in the plight of such conservation.



Oaks Bottom Point Count Citizen Scientists Candace Larsen, Denny Graham, Larry Maurin. © Mary Coolidge

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Osprey pair and 3 nestlings. © Jim Cruce

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# Birdathon 2010 — Our 30th Anniversary Soars at \$136,000!

by Gary Slone, Birdathon Coordinator

Thanks to the efforts of nearly 2,000 dedicated bird lovers, the Audubon Society of Portland has raised \$136,000 in its most successful Birdathon yet! Every individual who made a Birdathon donation can be proud to know that they helped to bring this about.

Portland Audubon continues to organize the most effective Birdathon fundraiser of any Audubon chapter in the nation. This is the 6th year in a row we have exceeded the \$100,000 milestone in fundraising, and we could not have accomplished our goal without the helping hands and watchful eyes of so many giving individuals.



Surly Birders © Josh Cerra

## Heartfelt thanks to all the dedicated members of the Birdathon Planning Committee:

Anne Eakin	Nancy Johnson	Pamela Meyers	Tom Potts
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Deepest gratitude goes to the tireless **Birdathon Team Leaders** and to over **200 Birdathon Counters**, all of whom braved the elements to gather pledges and count birds. Every single person who participated or contributed, even in the smallest way, deserves a great big THANK YOU — and we hope you will join the Birdathon flock again next year!



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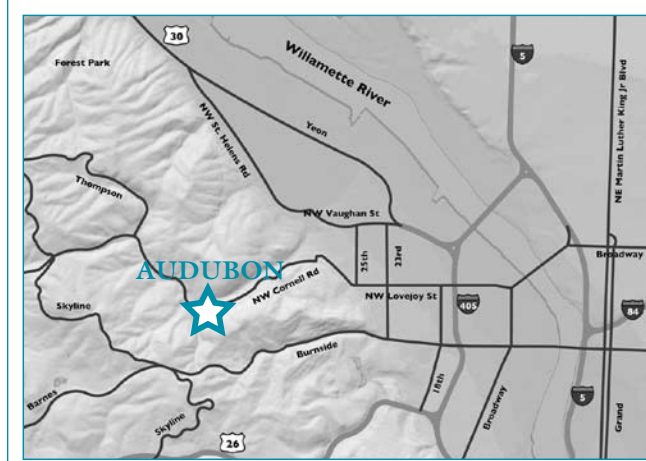
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