

New Olympic Peninsula Adventure  
Summer Camp! See page 11



Black-throated  
Gray Warbler

In this issue...

Enrolling Now:  
Spring & Summer  
Camps fill fast!  
See page 9 & insert

Wildlife Care Center  
Online Auction  
See page 5

Native Plant Sale  
April 28–29  
See page 12



The Murre the Merrier © Max Smith



Metrolarks © Cindy Pederson

BIRDATHON 2012 We count birds because birds are counting on us!

Registration for our most important fundraising event of the year begins on March 15th!

**Join the Fun!** You, your family, and your friends can all participate. Enjoy an exciting birding adventure and help raise money to protect birds and habitat with the biggest, baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi!

**What is Birdathon?** Birdathon is the uniquely Audubon way to help protect Oregon's native birds. Anyone can participate. It's a competitive and educational event for any level of birdwatcher, as well as for their family and friends who cheer them on with the support of donations!

Birdathon works like a "walk-a-thon," but instead of counting miles walked, you'll be counting birds seen, and then collecting dollars for your efforts! To participate simply join one of our many exciting Audubon-guided teams listed below. Birding experience is not necessary and you'll be assured of a great time, as each team is led by one or more of our expert Audubon Leaders.



Birdathon 2012 Teams

Here's a partial list of the **Half Day**, **Full Day**, and **Gonzo Trips** (2+ days) being offered this year. Most Birdathon trips will take place during the first 3 weeks of May. Check [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for exact dates & times starting **March 15**.

**Whittemore's Whatzits: Half Day with Laura Whittemore**

Her team visits the 1,049-acre Steigerwald Lake NWR located on the Columbia River, near the town of Washougal, Wash. Waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and passerines abound! Great for any level of birder.

**Great Big Sit: Half Day with Bonnie Deneke, Dena Turner & Phyllis Wolfe**

The perfect Birdathon trip for beginning birders! Give your legs a rest and your eyes a treat on a leisurely morning at the Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden.

**The Magpies: 2 Full Days Enjoy one or both days with Denny Graham & Mike Skinner**

Slower paced and very informative with expert leaders: You'll visit Mt. Tabor, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Jackson Bottom, and more!

**The Joy of Birding: Full Day with Paul Sullivan**

Paul is a fantastic birder and leader of Audubon's popular "Birding Weekends." This sunrise-to-sunset adventure makes numerous birding stops as you travel from Portland to Tillamook, then along the coast to Cape Meares. Excellent for both beginners and experienced birders!

**Lean Green Birding Machine: Full Day with Pat Campbell & additional leaders**

A glorious day of birding and an evening of celebration! You'll carpool in "lean green" hybrid vehicles and visit numerous prime birding sites from Portland to the coast.

**Mult Madness: Full Day with Wink Gross**

Wink Gross, Portland Christmas Bird Count compiler, leads this unique tour to birding hotspots.

**The Bus Passerines: Full Day with Steve Engel**

Steve Engel, Audubon's Adult Education Programs Manager, covers the Portland metro area by public transit and on foot. Learn to enjoy excellent birding right here in the city!

continued on page 16

Lawsuit Launched to Protect Threatened Marbled Murrelets from Clearcutting in Oregon State Forests

by Bob Sallinger,  
Conservation Director

In mid-January Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a notice of intent to sue the State of Oregon over harmful clearcutting practices on the Elliott, Tillamook, and Clatsop State Forests. The notice presents evidence that the state's logging practices are resulting in the illegal take of the federally protected Marbled Murrelet, which comes inland to nest and breed in mature and old-growth forests. The Endangered Species Act prohibits actions that injure threatened species, including destruction of their habitat. This lawsuit represents a major challenge to the manner in which the state manages its coastal forests — it challenges multiple timber sales on all three forests and also alleges an ongoing pattern and practice of illegal take of this federally protected species.

Audubon's history with the Murrelet goes back decades. In 1988 Portland Audubon commissioned biologist and longtime board member Dave Marshall to produce a status report on Marbled Murrelets. The report concluded, "The principal factor affecting the continued existence of the species over the southern portion of its North American range is destruction of old-growth and mature forests. The situation is particularly critical in California, Oregon, and Washington, states which have very few coastal old-growth stands of significant size set aside." That same year, Portland Audubon petitioned the US Fish and Wildlife Service to list the species under the federal Endangered Species Act. In the absence of federal action, Audubon brought a lawsuit against the US Fish and Wildlife Service in 1991 to force a listing decision, and in 1992 the Marbled Murrelet was formally listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.



Marbled Murrelet juvenile.  
Photo: Rich MacIntosh/USFWS

continued on page 4

Inside this issue

|            |                               |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| Page 2     | ..... From the Director       |
|            | ..... Nature Nights           |
| Page 3     | ..... Audubon Outings         |
|            | ..... Bird Song Walks         |
| Page 4 – 6 | ..... Conservation            |
|            | ..... Wildlife Care Center    |
| Page 7     | ..... Calender of Events      |
| Page 8 & 9 | ..... Trips & Tours & Classes |
| Page 10    | ..... 2012 Board Elections    |
| Page 11    | ..... New Members             |
| Page 12    | ..... Sanctuaries             |
| Page 13    | ..... Field Notes             |
| Page 14    | ..... Volunteers              |
| Page 15    | ..... Important Bird Areas    |
| Page 16    | ..... Map/Hours/Sponsors      |

View this Warbler and past issues at  
[www.audubonportland.org/about/newsletter](http://www.audubonportland.org/about/newsletter).

Bird Song Walks return! See page 3



Audubon Society  
of Portland  
5151 NW Cornell Road  
Portland, Oregon 97210



# From the Executive Director



Meryl Redisch

## Protecting Birds Throughout Their Life Cycle

For the first time in our chapter’s history, the Audubon Society of Portland and National Audubon Society held a joint fundraising event to raise money for protecting birds. With the wonderful support of two donors who opened up their home, we welcomed NAS President David Yarnold back to Oregon. The evening’s program was a launch of National’s new strategic plan, which uses migration routes or “Flyways” as a way to frame why birds need protection throughout their entire life cycle. For Portland Audubon this vision is easy to promote because it’s all about migratory birds, it aligns with our Important Bird Area Program, and it is particularly relevant with those members who travel to watch birds.

Preparing for this event gave me a better picture of what is at stake for some birds. While there is no dearth of natural and manmade hazards challenging their survival while they are in North America, I learned about some specific hazards that migratory birds face as they winter in places like Panama, Belize, and Veracruz, Mexico. I also discovered how crucial these places are for some of our most common species. For example, the Western Sandpiper, an abundant migrant shorebird in the West and easily spotted along Oregon’s coasts, spends its winter feeding in the mudflats and mangroves of Panama Bay. These wetlands support 1–2 million shorebirds each year and about one-third of the world’s population of Western Sandpipers! This nutrient-rich ecosystem is vulnerable to residential and commercial development, making the birds that we count on seeing each spring vulnerable too. In light of what I now know about Panama’s unique place within the life cycle of shorebirds, I cringed when reading that it made the *New York Times* list of places to visit in 2012.

Many of the strategies that Portland Audubon employs to highlight, manage, and protect birds and educate people about common and imperiled bird populations in Oregon are similar to what National Audubon Society, along with BirdLife International, are doing in the Southern Hemisphere. In Panama, NAS has secured some funding to work with the Panama Audubon Society. With National Audubon’s assistance, Panama Audubon will now have the resources to better educate government agencies on the laws protecting

the Bay, develop educational curriculum for schools close to the Bay, and hire a shorebird biologist to collect data for monitoring and managing these productive places.

Another example of coordinated conservation efforts is happening in Veracruz, Mexico. This is where one of nature’s most spectacular phenomena occurs as millions of raptors and other soaring birds cross a narrow slice of land on their way farther south. Identified as a Global Important Bird Area, National Audubon Society and Birdlife partner ProNatura have teamed up to bring environmental awareness to community residents, developing best practices for managing and preserving land, and creating alternative income streams for rural landowners that are compatible with habitat needs. Again, these strategies are not much different from what we do here — grassroots advocacy, community engagement, habitat restoration, and local, regional, and statewide policy. Regardless of where we live, be it Portland, Panama City, or Veracruz, all of us are connected and can play a small part in protecting birds.

From that house party last October, Portland Audubon raised \$30,000 for the conservation of migratory birds. About 40 donors, who have traveled internationally with our education staff to watch birds, responded positively to Audubon’s new framework for talking about birds. I am thankful to our supporters for embracing a conservation effort bigger than Oregon. I am optimistic about this new direction that National Audubon is pursuing. But more than anything, I am looking forward to celebrating the arrival of spring and with it, lots of Western Sandpipers.

### Celebration of David Marshall’s Life and Love of Birds

**March 25 (Sunday), 3:00pm–5:00pm**  
**Audubon House, Heron Hall**  
**Light refreshments**

**D**ave Marshall was an inspiration to thousands of people in Oregon. His love of birds and his natural history and science expertise left a profound mark in Oregon and on the Audubon Society of Portland. John Marshall, David’s son, will share many wonderful moments from Dave’s life. We invite you to join us (no RSVP needed) and share your treasured memories.

## Evening Events at Leach Botanical Garden Manor House

We hope to see you at the following events at Leach Botanical Garden! The Manor House is located at **6550 SE 122nd Ave (leachgarden.org)**. For information, please contact Bich Trinh at [btrinh@audubonportland.org](mailto:btrinh@audubonportland.org).

### March 20 (Tue), 7pm–8pm Wildlife Corridors with Lori Hennings

What do we know about urban wildlife use of habitat corridors and patches for dispersal, migration, and other lifecycle needs? What do we not know? How might community and conservation planning apply the available research and information in our region? Come hear wildlife biologist Lori Hennings, Senior Natural Resource Scientist at Metro, share the science of wildlife corridors and the state of the knowledge in the Portland metro region.

### April 10 (Tue), 7pm–8pm Bat Talk with Cris Hein

Join us for this special lecture and “bat walk” to celebrate International Bat Week. Cris Hein from Bat Conservation International will present slides of dozens of bats from Oregon and across the world, and discuss topics such as where bats live, what they eat, and why they are important. Following the presentation, Cris will lead an outdoor “bat walk” around Leach Botanical Garden and use an acoustic detector to listen for Oregon bats. Bring sturdy shoes for the walk.

### April 12 (Thu), 6pm–7pm Portland Audubon’s Education Birds

Get up close and personal with the Education Birds from Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center. Learn about the unique adaptations that make birds of prey such as falcons and owls awesome predators, like what makes a falcon so fast and an owl such a good night hunter — and why scavenging birds are so important.



Julio, the Great Horned Owl  
© Chuck Nakell

## NATURE NIGHTS

**Second Tuesday of the month from September to May.** If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation, contact Pam Meyers at [pmeyers@audubonportland.org](mailto:pmeyers@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855 ext. 130.

**FREE and open to the public!**

### Snow Geese of Wrangel Island, Russia with Vasily Baranyuk

**Tuesday, March 13 • 7pm, Heron Hall**

Ever wonder where “our” visiting Snow Geese go when they are not wintering by the thousands on Sauvie Island? Their breeding grounds are located on Wrangel Island, Russia, comprising 2,900 square miles of some of the most remote Arctic wilderness on the planet. In addition to hosting the only breeding population of Snow Geese in Russia, Wrangel Island abounds with other wildlife. Located between the Chuckchi Sea and East Siberian Sea, it has been said that the only place harder to get to is the moon. But Wrangel Island has the highest density of polar bear dens in the world; twice as many plants as any other Arctic tundra area of similar size; seals, Arctic fox, Arctic wolves, walruses, lemmings, Snowy Owls; and the last place on earth with a thriving woolly mammoth population (dying out only 4,000 years ago). This wilderness was declared the northern-most World Heritage site in 2004.



Snow Goose family ©Vasily Baranyuk

Russian biologist and accomplished photographer and videographer **Vasily Baranyuk** has studied the island’s wildlife for the past 30 summers, with stretches as long as 87 days without seeing another human. Vasily specializes in the study of this unique population of Snow Geese. Wrangel Island’s Snow Geese nest in an interior mountain valley and — like Antarctic penguins — flightless young walk an incredible distance (75 miles) from the nesting colony to feeding areas near the sea.

Through grants from the Pacific Coast Joint Venture and other organizations, Vasily is conducting a lecture tour in the significant wintering areas for these geese — which range from Vancouver, BC to Sacramento — to share his love of the land and wildlife, and especially the Snow Geese of Wrangel Island. His talk will include videos and photos of this remarkable place and its magnificent inhabitants. Please join us for this entertaining and informative presentation!

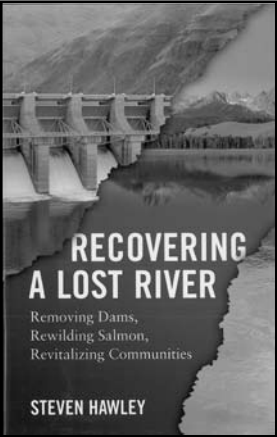
### Recovering a Lost River: Removing Dams, Rewilding Salmon, Revitalizing Communities with author Steven Hawley

**Tuesday, April 10 • 7pm, Heron Hall**

Environmental journalist **Steven Hawley**’s passionate, riveting book, ***Recovering a Lost River: Removing Dams, Rewilding Salmon, Revitalizing Communities*** (Beacon Press, \$16.00), will be newly released in paperback in March. Hawley will explore the role of four federal dams on the Snake River in the near-destruction of native salmon runs in the Columbia-Snake River Basin, and the controversies and turf wars that hinder the dams’ removal. Salmon are essential keystone species for the health of wildlife habitat throughout the Northwest, and the complex relationships intertwining the fish with the land, river, ocean, and humans are thoroughly explored in his well-researched and highly readable book. While native salmon are currently highly imperiled, he demonstrates room for optimism while recounting fish recovery stories in Maine and California. Post dam-removal, nature can heal itself, just given the chance.

*“Hawley writes about the Columbia River Basin from every angle, talking to those whom other writers can’t imagine or muster the courage to address. His style is surprisingly humorous for the subject, thought-provoking, truthful, and unpredictable. He gets it.”*  
— Rebecca A. Miles, executive director, Nez Perce Tribe

Steven Hawley has written for numerous regional nature and environmental publications. He is also the lead researcher for the book ***Heart of the Monster*** (All Against the Haul, \$15.00) co-written by Rick Bass and David James Duncan. He lives with his family in Hood River.



© Kathy Jubitz



# Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!



= Birding trips starting later, going slower, with restrooms in sight



= Sign-up needed



= Fee involved

## March 4 (Sun), 8am–Noon Scappoose Bottoms

Join **Don Cogswell** for a morning at Scappoose Bottoms. We will scope for geese & cranes and walk about 0.5mi on Crown Z Trail (where the famous Brambling was seen) checking for sparrows, bitterns, and ducks. Meet at Fred Meyer parking lot on Hwy.30 near the newspaper recycling station.

## March 7 (Wed), 9am–1 I am Fernhill Wetlands

Join **Dudley Thomas** for a walk around Fernhill Wetlands. We expect to find wintering waterfowl, gulls, sparrows, and raptors, some early migrants, and perhaps some surprises. Meet in the Fernhill parking lot. Information: Dudley at 503-317-1663 or dbthomas70@gmail.com.

## March 10 (Sat), 8am–Noon Rentenaar Rd, Sauvie Island

Join **Ron Escano** for a waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. We'll walk Rentenaar Rd & back (1.6 miles round trip). All vehicles need a Sauvie Island parking permit. Meet at Eastside Check Station parking lot on corner of Reeder & Rentenaar Rds. From the bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles and turn right on Reeder Rd. Drive north 9 miles to Rentenaar Rd on the left (25 minutes from bridge to check station). Info: Ron at 503-771-3454.

## March 10 (Sat), 10:30am–Noon Wilkes Headwaters

Come tour the site with Portland Parks, Wilkes Community Group, and Portland Audubon to learn about the effort to acquire and protect the property, and about future improvements for ecological restoration and improved access to nature in this park-deficient NE Portland neighborhood. **Registration requested** with **Bich Trinh** at btrinh@audubonportland.org.

## March 13–15 (Tue–Thu), 1:30pm–9am Klamath Falls

Join **Dick Demarest** for a trip through the Klamath basin NWRs, where we'll search for wintering waterfowl and raptors. Trip begins at the Best Western Olympic Inn in Klamath Falls at 1:30pm on 3/13 and ends after breakfast on 3/15. Trip is limited to 16 people. **Registration required** with Dick at 503-407-7912 or rdd@demarests.com.

## March 17 (Sat), 8am–3pm Tillamook Bay

Join **David Mandell** to explore the fields and marshes along the back of Tillamook Bay. Target birds will include Black Phoebe, Red-shouldered Hawk, White-tailed Kite, Peregrine Falcon, and Virginia Rail, along with numerous wintering sparrows and waterfowl. Meet at the south end of the Fred Meyer parking lot in Tillamook along Hwy.101. Be prepared for walking in muddy fields.

## March 24 (Sat), 8am–1 I am Powell Butte Nature Park

Join **Ron Escano** for a walk exploring the unique habitats of Powell Butte. We hope to see some uncommon early spring vagrants such as Townsend's Solitaire and Say's Phoebe that have been found here in the past. Turn south off Powell Blvd onto SE 162nd and meet at the highest parking lot. Information: Ron at 503-771-3454.

## March 24, April 21, and/or May19 (Sats), 9am–2pm

**Wildflower Walks at Catherine Creek**  
Join naturalist **Marsh Sly** on 1, 2, or 3 hikes to a premier Columbia Gorge wildflower site, where displays from March to May are ever changing. Pace is slow but you must hike **3–4 miles round trip** with major elevation change. Limit 12 per hike. **Registration required for each hike** with Marsh at [marshandsharon@aol.com](mailto:marshandsharon@aol.com).

## April 1 (Sun), 8am–1 I am Sandy River Delta

Join **Patty Newland** and **Candace Larson** on an easy 2–3 mile walk around this outstanding riparian area near the Columbia River. From Portland head east on I-84, take Exit 18 just after you cross the Sandy River at Troutdale. At the stop sign turn right and loop under the freeway. Meet at the parking lot by the restroom.

## April 8 (Sun), 9am–Noon Dawson Creek Park, Hillsboro

Join leaders **Sarah Swanson** and **Max Smith** for a walk around Dawson Creek Park. There should be a good assortment of waterfowl and, of course, lots of Acorn Woodpeckers. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Hillsboro Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy. Information: Max at 503-720-9730.

## April 12 (Thu) Cooper Mountain

This walk has been canceled.

## April 14 (Sat), 8am–1 I am Vancouver Lake Park

Join **Ron Escano** to scope the lake for water birds and explore the riparian woodland for early spring migrants. Meet at parking lot in front of main restrooms. 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, continue straight for 0.6 miles to the park (\$2 entrance fee). Information: Ron at 503-771-3454.

## April 18 (Wed), 9am–3pm Tillamook Bay

Join **Dick Demarest** and **Don Stein** for a day of birding in the Tillamook area, where we'll look for shorebirds, raptors, and early spring migrants. Meet at Tillamook's Safeway parking lot (3rd & Stillwell). Information: Dick at 503-704-7912 (rdd@demarests.com) or Don at 541-765-7567 (madsteins@hotmail.com).

## April 21 (Sat.), 8am–1 I am Sandy River Delta

Join **Tim Shelmerdine** on an easy 2–3 mile walk around this outstanding riparian area near the Columbia River. We'll look for lingering birds that have overwintered, residents, and unusual migrants. Eastbound on I-84, take Exit 18 just after you cross the Sandy River at Troutdale. At the stop sign turn right and loop under the freeway. Meet at the parking lot by the restroom. Information: Tim at [tshelmerdine@yahoo.com](mailto:tshelmerdine@yahoo.com) or 971-221-2534.

## April 25 (Wed), 8am–1 I am Mt. Talbert Nature Park

Join **Ron Escano** to look for early spring migrants. We'll walk on established trails, but the terrain is hilly. From I-205 Exit 14 (Sunnyside/Sunnybrook), turn east on Sunnybrook Blvd. Turn south on SE 97th and continue to where it turns into Mather Rd. About 1/4 mile after the change, you'll see the park entrance on the north. Information: Ron at 503-771-3454.

## April 26 (Thu), 9am–1 I am Smith & Bybee Lakes

**Dudley Thomas** will take us through Smith & Bybee Lakes, a great spot for waterfowl and the raptors that are usually present. We can usually count on passerines in the forest as well. Meet in the parking area, just after the overpass, on the left. Information: Dudley at 503-244-6496 or dbthomas70@gmail.com.

## April 28 (Sat), 8am–1 I am Steigerwald Lake NWR

Join **Ron Escano** to look for spring migrants. At this location at the mouth of the Gorge, there's always a chance of rarities. Meet at the refuge parking lot off SR-14 just east of Washougal. Take SR-14 east from I-205 for about 12 miles. Entrance is east of the sewer plant; turn right just past the Columbia River Gorge sign. Information: Ron at 503-771-3454.

## April 28 (Sat), 10am–Noon Kelly Butte Walk

Join Portland Audubon's **Jim Labbe** and retired Portland Parks staffer **Jim Sjulín** for a walking tour of Kelly Butte Natural Area. We'll learn about the history, geology, and natural history of this unique East Portland natural feature and do some birding along the way. Bring water and sturdy shoes. **Registration requested** with Bich Trinh at [btrinh@audubonportland.org](mailto:btrinh@audubonportland.org).



Look for this Bird Song Walks icon in the Calendar of Events on page 7!

## Bird Song Walks 2012 7 a.m. Mon – Wed & Fri: FREE!

Audubon Society of Portland is proud to sponsor the 2012 season of weekday morning Bird Song Walks! From beginners to advanced birders, anyone who is fascinated by the sounds of birds should take advantage of these volunteer-guided walks to the metro area's prime spring migration hotspots. By starting with the earliest trips you can become familiar with the songs of the common resident species and then keep pace with the migrants as they arrive.

**All walks begin at 7 a.m.** No pre-registration is required, and you leave whenever you like. Bring your binoculars and a field guide, and be sure to dress properly for the weather. Spring mornings can be surprisingly chilly. **Steady morning rain cancels a walk.**

Try taking the bus if available. Go to [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) or call **503-238-RIDE (7433)** for route information. For natural history information, maps, and directions for any of these natural areas see the **latest edition** of *Wild in the City: Exploring the Intertwine*, available at Portland Audubon's Nature Store. Or visit the website for each locale.

### Mondays

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21

#### Tryon Creek State Park

**Leaders: Rick and Stephanie Wagner**

Directions: Take the Terwilliger Blvd exit off I-5 and head south on Terwilliger toward Lewis & Clark College. Stay on Terwilliger past the intersections with Taylors Ferry Rd and Boones Ferry Rd. At the traffic circle, continue past the entrance to Lewis & Clark Northwest School of Law, and follow the brown sign to Tryon Creek State Park, about 1 mile ahead on the right. Meet at the Nature Center. For more information, visit [tryonfriends.org](http://tryonfriends.org).

### Tuesdays

April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

#### Cooper Mountain Nature Park

**Leader: Bonnie Deneke**

Directions: **From Hwy. 217**, take the Scholls Ferry Rd exit and head west on Scholls Ferry well past Murray Blvd. At SW 175th Ave, turn right and go north, uphill, about 1.8 miles and turn left on Kemmer Rd. The park entrance is on the south side of Kemmer. **From SW Farmington Rd (Hwy. 10)**, turn south on 185th (which will become Gassner Rd), turn left on 190th Ave and left on Kemmer Rd. Cooper Mountain Nature Park is a partnership between Metro and Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District. For more information, visit [thprd.org](http://thprd.org).

**Tuesdays, May 22 and June 5 only**

#### Leach Botanical Garden

**Leader: Ron Escano**

Meet in Leach Botanical Garden Admin Annex parking lot located at 6550 SE 122nd Ave (NOT at the Garden Manor House). To get

there, go south on SE 122nd from Foster Rd for about a block, and turn left into the driveway of the white building (looks like a house) just before 122nd veers to the right and down the hill. Restrooms are limited to the portapotty in the upper garden. For more information, visit [leachgarden.org](http://leachgarden.org).

### Wednesdays

April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

#### Mt. Tabor

**Leaders: Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara**

Directions: From SE Belmont, go south on SE 69th two short blocks. Just into the park, turn right and drive as far as possible to gate, and park along street. Mt. Tabor Park is closed to vehicle traffic on Wednesdays, so be sure to use this entrance. [Mt. Tabor TriMet Bus #15 stops at SE 69th & Yamhill.] **Be aware of bicyclists on Mt Tabor! Make room and share the road!** For more information on this and other Portland Parks, visit [portlandonline.com/parks](http://portlandonline.com/parks).

### Fridays

April 6, 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1

#### Pittock Mansion

**Leader: Wink Gross**

Directions (3229 NW Pittock Dr, Portland 97210): Follow West Burnside about 1.2 miles west of NW 23rd and turn right onto Barnes Rd. Follow the well-marked signs through the neighborhood for another 0.7 mile to the park. Meet at the Pittock's parking lot. [West Burnside TriMet Bus #20 stop #687 at West Burnside and NW Barnes is closest stop.] For more information, visit [pittockmansion.org](http://pittockmansion.org).



# Conservation

## Lawsuit Launched to Protect Threatened Marbled Murrelets

continued from cover

With nearly 600,000 acres of forest in the heart of Oregon’s Coast Range, Oregon’s state forests are key to the Murrelet’s survival. However, the state has persisted in implementing destructive clearcutting practices in occupied Murrelet habitat. For over a decade, the state was engaged in developing a habitat conservation plan (HCP) with the US Fish and Wildlife Service that would have given it a permit for limited impacts to Marbled Murrelets in exchange for the bird’s conservation measures to ensure the bird’s survival — but unfortunately the state abandoned that effort. Instead it has chosen to pursue an aggressive clearcutting strategy: In 2010 and 2011, the state approved vast logging increases on all three forests. With Murrelet populations in the Pacific Northwest continuing to decline at a rate of 4% per year and the state going the wrong direction, we felt that litigation was the only viable alternative. This lawsuit seeks to force the state to develop a habitat conservation plan that will truly protect the Murrelet.

The state will argue that revenue from clearcutting supports state forest management overhead and programs as well as county and state services. Conservation groups have long encouraged the state to pursue other options on state forests to generate revenue by capitalizing on emerging carbon markets, conservation acquisitions, and restoration thinning in young plantations. Much work can be done in the state forests that will produce value for all Oregonians while also protecting imperiled species. We cannot clearcut our way to prosperity.

The conservation organizations are represented in this litigation by Daniel Kruse of Eugene, Tanya Sanerib of the Crag Law Center, and Cascadia Wildlands’ staff attorney Nick Cady.

If you would like to contribute to our Coastal Rainforest Litigation Fund, please go to [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for more information.

## Protecting Murrelet Habitat

In addition to litigation, Audubon is also working on the ground to protect Marbled Murrelet habitat. Audubon has focused its efforts on an 80,000-acre area between Cape Perpetua and Heceta Head that contains the largest intact stand of coastal temperate rainforest in the lower 48 states. This area, designated by Audubon as the Marbled Murrelet Important Bird Area (IBA), contains what may be the highest concentration of Marbled Murrelets in Oregon. The landscape is owned by a variety of public and private entities, and its permanent protection is of critical importance to Marbled Murrelets and a variety of other species. Late last year we received word that our nomination of this area as a “Globally Significant Important Bird Area” was accepted by Birdlife International, a designation that will help focus attention and resources to further protect this landscape.



Cape Perpetua  
© Tammi Miller

Portland Audubon owns and manages two forested parcels, Ten Mile Creek and Pine Tree Sanctuaries, totaling 216 acres within the Marbled Murrelet IBA. Paul Engelmeyer, Portland Audubon’s Coastal IBA Coordinator, manages these lands for Portland Audubon with a litany of land management goals: improve forest canopy, encourage wildlife habitat diversity, encourage succession to old-growth forest characteristics, create a model for community-based protection and restoration efforts. He also works to influence surrounding landowners to shift toward a protection and restoration strategy for the surrounding forest.

In addition, Audubon is working with Our Ocean ([ouroregonocean.org](http://ouroregonocean.org)) to create a system of Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas along Oregon’s coast to protect critical ocean habitat for seabirds and other marine species from further over-exploitation. A bill that would establish three new Marine Reserves, one of them at Cape Perpetua adjacent to the Marbled Murrelet Important Bird Area, is currently making its way through the Oregon legislature.



Audubon Coastal IBA Coordinator  
Paul Engelmeyer at Ten Mile Creek  
Sanctuary © Bob Sallinger



© Bob Sallinger

## About the Marbled Murrelet

The Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) is a small seabird about the size of a robin. It is the only tree-nesting bird in the alcid family, which also includes puffins, guillemots, and murre. Marbled Murrelets spend most of their time at sea feeding on fish but nest inland in mature and old-growth coastal rainforests. Murrelets do not build nests but rather rely on large tree branches with natural depressions and moss in which to lay their egg. Only mature and old-growth conifers have branches large enough to accommodate the nesting needs of the Murrelets. These birds may fly as much as 70 kilometers inland to find nest trees.

Nesting habitat consists of large core areas of old-growth or mature forest and low amounts of edge habitat, reduced habitat fragmentation, proximity to the marine environment, and forests that are increasing in stand age and height. The birds do not nest every year. When Marbled Murrelet nesting occurs it takes place between mid-April and September. The birds have high site fidelity, returning to the same tree or stand to nest. The female lays one egg and the male and female incubate the egg in shifts while the other bird feeds in the ocean. Typically, they switch shifts at dawn or dusk. Predominately due to the risk of predation, Marbled Murrelets tend to be very secretive when entering and leaving their nest sites, making it difficult to detect the birds while nesting.



Marbled Murrelet on nest  
© Thomas Hamer

The primary reason Marbled Murrelets are protected under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) is because of the extensive logging of mature and old-growth forests over the past 150 years. Extensive logging has resulted in the fragmentation of Murrelet nesting habitat, which affects population viability and size, and can lead to displacement, fewer nesting attempts, failure to breed, reduced fecundity, reduced nest abundance, lower nest success, increased predation and parasitism rates, crowding in remaining patches, and reductions in adult survival. Additionally, habitat loss can lead to the increased risk of predation from corvids such as jays and ravens, which is a significant threat to Murrelet populations. Significant Murrelet nesting failure is due to predation from corvids who fly into the edges of older forests. Murrelets need large interior forests to avoid nest predation.

## Malheur Comprehensive Conservation Plan about to be Released

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is one of the premier wildlife refuges in the western United States. A Mecca for birders, it hosts over 320 bird species including up to 20% of the world population of White-faced Ibis, up to 1,500 pairs of breeding American White Pelican, and 20% of Oregon’s breeding population of Greater Sandhill Crane. Up to half of the entire population of Ross’s Geese migrate through here. Malheur Lake historically produced as many as 180,000 waterfowl in a single season.

However, the refuge has fallen on hard times. The introduction of invasive carp from Asia into the Malheur ecosystem has converted Malheur Lake from one of the most prolific duck breeding sites on the continent into a virtual dead lake. Carp consume the lake’s sago pondweed and other plants and stir up murky waters, leaving the lake devoid of food and vegetation that birds need to survive. Today waterfowl production as fallen to as low as 10% of historic levels. Once a sea of emergent vegetation with vast thriving bird populations, today the lake is an

endless expanse of open murky water, roiling with carp... and not much else. The loss of Malheur Lake affects the management of the entire refuge — the refuge’s river floodplains are managed in large part to compensate for the lost waterfowl production at Malheur Lake. Vast monocultures of invasive terrestrial plant species such as a perennial pepper weed further complicate and undermine this once fertile landscape.

There is hope. After nearly two years of work, the refuge is about to release its Comprehensive Conservation Plan. This plan will guide management of the refuge for the next 15 years. In a significant deviation from typical wildlife refuge planning processes, in which the US Fish and Wildlife



Malheur Lake © Barbara Wheeler



White Pelicans at Malheur Lake in 1908. Photo: Finley and Bohlman

Service conducts a public scoping process and then goes behind closed doors to write a plan, Malheur established a broad stakeholder group composed of conservation groups, ranchers, ecologists, private landowners, tribal interests, and others. It also convened teams of experts to look at specific priority issues such as invasive carp and the overall ecology of the landscape. Few would have anticipated at the start of this process that consensus could be reached on one of the West’s more conflicted

continued on page 5



Mahleur Plan  
continued from page 4

landscapes. Yet that is what has happened: the plan lays out a vision and a roadmap to restore the refuge beginning first and foremost with addressing carp.

It won't be easy — carp control has never occurred at the scale that will be needed at Malheur. It will require unprecedented cooperation between the refuge and surrounding private landowners. The expertise and commitment that has been brought to bear on this planning process will need to be sustained for years to come to ensure that the commitment to adaptive management is realized. And it will require funding, significant and sustained funding.



Fish Biologist Linda Beck with Carp. Photo: USFWS

Audubon's history with Malheur dates back to the turn of the past century when Audubon's first president, William L. Finley, lobbied President Theodore Roosevelt to establish Malheur as the third national wildlife refuge west of the Mississippi River. Over the next several years the restoration of Malheur will be among Portland Audubon's top priorities.



© Robin Jensen

Backyard Habitat  
Certification of the Month:  
Sunnyside  
Environmental School

by Nikkie West, Conservation  
Program Assistant

After several years and countless little hands working the soil, we're thrilled to announce that **Sunnyside Environmental School** achieved gold-level Backyard Habitat Certification this month! The certification process began with a Site Visit from the Columbia Land Trust. The visit was followed by crucial support from teachers and parent volunteers, led by Vinnie Miller. In a recent conversation about the certification, Miller "high-fived" Backyard Habitat staff no less than three times in an exuberant display of pride for the schoolground certification. His love for the landscape is contagious!

The schoolyard now boasts a native plant garden, a butterfly garden, mason bee houses, avian nesting boxes, and a cob structure covered by an ecoroof. Douglas fir, vine maple, evergreen huckleberry, and other natives occupy more than 25% of their available footprint. Here, these features are not only providing great habitat, but they also double as an outdoor educational tool to teach young Portlanders about their important roles in the urban ecosystem.

Thanks to Sunnyside Environmental School for being a shining example of how all properties, large and small, have the potential to provide habitat and connect residents to urban wildlife and the habitats that support them. For more information about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, go to [audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat](http://audubonportland.org/backyardwildlife/backyardhabitat) or contact Nikkie West at [nwest@audubonportland.org](mailto:nwest@audubonportland.org).



CALL  
OF THE  
WILD  
2nd Annual  
Online Auction

A benefit for Audubon Society of  
Portland's Wildlife Care Center

To help pay for the cost of animal rehabilitation at Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center, we are pleased to offer experiences that promise to excite, thrill, and chill!

Offering one-of-a-kind experiences in nature:

Glider Rides  
Bird Walks  
Field Trips & Nature Hikes

Evening Owl Prowl  
Learn to be a Tracker  
Mushroom Foray

Raptor Release  
Weekend Get-Away Homes  
And many more!

Auction Begins:  
Saturday, March 24, 2012, 7pm

Auction Closes:  
Sunday, April 15, 2012, 10pm

Don't miss out on these unique experiences! Bid heartily and help save wild animals at the Audubon Society of Portland Wildlife Care Center.

[paudubonauction.dojiggy.com](http://paudubonauction.dojiggy.com)



Barn Owl nestlings rehabilitating in Wildlife Care Center. You can help owls like these by supporting our "Call of the Wild" Online Auction. © Jenny Goetz

Raptor Cam Returns!

by Deb Sheaffer and Bob Sallinger

The KGW-Audubon Raptor Cam is entering its 6th season! Follow the adventures of a pair of Red-tailed Hawks who nest on a downtown Portland fire escape online as they go through their annual nesting cycle.

For the past 5 years, the hawks have hatched and raised 13 young on the fire escape as viewers from all over the world have watched live online. Blogs and facebook updates explaining the red-tail nesting cycle are provided by Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger. This joint effort of KGW NewsChannel 8 and Audubon Society of Portland offers a fascinating up-close view of a pair of red-tails raising their family in middle of downtown Portland.

Tune in at [kgw.com/lifestyle/raptor-cam](http://kgw.com/lifestyle/raptor-cam) or follow us on the KGW-Raptor Cam facebook page.

Raptor Cam Update: The Misadventures  
of a Raptor Cam Fledgling

Many longtime viewers of Raptor Cam have asked whatever became of K2, the trouble-prone Raptor Cam fledgling with a penchant for playing in traffic. Shortly after fledging (taking its first flights), the young Red-tailed Hawk was found on West Burnside playing dodge with oncoming cars. He was quickly captured by concerned citizens and transported to the Wildlife Care Center. Fortunately he only suffered minor injuries and was released back to his parents a couple of days later. Before release, we placed an orange identification band on his leg with the letters K-2, hence his odd moniker. Many Raptor Cam viewers were amused to watch live on the KGW website as the Raptor Cam mom expressed her appreciation for the return of her son by giving Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger a good rap on the back of the head.

Unfortunately a week later K2 was again found on the road — this time at the end of the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge — and this time his injuries were much more serious. He had a swollen face and significant eye damage. After several months of treatment



K2 just after taking his first flight from the nest © Bob Sallinger



Release back at nest after first traffic incident © Bob Sallinger

at the Audubon Wildlife Care Center with special assistance from Dr. Susan Kirschner, a veterinary ophthalmologist, it was determined that he would remain permanently blind in one eye.

Sadly, due to his partial blindness, K2 was unable to be released back to the wild. In August 2010 he was transferred to OMSI's Hancock Field Station, an Outdoor Science School near Fossil, where he is used in education programs for summer camps, Oregon's Outdoor School program, and school programs to teach people about birds of prey (see [omsi.edu/hancock](http://omsi.edu/hancock)).

According to Kyle Emry, an educator at the field station, K2 — now an adult hawk — is thriving, doing great, and has been a quick learner. Not only do the staff work with him daily, but Kyle reports they are learning a lot from K2: "He is teaching us so many amazing things and it is a great privilege to be able to work with him!" The station is closed in the winter, but several people live there in the off-season so K2 is still handled daily. And Kyle points out that Outdoor School is just around the corner, so K2 will soon be educating Oregon's youth about the wildlife that surrounds us!



Undergoing treatment at Audubon's Wildlife Care Center © Bob Sallinger



K2 today at Hancock Field Station © Kyle Emry



# A portal to birding Oregon — Audubon Birding Weekends 2012

Paul Sullivan & Carol Karlen plan to continue to lead Audubon Birding Weekend trips in 2012.

## 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. We 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 with details like rendezvous, lodging options, schedule, possible birds, etc.



Paul Sullivan

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

- If you want to claim a spot, send in a registration.
- 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 information & check to my **NEW** address: **Paul T. Sullivan, 1014 SE Rummel St, McMinnville, OR 97128**. Questions? Contact me at my **NEW** email or phone#: **paultsullivan@onlinenw.com** or **503-472-5306**.

## A special note about cancellations

Each trip is limited to 20 participants. Last year the entire schedule was subscribed before the year even began. Several trips drew over 30 registrations. However, 35% of those who signed up canceled! *Last-minute cancellations make a lot of extra work for the trip leader. Hopeful people are hanging on a waiting list. Wait-list people are offered last-minute openings they can't take. Potential participants are told a trip is full.* And still, slots go unfilled. In an attempt to mitigate this cancellation problem, the 2012 trips will only be announced a month or two in advance. Unlike previous years, we will adhere to Portland Audubon's payment and cancellation policy, included below.

### Audubon Society of Portland Payment and Cancellation Policy

Full payment is expected for a trip upon registration. *If participants need to cancel*, their enrollment cancellations must be received by Paul Sullivan in writing (email ok) **TWO WEEKS** prior to the trip in order to receive a full refund. If cancellation notice is received less than 2 weeks from the trip date and the vacancy can be filled from the waiting list, then a full refund minus \$10 processing fee can be given. If the vacancy cannot be filled from the waiting list, then the entire amount is forfeited.

If the Audubon Society of Portland needs to cancel a trip due to low enrollment, participants will be given as much advance notification as possible and a full refund. The Audubon Society of Portland reserves the right to cancel trips due to inclement weather or instructor illness up to the date of the trip, in which case a full refund will also be given.

## Schedule

### April 21-22 — Curry County

We will look for Allen's Hummingbirds and other early spring migrants, as well as coastal species. **Base: Gold Beach.**



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

Treat your staff to a true retreat just minutes from downtown

- Increase productivity — meetings held in natural environments are less tiring and more effective than those held in conventional settings.
- Benefit from intimate areas both indoors and out for breakout sessions and team-building exercises.
- Enjoy breaks outdoors in fresh air; stretch your legs (and minds) on our trails.
- Our sanctuary includes acres of mixed-conifer forest and 4.5 miles of trails, which connects with Forest Park, offering 5,000 acres and 70 miles of trails.

### 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.

# Audubon Society of Portland Summer Camp 2012

Keeping kids in touch with nature!

| Grades entering:  | 1st                           | 2nd - 3rd                            | 4th - 5th  | 6th - 8th  | 9th - 12th                                 |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| June 25-29  | Creepy Crawlers               | Jr. Wildlife Vet 101 Session 1 FULL  | Stayin' Alive overnight Wed-Fri  | Olympic Peninsula Adventure June 24-29 (Sun-Fri)           |  |
| July 2-6<br><small>No class Wednesday, July 4th</small> | Frogs & Friends (full day)    | Sketchbook Naturalist Mountain Myths | Jr. Wildlife Vet 102 Session 1 FULL  | Cycle Wild July 1-6 (Sun-Fri, includes July 4th)           |  |
| July 9-13   | Animal Tracks & Traces        | Jr. Wildlife Vet 101 Session 2 FULL  | Learning to Fish and Feast overnight Wed-Fri<br>Cartooning Audubon Animals | Big Foot! July 8-13 (Sun-Fri)<br>Wild in the City          | Bush Craft July 8-13 (Sun-Fri)             |
| July 16-20  | Mini Art Explorers (full day) | Herpetology 101 FULL                 | Birdzilla  | San Juan 1 July 15-20 (Sun-Fri)<br>Jr. Wildlife Vet 103    |  |
| July 23-27  | Animal Hospital               | Wild Crafting Creations              | Berry Berry Fun 2  | San Juan 2 July 22-27 (Sun-Fri)                            | Girls/Boys Backpacker July 22-28 (Sun-Sat) |
| July 30-August 3  | Jr. Audubon Ranger (full day) | Backyard Birds                       | Jr. Wildlife Vet 102 Session 2 FULL<br>Native People, Native Plants        | Rod, Reel & Sea overnight Wed-Fri                          |  |
| August 6-10   | Slugs & Bugs (open to K too)  | Berry Berry Fun 1                    | Nature Photography overnight Wed-Fri<br>Hit the Trail                      | All the Way to Monterey August 4-11 (Sat-Sat)              | San Juan 3 Aug 5-11 (Sun-Sat)              |
| August 13-17  | Wet & Wild (full day)         | Botany Bonanza                       | Jr. Wildlife Vet 102 Session 3   | Secret Trails & Hidden Lakes                               |  |
| August 20-24  | Survival 101 (open to K too)  | Animal Tracking                      | Forest to Farm overnight Thurs-Fri   | Northwest Canoe Adventure overnight Thurs-Fri              |  |
| August 27-31  | Gnome Homes (full day)        | Jr. Wildlife Vet 101 Session 3       | Herpetology 102  | Ways of the Ancients: Bows & Blades August 26-31 (Sun-Fri) |  |

Call 971-222-6120 or go online to register. For full descriptions and and more details, please visit [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org)

| SUN   | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THUR  | FRI   | SAT  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| 26  | 27  | 28   | 29  | 1   | 2   | 3  |
| FEBRUARY  |   |  |   | MARCH   |   |  |
| Scappoose Bottoms, 8am (p.3)<br><br>Bluegrass Jam, 12:30pm Heron Hall               | 5   | Birders' Night, 7pm Heron Hall   | Fernhill Wetlands, 9am (p.3)  | 8   | 9   | Rentenaar Rd, Sauvie Island, 8am (p.3)<br><br>Wilkes Headwaters, 10:30am (p.3)   |
| 11  | 12  | Klamath Falls trip begins (p.3)<br><br>Nature Night: Snow Geese of Wrangel Island, 7pm (p.2)           | School of Birding's Spring Term begins (p.9)  | Birdathon Registration begins on website (p.1)<br><br>Ballots due 6:30pm (p.10)<br><br>Board Meeting 7pm (p.10)   | 16  | Tillamook Bay, 8am (p.3)   |
| 18  | 19  | Chickadees, Wrens, Kinglets class, 7pm (p.9)<br><br>Wildlife Corridors talk at Leach Garden, 7pm (p.2) | 21  | 22  | 23  | Nature Journaling class, 10am (p.9)<br><br>Powell Butte, 8am (p.3)<br><br>Wildflower Walk, 9am (p.3)<br><br>WCC Online Auction begins, 7pm (p.5) |
| Celebration of David Marshall's Life, 3pm-5pm Heron Hall (p.2)                      | 26  | 27   | 28  | 29  | 30  | Nature Journaling class, 10am (p.9)  |
| Spring break Camps 8:45am-4:15pm (p.9)  |   |  |   |   |   |  |
| Sandy River Delta, 8am (p.3)  | Bird Song Walks begin (p.3)   | Birders' Night, 7pm Heron Hall   | 4   | Little Brown Birds class, 7pm (p.9)   | South Florida trip begins (p.8)   | Together Green Volunteer Day, 9am (p.12)<br><br>Little Brown Birds trip, 8am (p.9)   |
| APRIL   |  |                     |  |  = Bird Song Walks 7am (p.2) |   |   |
| Dawson Creek Park, 9am (p.3)  | Birding by Ear class, 7pm (p.9)   | Nature Night: Recovering a Lost River, 7pm (p.2)<br><br>Bat Talk at Leach Garden, 7pm (p.2)            | 11  | Education Birds at Leach Garden, 6pm (p.2)  | Birding the Dry Tortugas trip begins (p.8)  | Vancouver Lake Park, 8am (p.3)   |
|  |  |                   |  |   |   |  |
| Birding by Ear trip, 7am (p.9)<br><br>WCC Online Auction closes, 10pm (p.5)         | 16  | 17   | Tillamook Bay, 9am (p.3)<br><br>Shorebird Ecology class, 7pm (p.9)                    | Board Meeting 7pm   | 20  | Sandy River Delta, 8am (p.3)<br><br>Wildflower Walk, 9am (p.3)<br><br>Birding Weekend begins (p.8)   |
|  |  |                   |  |   |   |  |
| 42nd anniversary of Earth Day (p.15)<br><br>Birding by Ear trip, 7am (p.9)          | Birding by Ear class, 7pm (p.9)   | 24   | Mt. Talbert Nature Park, 8am (p.3)<br><br>ID Spring Shorebirds class, 7pm (p.9)       | Smith & Bybee Lakes, 9am (p.3)  | 27  | Native Plant Sale 10am-4pm (p.12)<br><br>Steigerwald NWR, 8am (p.3)<br><br>Kelly Butte, 10am (p.3)   |
|  |  |                   |  |   |   |  |
| Native Plant Sale 10am-4pm (p.12)<br><br>Birding by Ear trip, 7am (p.9)             | 30  | Birders' Night, 7pm Heron Hall   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5  |
|  | MAY   |                     |  |   |  |  |

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



# Educational Trips

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early.  
Trip deposit required to secure your place on the trip.

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).

Portland Audubon's International Tours now include a Carbon Offset contribution that will go directly for the stewardship of our 150-acre Forest Park Wildlife Sanctuary. A flat fee of \$50 per person is included in the cost of these tours and will be used to maintain our trails, plant trees to help grow our native canopy, and sustain this special place for future generations. Thank you.

Portland Audubon tours are a lot of things, but one thing they are not are photographic tours... so please, no lens over 400mm.

## BORNEO

February 27 – March 14, 2013

Orangutan.  
Photo: Zyanec



Borneo, the world's third largest island; a land of rugged mountains, ancient people, and dense jungles teaming with wildlife and birds that defy the imagination...

Join Steve Robertson, Dan van den Broek, and Kirk Hardie on Portland Audubon's first excursion into the exotic realm that is Borneo. On this 14-day adventure, we will traverse the Malaysian state of Sabah in the northern portion of the Island, exploring the many different habitats this unique piece of land has to offer.

We will spend the first two nights in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, exploring and birding this interesting city as we adjust to the new time zone and culture. From there we head directly to Mt. Kinabalu, where we will bird the flanks of the highest peak in Southeast Asia in search of species such as the **Whitehead's Trogon**, the **Gray-throated Minivet**, the **Indigo Flycatcher**, and perhaps even the rare **Crimson-headed Partridge**. From here we travel to the area known as Sepilok, where we'll visit the **Sepilok Rainforest Discovery Center**, famous for its canopy towers and walkways that offer premier birding opportunities in the otherwise dense rainforest. This region is known as a birding hotspot, and is perhaps the best location to spot the **Bornean Bristlehead**, one of the strangest and most sought-after of Borneo's endemics.



Next it's off to the Sukau Rainforest Lodge, where more than birds await our group of intrepid travelers. This region is a known haunt for the **Proboscis Monkey**, a rare species of primate found only in Borneo, and for the interesting **Bornean Pygmy Elephant**, whose mysterious origins are still in debate. And the bird life of this region will not disappoint! Many

Rhinoceros Hornbill.  
Photo: Steve Wilson

beautiful species await our discovery, including the **Hooded Pitta**, the **Rhinoceros Hornbill**, and the **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, to name just a few. Lastly we'll venture into the Danum Valley, a vast tract of lowland forest that is home to the legendary "Man of the Forest," the great ape we call the **Orangutan**. Sightings of this massive primate are all but guaranteed, but not so for the other large mammal we'll be on the lookout for, the critically endangered **Sumatran Rhinoceros**. Before leaving Borneo, we'll have three days to bird this fantastically rich area, as we search for **Sooty-capped Babblers**, **Purple-naped Sunbirds**, **Long-billed Spider Hunters**, and a multitude of other avian denizens of Borneo's glorious rainforest.

After one last night in the town of Kota Kinabalu to catch our breath, repack our gear, and enjoy our camaraderie over dinner, we'll fly home with enough memories of this magical island to last a lifetime. **Contact Steve Robertson at 503-292-6855 ext.118** to sign up or if you have further questions.

**Tentative Fee:** \$5595 member / \$5895 non-member  
**Deposit:** \$2250 required to secure your place  
**Group size:** 12–14 participants  
**Leaders:** Steve Robertson, Dan van den Broek, Kirk Hardie, and local guides

**Fee is based on double occupancy and includes** all lodging, ground transportation, all meals *except some dinners*, all guide fees, park fees, planned group activities, etc. ***Not included:*** *Airfare to & from Portland and internal flights, some dinners, and tips for guides.* Remember, a portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland.

## ARGENTINA!

November 2–16, 2012

Come with Portland Audubon on an incredible adventure to Argentina and the remote and wild regions of Patagonia, the Pampas, and Tierra del Fuego. The trip begins in Buenos Aires where we board an internal flight to the southernmost city in the world, **Ushuaia**. There we'll bird the historic **Beagle Channel** for seabirds including the **Black-browed Albatross**, **Northern Giant Petrel**, **Magellanic Penguin** and, with luck, the sub-Antarctic **Gentoo Penguin**. In the nearby Southern Beech Forest of **Tierra del Fuego National Park** we'll search for the spectacular **Magellanic Woodpecker**.

From our base in Patagonia we'll travel high into the Andes to **Los Glaciares National Park**, where the famous **Perito Moreno Glacier** calves off huge icebergs into **Lake Argentino** with a roar of white thunder. We may see the giant **Andean Condor** soaring overhead and find **Magellanic Plover** along the lake shore. Other highlights of the area include **Lesser Rhea**, **Chilean Flamingoes**, and the endangered **Hooded Grebe**.

On the wild **Valdez Peninsula** we'll visit a breeding colony of **Magellanic Penguins** at home in their odd subterranean burrows. Out to sea, we'll have the opportunity to see the endangered **Southern Right Whale**, look for **Southern Elephant Seals**, and may even encounter a pod of **Orcas** hunting in the shallow coastal waters. We end our trip in **Buenos Aires** where we will have two days to bird and explore some of the coastal wetlands and nearby pampas, as well as a day to explore this fascinating global city.

**Fee:** \$4845 members / \$5145 non-members **Deposit:** \$2000 required to secure your place  
**Group size:** 14 participants; **Leaders:** Dan van den Broek, Meryl Redisch, local guides

**Fee includes** all ground transportation, all lodging based on double occupancy, all meals *except dinners*, entrance fees, excursions, and the services of your experienced leaders. ***Not included:*** *Airfare to & from Portland, flights within Argentina, dinners, and tips for guides.*

## IGUAZU FALLS EXTENSION

November 16–19, 2012

**Tentative Fee:** \$1195 (see website for more information)

## SIERRA NEVADA TO THE BIG SUR

September 24–29, 2012

From the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the Big Sur Coast, our autumn adventure explores the highlights of California's diverse ecosystems, stunning scenery, and unique bird life. We begin our journey searching for **Greater Roadrunner**, **California Thrasher**, **Sandhill Crane**, and **Tri-colored Blackbird** as we bird our way from San Jose to Sonora in the Sierran foothills. We may also encounter **Oak Titmouse**, **Nuttall's and Lewis's Woodpeckers**, and the endemic **Yellow-billed Magpie**.

Two days of exploring the Sierra Nevada from our base in Sonora will take us from oak woodlands through groves of majestic Giant Sequoias and up to forests of ponderosa pine at over 9,000 feet. We'll search in turn for **Black Phoebe**, **White-headed Woodpecker**, **Clark's Nutcracker**, and **Townsend's Solitaire**, to name a few.

The trip finishes with two nights in beautiful Monterey. Of course you will have time to visit the world-famous **Monterey Bay Aquarium** and to saunter along the waterfront made famous in John Steinbeck's *Cannery Row*. We'll also explore south along the **Big Sur Coast** in search of North America's largest and rarest bird, the **California Condor**. Conservation efforts have brought the wild population to a total of 191 birds (including birds raised in Oregon!) and our chances of sighting these awe-inspiring birds are very good. Our final destination is Elkhorn Slough, one of the richest estuaries in California, where we search for the endangered **Snowy Plover**, migrant shorebirds, **Harlequin Duck**, and possibly rafts of **Sea Otters**. Trip begins and ends in San Jose.

**Fee:** \$1295 member / \$1595 non-member **Deposit:** \$600 required to reserve your place  
**Group size:** 8–10 participants  
**Leader:** Kirk Hardie, Co-Exec. Dir. of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science

**Fee includes** all ground transportation, 5 nights lodging based on double occupancy, park and aquarium entrance fees, and all meals *except dinners*. ***Not included:*** *Airfare to & from San Jose and dinners.*



This Condor flew low over us along Big Sur during Audubon's 2010 trip. © Judy Salviolo

## BIRDING THE DRY TORTUGAS

April 13–17, 2012.

**Fee:** \$1355 members / \$1555 non-members

Contact Steve Robertson.

## BIRDING MAINE

June 3–14, 2012

**Fee:** \$2195 member / \$2495 non-member

Contact Dan van den Broek at 971-222-6105.

spaces remain in both trips!

## New Zealand

New Dates:  
Dec. 1–17, 2012

**Tentative Fee:** \$4895 member / \$5195 non-member  
**Leaders:** Steve Engel and local guides (see website for more information)



HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

**1. Register and pay online:**Visit class description at **www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult** and follow registration link.  
*OR: Contact Steve Engel via phone or email to be put on the roster. If class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then...*

**2. Mail in your check:** make payable to Audubon Society of Portland. Include with payment: class name, your name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.

**3. Credit card payment:** Call Steve Engel (971-222-6119) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover (3% fee charged).

**Contact Steve Engel**, Adult Education Manager, at **sengel@audubonportland.org** or **971-222-6119**.

Be sure to check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!  
audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

**Harry Nehls on Chickadees, Nuthatches, Wrens, and Kinglets**  
**March 20 (Tue), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall**  
Registration is still open for Harry’s first program of 2012.  
See website for more details.

**Nature Journaling with Jude Siegel**  
**March 24 and 31: Still has openings!**  
See website for details.

**Little Brown Birds: Sparrows, Finches, and Wrens**  
**April 5 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**April 7 (Sat), 8am–3pm: Field Trip**  
Learn to recognize the great variety of sparrows, finches, and wrens found in the Portland area. In this class, local author and guide **John Rakestraw** will help you learn the field marks and behaviors that make all these birds unique. On Saturday we’ll visit some local “sparrow patches” to see and hear them in person.  
**Class & Field Trip Fee:** \$25 members / \$40 non-members  
*Field Trip limited to 15 participants*  
**Class-Only Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members

**Birding By Ear — Resident Birds**  
**April 9 and 23 (Mon), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**April 15, 22, 29 (Sun), 7am–10am: Field Trips**  
With **Laura Whittemore**. The April class focus is on learning songs and vocalizations of resident birds such as Song Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and American Robin. See audubonportland.org for details.  
**Fee:** \$75 members / \$95 non-members  
*Limited to 14 participants.*

**Shorebird Ecology**  
**April 18 (Wed), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall**  
Great waves of shorebirds move north every spring and south every fall, traveling thousands of miles yearly. How do they do it? Why do they do it? Let **Cader Olive**, ecologist and teacher, introduce you to their lives, travels, behavior, diet, ecological role, and specialized traits. This class will inform your observations in the field and enhance your awareness of the interconnections in nature. See our website for more information about the class and our new instructor, Cader Olive.  
**Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members

**Identifying Spring Shorebirds**  
**April 25 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**April 28 (Sat), all day: Field Trip to Oregon Coast**  
Shorebirds offer the birder unique challenges in identification — they are fast, small, and similar in shape and color. Author and teacher **John Rakestraw** will illustrate the field marks that distinguish Western and Least Sandpipers and how to recognize Red Knots, Dunlin, and more. The evening class is followed up with an all-day trip (**transportation provided**) to the north Oregon Coast.  
**Class & Field Trip Fee:** \$75 members / \$95 non-members  
*Field Trip limited to 12 participants/van.*  
**Class-Only Fee:** \$10 members / \$15 non-members

**Seeing the Cosmos Without a Telescope**  
**May 11 (Fri), 8pm–10pm: Location TBA**  
**[Rain Date: May 12 (Sat), 8pm–10pm]**  
From this evening class with **Cader Olive** you’ll learn some basic knowledge and skills that will allow you to find your way around the sky and use it for navigation and time-telling. You’ll also learn some of the theories about how the universe is changing and its underlying form and process.  
**Fee:** \$15 members / \$20 non-members

# Adult Classes

**Birding By Ear — Migrant Birds**  
**May 14 (Mon) and June 1 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**May 20, 27, June 3 (Sun), 7am–10am: Field Trips**  
With **Laura Whittemore**. The May class focus is on the arriving migrants such as Orange-crowned Warbler, Black-headed Grosbeak, Lazuli Bunting, Swainson’s Thrush and Western Tanager. See audubonportland.org for details and for June’s “Birding by Ear — Nesting Birds.”  
**Fee:** \$75 members / \$95 non-members  
*Limited to 14 participants.*

Portland Audubon’s

School of Birding

Learn the natural history, identification, and best places to find Northwest birds. Class size is limited to 16 participants, so register soon. The following schedule includes class and **field trip (in bold)** dates.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Spring 2012</b>                      | <b>Summer 2012</b>                                |
| March 14, <b>17</b> , 21, 28, <b>31</b> | July 18, <b>21</b> , 25, <b>28</b> •              |
| April 4, <b>7</b>                       | August 1, <b>4</b> , 8, 15, <b>18</b> , <b>22</b> |
| May <b>12</b> , 16, 23                  | <b>Overnight:</b>                                 |
| <b>Overnight:</b>                       | <b>August 25–26: TBA</b>                          |
| May <b>19–20: TBA</b>                   |   |

**Fee per quarter is \$495 and 20 hours of volunteering at Portland Audubon.**


For more information or to register, contact Dan van den Broek at **971-222-6105** or **dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org**

## Spring Break Camp 2012 at the Audubon Society of Portland

### Enrolling Now for Spring and Summer Camps!

To register, go to [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6120 to save a place if you are mailing your form. Spring Break Camps run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise noted.

The new and improved **Jr. Audubon Club** is up and running for 2012! Sign up your 2nd–8th grader for this fun and informative club — they can join monthly activities, make new friends, and stay connected with the natural world **all year** long! For more information, contact Andrea Constance at [aconstance@audubonportland.org](mailto:aconstance@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6127.

| MONDAY, MARCH 26   | TUESDAY, MARCH 27   | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28  | THURSDAY, MARCH 29   | FRIDAY, MARCH 30  |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Hop To It!</b><br>2nd–4th grade<br>Springtime is frog time. Come with us as we check out the egg masses in Portland Audubon’s pond and figure out which amphibians laid them. We’ll also be on the lookout for that other amphibian, the salamander, as we search Balch Creek for salamanders and the insects that they love to eat. Get ready to hop to it!<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member  | <b>Wild Art Adventure</b><br>1st–3rd grade<br>Create wildly wonderful clay and mixed media sculptures, graphite and colored pencil drawings, and watercolor paintings based on your observations of some of the amazing birds, mammals, and reptiles you’ll discover in the Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn some exciting techniques to use as you work in a variety of art media.<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member  | <b>Forest Mask-arade</b><br>1st–2nd grade<br>Come dressed in your own camouflage as we investigate how animals hide themselves in the forest. We’ll learn new skills as we search our Sanctuary for hidden homes of forest creatures. Make and take home your very own forest mask.<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member  | <b>Forest Detectives</b><br>1st–2nd grade<br>Spend the day hiking and exploring some of Forest Park’s many exciting trails. We’ll learn about the plants and animals that live right here in Portland’s backyard. March is a great time to find new wildflowers, drumming woodpeckers, and slimy Banana Slugs.<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member | <b>Ambush!</b><br>1st–2nd grade<br>To ambush, to lie in wait, to surprise or to be in a concealed position. This will be our goal as participants divide into clans and use the Audubon Sanctuary to focus on the art of disappearing. We’ll sneak through the woods trying to stay undetected by other clans, as maps that lead to bounty guide our way. Come with us for a sneaky adventure into the art of camouflage.<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member |
| <b>Jammin’ Salmon</b><br>4th–8th grade<br>Embark on an adventure into the misty green forests of the Northwest to search for one of the forest’s most important seasonal residents, the salmon! Hike along a local river and learn about the exciting and dangerous life cycle of these amazing fish. Investigate the local forests for signs of Ospreys, Bald Eagles, and other animals that search for the salmon too. Get ready to follow the fish!<br>Fee: \$65 mem/ \$75 non-member   | <b>Natural Navigation: Map, Compass, and Beyond</b><br>4th–8th grade<br>Come spend the day at Portland’s scenic Mt. Tabor Park to learn how to use a map and compass. We’ll discover the hidden art of field navigation as we learn how to interpret a topographic map and how to use a compass. Learn how to read contour lines, understand map scale, and how to orient a map to the surrounding landscape. Combined with compass skills, we will learn some tips and tricks on using your observation skills, awareness, and internal compass to help find your way. With treasure map in hand, your team will be led to hidden treasures and clues on Portland’s extinct volcano. The search is on!<br>Fee: \$65 mem/ \$75 non-member | <b>Escape to Bird Island</b><br>3th–5th grade<br>Escape to the birdiest island around: Sauvie Island. Spring brings a great mix of new birds like swallows and swifts, and wintering ones like the beautiful Sandhill Crane. Search for the nests of Bald Eagles and have a picnic with the birds as we explore all that Bird Island has to offer.<br>Fee: \$65 mem/ \$75 non-member | <b>Junior Wildlife Vet 101</b><br>2nd–4th grade<br>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.<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member         | <b>Junior Wildlife Vet 102</b><br>3rd–5th grade<br>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.<br>Fee: \$60 mem/ \$70 non-member  |
| <div><div><div>Find us on Facebook</div><div><a href="http://www.facebook.com/audubonkidspdx">www.facebook.com/audubonkidspdx</a></div></div><div>Keeping kids in touch with nature!</div></div>  |   |  |  |   |
| <b>Whales Never Say Die</b><br>5th–8th grade<br><b>Start: Wed, March 28, 8:30am • End: Thur, March 29, 5:00pm</b><br>Trip Leaders: Tim Donner and Andrea Constance<br><br>Have you heard about the lost treasure of One-Eyed Willie? Are you willing to travel along Oregon’s coast, spying whales and searching for clues left in sand, in sea caves, and along sea stacks? If so, join Audubon educators for this unique and exciting mash-up of science and adventure! We will depart for the oldest city in Oregon and filming location for the popular movie <i>The Goonies</i> . Once in Astoria, we will stop by Mikey’s house to see who can do the best Truffle Shuffle, and you’ll create your own treasure map, marking spots of interest as well as fortune. From Astoria we will drive along the coast, stopping at beaches and viewpoints until we reach our resting spot: a warm bunkhouse that is a short walk from the ocean’s edge. The next day we will practice our treasure-finding skills and scan the ocean for sprays of water which are telltale signs of Gray Whales as they migrate northward to the Bering Sea. This is sure to be a trip at the coast that will go down in history!<br>Fee: \$115 mem/ \$135 non-member |   |  |  |   |



# 2012 Board Elections

## CANDIDATES FOR 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Statements edited for brevity

### BOARD OFFICERS

#### Kristina Gifford, President

“I have enjoyed serving on the Board since 2006. Having been elected by the Board as Vice President in May 2011, I’m hoping to serve as Board President this year. It’s an honor to be part of this organization. The staff and volunteers are so talented and dedicated to the mission here, and their enthusiasm is inspiring. I support Portland Audubon’s programs and its mission of conservation. Professionally, I’ve been an environmental and land use planning consultant for over 20 years and am employed at Herrera Environmental Consultants in Portland.

“I actively volunteer at Portland Audubon in addition to my Board duties. I worked a regular shift at the Nature Store for several years, participated on the Birdathon and Wild Arts Festival Committees, and have served on the Conservation and Executive Committees. I’ve been fundraising through Birdathon since 2002 and love to meet people and encourage them to become members and get involved with Audubon. My front yard boasts a Backyard Habitat sign (certified gold, so far), and I really enjoy handling the Education Birds, introducing them to kids and adults at camps, presentations, and special events.”

#### David Mandell, Vice President

David is the Research Director of the Children’s Institute, a nonprofit focused on early education policy in Oregon, and holds a PhD in Political Science. He has been an active birder since the age of 5 and has led ocean birding trips off the coast of Oregon for the The Bird Guide for close to a decade. Since moving to Portland 12 years ago, David has been a participant and a co-leader of the A-Grebe-able Birdathon team. “As the father of a 5-year-old, the legacy

we leave to our children has taken on a new significance for me. Audubon’s leadership in conservation and environmental education is key to preserving that legacy. I believe that my experience in public policy and nonprofit work will help advance Audubon’s mission.”

#### Candy Plant, Treasurer

Candy has been a Wildlife Care Center volunteer since 1991, Education Bird Assistant, Wild Arts Festival Finance Committee Member, past Volunteer Council Member, and has served as Board Treasurer for the last 12 months. Candy is employed as a Staff Accountant for a local CPA firm and enrolled to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. She has been in the public accounting industry for 35 years, working with nonprofit organizations, having a complete understanding of accounting principles and the annual Form 990 filing requirements. “As Board Treasurer I will Chair the Finance Committee, assist in tax filing requirements, and act as a liaison to the Board Members on Audubon’s finances. As a long-time volunteer I have had the privilege of working closely with so many of Portland Audubon’s outstanding staff and will give them my support as a Board Member.”

#### Barb Hill, Secretary

“For the last 5 years I have been on the Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Portland and would greatly like to continue my service to this effective and meaningful organization as Secretary and Officer on the Board. I have also been serving on the Executive Committee as Member at Large for the last year. During my time on the Board I chaired the committee that significantly updated and revised the Portland Audubon bylaws to make them more current, relevant, and meaningful for the Chapter’s

organization, priorities, and purpose. I have participated in a number of development efforts such as the Wild Arts Festival, Christmas Bird Count, and sponsorship at fundraising events. My professional career and education as a wildlife biologist involved in land management also provides me with experience and skills that contribute to the Board and Chapter’s efforts for avian and other wildlife and habitat conservation. Thank you for your consideration of my continued service to this great organization.”

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

#### In Memory

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Carol Bridges</b><br>Wayne Bridges  | <b>Inez O’Neil</b><br>Sylvia Casteel                               |
| <b>Ann Jamison</b><br>Betty Harry  | <b>Jan O’Sullivan</b><br>Anne O’Sullivan                           |
| <b>Margery Charlotte (Hugett) Krupa</b><br>Elizabeth Dan   | <b>James DeLoss Robertson</b><br>April, Bruce & Alex DeBolt        |
| <b>Andrea Kulwicki</b><br>Joyce Barrett  | <b>Chuck Serres</b><br>Donna Black                                 |
| <b>David B. Marshall</b><br>Mr. & Mrs. William L. Finley III<br>Lynn & Don Herring<br>Bonnie Brunkow Olson | <b>Joseph Frederick Thompson</b><br>James & Nancy Tedrow           |
| <b>David Menken</b><br>Patricia Saxton   | <b>Philip Thygeson</b><br>Jan & Jim Haran<br>Paula & Randy Mentzer |
| <b>Kerry Sofie Nilson</b><br>Anne Holtz  | <b>Barbara D. Weck</b><br>Elizabeth Thill                          |
| <b>Cathy Olson</b><br>Paige Powell   |  |

#### In Honor

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Joyce Arnold</b><br>Keith & Bethany Valachi             | <b>Rosie Hamilton</b><br>Leigh Knox                                |
| <b>Bacco</b><br>Michelle Snyder                            | <b>Jim Jozwiak</b><br>Michael Kotel                                |
| <b>David Birkes</b><br>Carol Birkes                        | <b>Dr. Brenda Kehoe</b><br>Laurel Lyon<br>Tim McMenamin            |
| <b>Dana Buhl &amp; Bill Smith</b><br>Lance Buhl            | <b>James Manusos</b><br>Cindy Mom                                  |
| <b>Luanne Bye</b><br>Jan Pinardi                           | <b>Kathleen Merritt</b><br>Mildred Donoghue                        |
| <b>Aislin Clifton</b><br>Stephanie Harmond                 | <b>Raymond Merritt</b><br>Mildred Donoghue                         |
| <b>Stephanie Coburn</b><br>Rivkah Coburn & Alan Ransenberg | <b>Oscar</b><br>Allison Milionis                                   |
| <b>Elizabeth Collins</b><br>Jessica Gregg                  | <b>Gavrila &amp; Severin Piper</b><br>Roberta Lampert & Jim Piper  |
| <b>Fred Cook</b><br>Ann Cook                               | <b>Virginia Ross</b><br>Jeanne Beyer                               |
| <b>Desi &amp; Bubba</b><br>Maureen Cassidy                 | <b>Jackie Sandquist</b><br>Employees of Portland Community College |
| <b>Bonnie Dwork</b><br>John Dwork                          | <b>Ronald &amp; Esther Spencer</b><br>Tammy Spencer                |
| <b>Carol Evans</b><br>Roger & Marcia Grimm                 |  |
| <b>Sejal Goud</b><br>Kassie Kelly<br>Sabrina Turnes        | <b>Loran Starr</b><br>Hugh Beebe                                   |

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 971-222-6130. A songbird card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

#### Tony DeFalco

Tony brings 15 years of local and national experience in environmental advocacy, coalition building, and policy advocacy. Current projects include redeveloping a landfill into a park in a Portland low-income neighborhood, assisting a regional government in integrating equity into a regional infrastructure initiative, and establishment of the first equity-driven eco-district in the U.S. A founding board member of the Center for Diversity and the Environment, he helped develop the Equity Audit to help environmental and sustainability organizations understand how to become more inclusive. Tony holds a master’s degree in Natural Resources Planning and Interpretation from Humboldt State University and a bachelor’s in Ethnic Studies from University of California at Berkeley. An avid birdwatcher, he leads Feathers of Color, a birding group for people of color.

#### Michael Ryan

In addition to legal experience, Michael brings extensive nonprofit board experience to Portland Audubon’s Board. Michael has served on the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Columbia Gorge and on their Board of Directors (including serving as Treasurer for several years) for two decades. Other volunteer experience includes the Program Management Committee of the Metro YMCA and chair of its Scholastic Committee. “I have been a member of Portland Audubon for decades and would like to make a more meaningful contribution to an organization that I have long respected.”

#### Mary Solares

Mary chaired the 2011 Wild Arts Festival and will chair the 2012 Festival as well. She has served on Portland Audubon’s Membership and Development Committee, and worked on the special opening event for the Lost Bird Project that Audubon sponsored in 2010. She has served on numerous boards, including the Lake Oswego School District Foundation Board from 2002–2008, on which she served as President in 2007. She is currently on the Board of the Willamette Women Democrats, and is a lifetime member of the Sierra Club. Mary believes in the Audubon Society of Portland’s mission, and will bring to the Board her organizational talents, enthusiasm, and ability to motivate and work with others.

#### Jay Withgott

An author of 3 leading college and high school environmental science textbooks, a member of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, and a former director of Western Field Ornithologists, Jay has also helped lead the Wild Turkeys Birdathon Team. A lifelong birder, Jay brings writing skills, communications and media experience, and field trip leading abilities. “I strongly believe in this organization’s mission, values, and activities. Portland Audubon is, quite simply, an organization in which I feel at home. Moreover, it’s one that is vitally important, fulfilling many essential roles in our community.”

### 2012 Board of Directors Election Ballot

If you are a current Audubon Society of Portland member, you are eligible to vote for the organization’s officers and directors. If you are an Individual Member, you are entitled to one vote per candidate. If you have a Family Membership or higher level, you are entitled to two votes for each of the candidates. You must sign your ballot for it to be counted. Write-in votes will be disregarded.

Members may vote by mail, but we must receive your ballot by **6:30pm on March 15, 2012**. Please mail to:

**Board Nominations Committee**  
**5151 NW Cornell Rd**  
**Portland, OR 97210**

Members may choose to vote in person at the March Birders’ Night or Nature Night. The Board Meeting takes place on Thursday, March 15 at 7pm..

(a) term ends 2013 (b) term ends 2015

Your Name (please print):

Your Signature:

Membership Level:

- ☐ Individual (entitled to one vote per candidate)  
☐ Family or higher (entitled to two votes per candidate)

#### Position

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| President (a)      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Kristina Gifford |
| Vice President (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> David Mandell    |
| Secretary (a)      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Barb Hill        |
| Treasurer (a)      | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Plant      |
| Member (b)         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Tony DeFalco     |
| Member (b)         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Ryan     |
| Member (b)         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Solares     |
| Member (b)         | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Jay Withgott     |



Audubon Society of Portland

# Summer Camp 2012

Keeping kids in touch with nature!

Here are two of our many exciting, educational, and fun camps for kids. For a complete list of classes, check the insert in this issue or go to **www.audubonportland.org**.



Photo: G. Piper

Learn primitive skills for wilderness living. Participants will find themselves using tools created from stone & bone, sitting around fires started without matches, and cooking food on top of hot rocks. The group will work together to create a communal comfort where we relax around a fire after learning to soften buckskin. We will rise later and test our awareness well after dark. Learn the art of fire making as various structures, techniques, and materials are explored throughout the week. Fires will be used as a heat source and as a tool to create bowls and fire pottery at the end of the week.

Join Severin Piper and other expert Audubon Staff as we immerse you in the art and science of wilderness living skills. After spending five months immersed in the practice of survival, Severin is excited to share these many secrets to help participants find themselves truly learned in the ways of ancient technologies. This program will help you understand the energy put into everything around you, to have an absolute appreciation for your clothes, your food... everything. Participants need only a creative spirit and positive attitude to accept this of the ultimate challenges.

**Bushcraft**  
**Sun, July 8 – Fri, July 13, 2012**  
**(8:45 am to 4:15 pm)**  
Age: Entering 9th–12th grade  
Depart from: Upper Macleay Park  
**Fee:** \$380 members/ \$400 non-members  
**\$280 for Counselor in Training Program participants**  
**Leader:** Severin Piper

Learn primitive skills for wilderness living. Participants will find themselves using tools created from stone & bone, sitting around fires started without matches, and cooking food on top of hot rocks. The group will work together to create a communal comfort where we relax around a fire after learning to soften buckskin. We will rise later and test our awareness well after dark. Learn the art of fire making as various structures, techniques, and materials are explored throughout the week. Fires will be used as a heat source and as a tool to create bowls and fire pottery at the end of the week.

**Olympic Peninsula Adventure**  
**Sun, June 24 – Fri, June 29, 2012**  
**(10:00 am to 4:00 pm)**  
Age: Entering 6th–8th grade  
Depart from: Upper Macleay Park  
**Fee:** \$475 members/ \$475 non-members  
**Leader:** Steve Robertson, Education Director



Photo:Aly Robinson

Travel into a land of rugged coastlines and mysterious forests, and discover a world seemingly forgotten by time. You'll explore tidepools teaming with life and walk on beaches few feet have ever trodden. You'll go in search of the remains of an ancient village of Native Americans who lived off the Sea, and learn the techniques these brave people used to hunt the largest of all prey, the mighty whale. We'll hike to the very tip of Cape Flattery, the most Northwestern point in the continental United States, and look across the Strait of Juan de Fuca to Canada. We'll even visit the lonely town of Forks, made famous in the *Twilight* movies, and check for any of those completely mythical, but still scary, vampires!

We'll be camping in our own private site on the coast, and we'll experience several of the Olympic National Park's very finest hiking trails and beaches. You'll make a map of the region in your own journal so *you* can lead the way on your next family adventure. Between our studies of Marine Biology, the massive trees of the old-growth forest, and the ways of the Makah Tribe, we'll find plenty of time to play on the beach, dig in the sand, and sing around the campfire.

**Registration for this camp is through Saturday Academy.**  
Go to [saturdayacademy.org](http://saturdayacademy.org) to register, or call **503-200-5858** with questions.



Photo: E. Bolas

## Wish List & Thank Yous

### Thank you to:

- Harriet Anderson for a calendar to sell in the Nature Store
- Pat & Joe Campbell for Elk Cove Vineyards wine for the Holiday event
- Cascade Investment Advisors for 2 Acer Laptops with 15.1" screens & Windows XP software; and one Acer Netbook with 10.1" screen & Windows 7 software
- Katherine Diack for a computer monitor
- James Dykes for a 22-pound bag of black oil sunflower seed
- Rebecca Gattley for a laptop with charger and a docking station
- John & Judie Hammerstad for Carabella wine for the Holiday event
- Thomas Herzig for a flat screen monitor
- Victoria Isaac for an Audubon Volunteer raincoat
- Rie Luft for 5 ink cartridges and 2 packages of Premium Glossy paper
- Nancy Mattson, Sally Loomis ,and Marilyn O'Grady for two Swarovski 20–60 Zoom scope lenses to sell in the Nature Store
- Portland Roasting Company for 3 pounds of coffee for the Nature Store Holiday Open House and 10 pounds of coffee for Raptor Road Trip
- Ginnie Ross for 3 dozen pillowcases for the Wildlife Care Center
- John Silliman for a Bausch & Lomb spotting scope for the Education Department
- Lynn Sweeney for a scale, shears, and Pedialyte for the Wildlife Care Center

### Our Wish List:

**For East Portland Office:**  
10 Binoculars

**For Education:**  
Laptop with dual core processor or greater  
Powerpoint Projector • Flat-Screen Monitor

**For Sanctuary:**  
Loppers • Hand saws • Work gloves

**For Wildlife Care Center:**  
Science Diet Kitten Growth • Bleach  
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent • 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.**

## 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!

Asher Abel  
Jorge Abich  
Stephen Adams  
Andrew & True Adcock  
Susan & Gary Allen  
Jessica Amato  
Sandra Anderson  
Briffin Anderton  
Kim & Donald Arambula  
Kerry Arkell  
Katryn Bain  
Ronald Baker  
Nena Baker & Pat Ihnat  
Daniel Ballard  
John Barinaga  
William & Susan Bartholomew  
Michael Barton  
Audie Bass  
Bonnie Bates  
& Kenneth Campbell  
Theresa Bennett  
Elizabeth Berdan  
Paige Berry  
Phillip Berryhill  
& Ann-Marie Yost  
Katelyn Best  
Sam Best  
Janet Bixby & Martha Mealy  
Hugh Black  
Jerry Bobbe  
Maria Bonarci  
Carey Booth  
Alva Bradford & Ron Rutter  
Jonathan Brandt  
Nick Brandt  
Carol & Jim Bremer  
Regina Brody & Gene Baker  
Susan Brody  
Margaret Brown  
Judy Brown  
Sarah Byars  
Russel Callen  
Judi Campbell  
Jenny & Eric Carr  
Margaret Carson  
Susannah Castle  
Linda Cella  
Kathy Chambers  
Michael & Jennifer Ciccolella  
Lani Clark  
Carol Coar  
Michael & Judy Collins  
Barbara Comstock  
Alma & William Coston  
Val Crawford  
Cynthia Cristofani  
Anne Crook  
Roger Crooks  
& Kathy Archibald  
Kendall Crosby  
Patricia Cross

Dean Crouser  
John & Susan Cullerton  
Rosemarie Cummings  
Grant Cumpston  
Sherry Daubert  
Asha & Mohan Davis  
Kristin Day & Sandra Koike  
Louise Deines  
Lucas Devlin  
James Dewilde  
Theodore DeWitt  
Ed & Carol Dey  
Dave Dey  
Sarah Dinger & Schuyler Smith  
Muhsin Diver  
Heather Duggan  
Jordan Durbin  
Ken Durbin  
Pamela G. Duvall  
Ross Dwinell  
Jenny Dwyer  
Pauli, Ira & Eby Eckel  
Kathryn Edgecomb  
& Stanley Prager  
Steve Elder  
John Elrod  
Stacy Epsteen  
Amber Erwin  
James Fadden  
Tom Fake  
Dunstan Fandel  
Maxime Ferriere  
Beverly Finn  
Marianne & Tom Fitzgerald  
Mark Fluegge  
Robert Foege  
Jamie & Steven Foley  
Bruce Follansbee  
Margaret Ford  
Lynn Fountain  
Mark & Rebecca Freeman  
Karen Freiheit  
Gael Fuentes  
Annika Garvey  
Sam Gfroerer  
Charles & Mary Gibbs  
Richard Gilkey  
Anne Glazer  
Robert & Gayle Gordon  
Mitchell Gould  
Desiree Graham  
Teresa Graham  
Marta Greenwald  
Richard Gritman  
Ray & Janet Guggenheim  
Marianne Gustavson  
Kathleen Gygi  
Marta Hammel  
Gail Harradine  
John Harris  
Susan Harris

Marvin & Penny Harrison  
Tracy Hendershott  
& Gregory Slayden  
Marsha Henry  
Judy Hickson  
Angela Higgins  
Belinda & John Hilbert  
Judy Hill  
Linda Hobson  
Kerri Hoffman  
Lea Honeycutt  
Katie Hornecker  
Darlene Howard  
Jim Hubbard  
Hummingbird School  
Leslie & Chien Mori Hunter  
Robert Hyland  
Kolleen Irvine  
& Tom Hausmann  
Timothy Jacobs  
Valerie & Chris Joachim  
Gerald & Laura Johnson  
Paul Johnson  
Lynn Johnston  
Jim Johnston  
Lawrence Jones  
Richard Joslin  
Stephen & Marjorie Kafoury  
Jacqueline Kennedy  
Rachell Keys  
John Klosterman  
Rona Klueh  
Melanie & Kelly Knight  
Keith & Trudy Kramer  
Kelin Kuhn  
Janet Lakatos Brittle  
Alyse Lansing  
Marilyn Larson  
Stephan & Lisa Lashbrook  
Jean Latenser  
Glenn Laubaugh  
Elly Lawrence  
Kate Lee  
Grace & David Lee  
Richard Lee-Berman  
& Betty Patton  
Mitchell & Jacqueline Lifton  
Thomas Lockney  
David Ludeman  
Kathy Lundquist  
Aubrey Luse  
Theodore & Linda Mackett  
Heidi Mann  
Alan Mansfield  
Paul & Christy Marten  
Julie Mast  
Corrine McCarthy  
Sylvia McGauley  
& Andrew Eisman  
David McGrady  
Janet McIntyre

James McWhorter  
Elaine McWilliams  
Sarah Meadows  
Julie Menken  
Marcus Miller  
Winifred Miller  
Ralph & Kathie Minden  
Nancy Monstvil  
Austin Moore  
Daphne Moore  
Elizabeth Moore  
William Muenchau  
Patrick Neal  
Sandy Nelson  
Linda & Richard Nelson  
Raymond Nesbitt  
Candace Newland-Holley  
Patricia & Kevin Nixon  
Melody Noraas  
Jon & Renee Oberdorf  
Cynthia O'Bryant  
Pat O'Connor & John Miller  
Mary Olsen  
Janice & Monford Orloff  
Kathy Orton  
Roland Paanakker  
Peregrine Painter  
Rosshalde Pak  
Wendy Pare  
Evan Penfield  
Janice Pinniger  
Lillian & Wolfram Ploetz  
Katrina Powell  
Jean & Frank Powell  
Jaimie Powell  
Judith Pratt  
Martina Ralle  
Joan Reeder  
Peter Rega  
Abigail Reich  
Sara & Kent Roberts  
Laura Roberts  
Susan Rosenthal  
Josh & Katy Rosenthal  
David & Janet Rosenthal  
Anne Rosenthal-Jones  
& Maggie Rosenthal-Jones  
Florina Rossmiller  
Jean Rottman  
James Rozmus  
Janice Ruhl & Thomas Heilig  
Debora Sanberg  
Melissa Sandoz  
Linda Scherf  
Shannon Schiller  
Al Schmitt  
Tedd Schmitt  
Scott & Sherry Seckington  
Anona Selby  
Chris Semansky  
Carolyn Shain  
James Shannon  
Peggy Shannon  
Earl Sharar  
Fang Shir  
Aimee Sisco  
Andrew Small

Evan Smith  
Lauren Smith  
Larry Snider  
Nanci Snyder  
Rebecca & Scott Sonniksen  
Will & Judie Spady  
Lara Spangler  
Heidi Spence  
Aaron Spidal  
Ellen Stearns  
Adele Steiger  
Douglas & Susan Stirling  
Marlyne Stucky  
Coleson, Caroline, Eliza  
& Jack Stutz  
Jean Sullivan  
Susan Sullivan  
Barbara Suto  
Chuck Sve  
Laurel Swetnam  
Sandy Tamiesie  
Marcia Tate  
Michelle & Barrett Taylor  
Michael Taylor  
Lucia Thoenig  
& Matthew Barkley  
Myla Thomas  
& Mark Buchanan  
Elizabeth Thompson  
David Threefoot  
Ben & Kendra Toops  
Michael Traylor  
Mona Ulrich  
Mary Valeant  
Janet Van Wess  
& Anthony Redelsperger  
Kalfie van Zyl  
Dawn VanSeggen  
Stephen Vaughan  
Anne Vehrs  
John Vezmar  
Andrea Vintro  
Christopher Vorrath  
Linda Waara  
Sally & Josh Waddell  
Edith Wall  
Meimei Wang  
Linda Warren  
Helen Weber  
Anne-Mai Wechsler  
Ed Quentin Welch  
Brighton West  
Randy & Christine West  
Dale Weyermann  
Andrew Wheeler  
Timothy & Rachel White  
Stuart White  
Jennifer Williams  
Kim Wilson  
Aaron & Jennifer Wines  
James & Cindy Wong  
Deanna Wood  
Laura Wozniak & Stu Oken  
Robert Zimmerman  
Gregory & Laurie Zupan

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



# Sanctuaries News

## 16th Annual Native Plant Sale

It's a beautiful day for a plant sale! © Carol Gross

On **Saturday, April 28th** and **Sunday, April 29th** the Audubon Society of Portland will host its 16th annual Native Plant Sale. Yes, the date has changed from past years, but expect the same great selection of plants and the same wonderful crew of volunteer botanists and assistants. As always, over 100 species of native trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, grasses, and vines will be available for sale from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** on both days.

We strive to make our plant sale as user friendly and accessible as possible by providing a cadre of native plant experts to help you select the plants that will suit you and your property best.

Long-time volunteer and Sanctuaries Committee member Gregg Everhart will once again provide her assiduously prepared shopping lists, providing a wealth of information on all of the plants available: typical size, growing conditions, habitat value, and even the color of the flower and fruit type. You can use the shopping list to find out what will grow in that moist, shady back corner of your yard, or which plants will help you attract butterflies and hummingbirds. More comprehensive information on individual plants will be posted above plants themselves, including photographs of the plant in bloom.



Gregg Everhart, Plant Sale "Shopping List" preparer and volunteer © Carol Gross

In addition, Portland Audubon's Sanctuaries Committee members, in partnership with Oregon State University's Master Gardner Program, will be on hand to answer your questions about native plants, with information specifically geared toward:

- Why Native Plants Benefit Habitat
- How to Design a Native Plant Area
- Planting and Caring for Native Plants

Come get the big picture on naturescaping, rain gardens, invasive plant removal, and more. Turn your own yard into a wildlife sanctuary!

If you want to learn more and come up with a more comprehensive plan, the Portland Audubon Nature Store stocks a wonderful collection of books about native plants, wildlife, and naturescaping. Here are titles of a few standout selections. Russell Link's *Landscaping for Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest* is a great introductory text for those new to naturescaping. *The Encyclopedia of Northwest Native Plants* by Kathleen Robson, Alice Richter, and Marianne Filbert provides comprehensive information on the flora of our region. For those who really want to explore the complex ecological systems that native plant communities support, I recommend Douglas Tallamy's *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*.

Native plants are the cornerstone of a sustainable landscape — they are adapted to grow in our soils and climate, require less care than exotic ornamentals, and allow for natural ecological function in the landscaped environment. And of course native birds and other wildlife rely on native plants

**Native Plant Sale**  
**April 28–29**  
**(Sat–Sun)**  
**10am – 4pm**



and the habitat that they provide. A key strategy in the struggle to maintain and restore healthy wildlife populations in the Portland metro area is the restoration of native plant communities on private residential land. Each plant makes a difference.



Volunteer Marianne Nelson assists shoppers in the Plant Holding Area © Carol Gross

Your purchases at our 16th Annual Native Plant Sale directly benefit the Audubon Society of Portland's wildlife sanctuaries and our trail and habitat restoration efforts. Our fundraising efforts this year are being directed to our trail projects to help ensure that trails remain passable and enjoyable to all of the school groups and visitors who spend time in our sanctuaries. Your plant purchase will contribute to this effort.

## Help "Spruce Up" Audubon's Nature Sanctuary

Thanks to a grant from National Audubon and Toyota to help make Audubon's nature sanctuary more accessible, we'll be having our first Together Green Volunteer Day of the year. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 7**, and come join us for three hours of some of the most rewarding trail work you'll ever do. This isn't your usual sanctuary work party! We start the day with a continental breakfast and a short program at **9 a.m.** in Heron Hall. Then it's off to the sanctuary for some major sanctuary and trail restoration projects. We'll be finished at **noon**. That's just three hours to really make a difference for our visitors and the native wildlife that call our sanctuary their home!

**Together Green Volunteer Day**  
**Saturday, April 7**  
**9am – Noon**

Register with volunteercoordinator@portlandaudubon.org or 503-292-6855 ext.108

During past Together Green Volunteer Days, approximately 25,750 square feet of invasive plants were removed and replaced with native plants, almost 100 feet of flooded trails were restored

so visitors are able to access previously inaccessible areas of our main sanctuary, the leaky pond has been fixed, the bridge over Balch Creek was torn out in preparation for a beautiful new one, and our native plant nursery was refurbished! All because our great volunteers were enthusiastic, had a lot of energy, and weren't afraid to get a little dirty!



Photo © Deanna Sawtelle

In addition to volunteering individually, this is a terrific opportunity for small groups and businesses who want to do some community service and team building. If you have a community group that would like to get involved or if you'd like to volunteer individually or with your family (minimum age 14, and 14–16 year olds must be accompanied by an adult volunteer), please contact Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteercoordinator@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 ext.108.

## Nature Store Highlights by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

With the coming of spring, it's time to remind you that we stock a wide variety of wildflower field guides, hiking guides for the Portland metro region and beyond, and useful references for adding more native plants to your backyard habitat. Please drop by to take a trillium stroll in the sanctuary, and then check out the Nature Store to explore our collection. Also, we'll have the following featured new titles on hand.



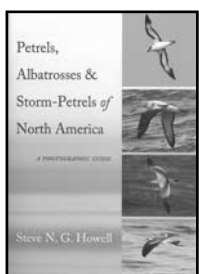
Famed field guide author and artist David Allen Sibley has been branching out into other media in recent years. His newest releases include the wonderful poster *Sibley's Raptors of North America* (Scott and Nix, \$29.95) and *Sibley Backyard Birding Flashcards: 100 Common Birds of Eastern and Western North America* (Potter Style, \$14.99), which should be helpful in honing your ID skills.



Ohio bird artist and author Julie Zickefoose's new title *The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$28.00) is

about the change that's set in motion by a single act, such as saving an injured bluebird — or a hummingbird, swift, or phoebe. Each of the 25 chapters covers a different species, each with its own personality, habits, and quirks. And each chapter is illustrated with Zickefoose's watercolor paintings and drawings.

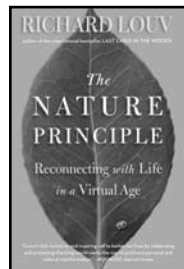
Speaking of bird artists, you can become one yourself in an easy new way to better learn your bird field marks. *Birds of North America* by Dominic Couzens (Thunder Bay Press, \$19.95) is a coloring book for adults, complete with colored pencils, which encourages you to become more observant. 52 bird species are featured here.



Steve N.G. Howell is another prolific birding writer, whose newest title is *Petrels, Albatrosses, and Storm-Petrels of North America: A Photographic Guide* (Princeton University Press, \$45.00). Pelagic birders will find lots of useful information and hundreds of photographs here for their next trip to sea (seasickness patch not included!).



*Life Histories of Cascadian Butterflies* is David G. James and David Nunnallee's new work that covers the entire life cycle of our regional butterflies (Oregon State University Press, \$35.00). While most butterfly guides focus only on the adult stage, this book also shows many detailed photographs of the eggs, pupae, and larvae of 158 species found in the greater Pacific Northwest.



Richard Louv's *The Nature Principle: Reconnecting with Life in a Virtual Age* was a popular title in hardcover at Portland Audubon last year, and will be released in paperback in April (Algonquin Books, \$14.95). Expanding on the research that made *Last Child in the Woods* such a significant publication, Louv makes a convincing case that all of us, both adults and children, need contact with the natural world for our health, creativity, and well-being.



# Mysteries of Migration

Migrations are rather mysterious and hard to understand sometimes, but there usually are reasons why birds do what they do. When you look a little more closely at the reasons why birds migrate some of the mystery disappears.

Researchers consider that the main spark that influences migrations is the increase in hormonal activities within the birds as the length of daylight increases in late winter and spring. Increased daylight might prepare a bird for migration but it does not trigger the response to actually do so. An increase in daytime and night temperatures and the resulting increase in food supplies might have more to do with migrations than increased daylight.

It has long been known that some individuals, mostly adult males, will migrate northward well before the bulk of the species think of leaving. Among a group of similar species, some move northward much earlier than the others. To better understand what is going on, investigators tend to separate migrant birds into two groups, “weather migrants” and “instinct migrants.”

# Sightings

The southward movement of **Snowy Owls** this winter was spectacular and ranged across the continent. In the west very large numbers moved into northern Washington and southern British Columbia, then the movement stalled. Some individuals moved farther south, one even to the Rogue Valley, but only a few remained in one spot long enough for birders to seek them out. In Oregon one remained for a while near Burns, another in Albany, and a third at Siletz Bay on the coast.

It was a very good winter for interesting birds. A photogenic tame **Snow Bunting** was near the Portland Airport, along with up to 60 **Horned Larks**. There was a steady increase of **Pine Siskins** in the Portland area during the winter. By late January John Gatchet enjoyed up to 307 Siskins at his Gresham feeders. Andy Frank,

Most likely, “weather migrants” are more attached to their summer homes than to any wintering areas. They move southward only as far as necessary, then return as fast as they can in spring. These birds seldom stay put during the winter but move around quite a bit, seemingly eager to push back north. Any extended warm period in late winter sets them on their way, often to encounter adverse conditions that push them back south again.

“Instinct migrants” seem to be more attached to their wintering areas than to their northern breeding territories. They move northward only after the warm weather has firmly taken hold and there is considerable plant growth and other animal life is fully active. The majority of these birds do not arrive in Oregon until April or May, and some well into June. These are primarily females and immature birds and those species that winter well to the south. The majority of birds wintering in Oregon usually remain until this time.

Early migrants are subject to starvation and exposure, and mortality is often high. Yet the “instinct migrants” that stay put until much later in the season then race northward to take advantage of the warmer more settled conditions must face problems with poor weather conditions, predation, and exhaustion. And when they get there the best spots are taken by the early birds.

David Bailey, Craig Turner, and others spotted a few **Common Redpolls** in the Siskin flocks.

An unusually large number of **Snow Geese** wintered this year on Sauvie Island. On January 14 Bob Archer estimated 5,000 in one large flock. A couple of days later Rhett Wilkins spotted a **Blue Goose** in the flock, very rare in the Siberian flocks that winter in this area.

Among the many **Lesser and Greater Scaup** on the Columbia River this winter was a pure adult and an apparent hybrid **Tufted Duck**. On December 18 Adrian



Snow Bunting near PDX, Dec.2011 © Lyn Topinka

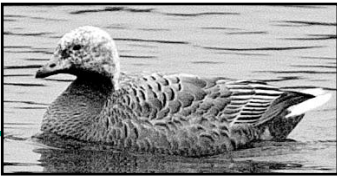
In recent years there have been many winter reports of swallows that include both adults and yearlings. At first they mostly involved **Barn Swallows**, but now include **Tree and Violet-green Swallows**. The birds seemingly are migrating and seldom remained in any one area.



Snowy Owl at Ocean Shores, WA, Dec.2011 © BjornFredrickson.com

This winter, beside the usual moving birds, some reports indicated wintering flocks. Tim Rodenkirk reports that one Violet-green, up to 6 Barn, and 12 Tree Swallows wintered at a pond near Coquille. Birders in the Salem area reported that up to 4 Violet-green, 5 Barn, and 6 Tree Swallows wintered at a pond near the airport.

Early migrant Tree and Violet-green Swallows usually arrive in Western Oregon about mid-March. It will be difficult this year to separate migrants from wintering birds.



Emperor Goose at Tualatin River NWR, Jan.2012 © BjornFredrickson.com

and Christopher Hinkle and Em Scattaregia found a nice **Long-tailed Duck** on Sauvie Island. Jerry Martin and Jan Cornelius spotted an **Emperor Goose** December 26 at the Tualatin River NWR. It remained through the winter. On December 24 Marilyn Stinnett found a well-marked **Bewick's Tundra Swan** at the Coffee Creek Wetlands in Wilsonville. Many others were able to see it.

Bird feeders attracted many unexpected birds. A **Harris's Sparrow** remained at a feeder near Cornelius through the period. A bright **Western Tanager** visited a Northeast Portland feeder and was photographed January 29. The most colorful feeder bird was the **Brambling** that wintered at Linda Long's feeders in Woodburn, allowing many birders from near and far to observe it.



Left to Right: Susan Dale with Finnegan the Peregrine Falcon, Ginnie Ross with Aristophanes the Common Raven, Nancy Fraser with Lillie the American Kestrel, Sherie Salzwedel with Julio the Great Horned Owl, Cecile Valastro with Ruby the Turkey Vulture, and Candy Plant with Hazel the Northern Spotted Owl (not pictured: Paula Mishaga) © Deanna Sawtelle

# Volunteers of the Month: Education Bird Assistants

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Coordinator

So what does it take to keep our eight Education Birds happy and healthy? How about seven very awesome volunteers who are specially trained as our Education Bird Assistants? These wonderful volunteers dedicate three hours every week to make sure all the Education Birds are weighed daily, their diets are prepared according to the target weight range we've set for them, their mews (enclosures) are cleaned, enrichment is given to each bird, and new handlers are developing good handling techniques. The Ed Bird Assistants handle the birds and interact with our visitors, and often give formal presentations to our on-grounds camps. We couldn't have such wonderful avian ambassadors if it weren't for our Ed Bird Assistants. They are simply the best, and we and all of the Education Birds thank them.

**Cecile Valastro** has been a volunteer in the Wildlife Care Center (WCC) since 2006 and has devoted 1,466 hours there. Cecile's favorite thing about being an Ed Bird Assistant is “being an active participant in the care and training of our Education Birds and being able to share my passion for the birds with other volunteers and visitors.”

**Ginnie Ross'** WCC hours began in 2005, and she's now accumulated 2,593 hours. Being an Ed Bird Assistant gives Ginnie “an opportunity to educate the public about individual species and share Audubon's mission of conservation, education, and rehabilitation.”

**Paula Mishaga** has contributed 1,181 hours to the Wildlife Care Center and its Education Birds since she began volunteering in 2007. Paula “enjoys the variety of responsibilities — mentoring new handlers, bird training, bird care, and sharing the birds with the public.”

**Candy Plant** has been volunteering at Audubon since 1991. She's given 3,712 hours to the Care Center and continues to give as Audubon's Board Treasurer. Candy feels “it is an honor to be sharing the Education Birds with the visitors who come up to Audubon.”

**Nancy Fraser** began volunteering weekly in the Wildlife Care Center in 1997 and has given nearly 5,000 hours there! The Ed Bird Assistant position has given Nancy “an opportunity to continue to contribute at the WCC, when my stamina and multitasking abilities weren't up to the task of a regular WCC shift.”

**Susan Dale** sums it up beautifully: “Portland Audubon's Mission is to promote enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native birds. I think our Education Birds are our most valuable Ambassadors for that mission, so I consider it my privilege to repay them by working to ensure they receive quality care.” Having started in the Wildlife Care Center in 2008, Susan has already tabulated 652 hours there.

**Sherie Salzwedel** began volunteering in the WCC in 2008, and 513 hours later she's a terrific Ed Bird Assistant. Although it's hard for Sherie to say just one thing she loves about being an Assistant, her favorite reason is that she “loves letting the public see these birds up close to experience both the outer and inner greatness of these magnificent creatures.”

Our Education Birds did 132 formal programs last year and countless informal displays. Cecile, Ginnie, Paula, Candy, Nancy, Susan, and Sherie are integral to making it all happen. **Thank you** from Audubon's staff and the eight Education Birds — and, of course, from all of our visitors with whom you share the birds.



# Portland Christmas Bird Count Sets New Records

by Wink Gross, Portland CBC Compiler

Maybe it was the foggy morning, maybe it was just some good bugs in the grass, but a flock of **Townsend’s Warblers** was foraging, uncharacteristically, on the lawn at Chimney Park in North Portland during the Portland Christmas Bird Count. Tom McNamara looked them over and was surprised to see a **Hermit Warbler** among them — only the second ever found in the 86-year history of the Portland Christmas Bird Count (CBC)! That bird won Tom the coveted “Eagle Eye Award” for the best bird of the count.

The Portland CBC, held this year on December 31, 2011, set new count records for **number of species found, 127**, and number of participants. An astounding **208 field observers** and **112 feeder watchers** contributed to the effort, making the Portland CBC one of the largest of all. (Only Edmonton, AB and Concord, MA are larger.) There were many good birds, including **Black Phoebe**, **Surf Scoter**, and **Barn Swallow**. And, of course, let’s not forget the PDX **Snow Bunting** that had been providing many birders with drive-by “ticks” at the airport fire station parking lot in the weeks leading up to the count. (North Portland area leader Tony DeFalco joked that we probably should have set out traffic cones around the bird!)

As usual, the North Portland/Columbia Riparian area led the way with the most species, but other areas made significant contributions. The only **Tundra Swans**, **Green Heron**, and **Northern Saw-whet Owl** for the day were in SE Portland. Beaverton/SW Portland contributed the only **Virginia Rail** and **Common Ravens**. Only three **Wilson’s Snipe** were found, two of them in Lake Oswego. NW Portland found the only **Evening Grosbeaks** and **Red Crossbills**, and Barbara Smith, an alert feeder watcher in Beaverton, saw the only **Ring-necked Pheasant**.



Hermit Warbler ©Tom McNamara

### Several species set new all-time high totals for the count:

Greater Scaup (200), Lesser Scaup (1,100), Common Loon (9), Western Grebe (61), Cooper’s Hawk (33), Eurasian Collared-Dove (30), Great Horned Owl (12), Anna’s Hummingbird (361), Tree Swallow (5), Black-capped Chickadee (1,575), Orange-crowned Warbler (8), and Lesser Goldfinch (519). On the other hand, Northern Pintails were having an off year, as were Hooded Mergansers, snipe, and most gulls. House Sparrows (494) were at the lowest level in many years. A summary of the 86-year history of the count, including detailed numbers for the past 16 years, can be found at **audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc86y**.



Red Crossbill © Don Baccus

The success of the Portland CBC depends critically on the hard work of the leaders for the 5 areas: **Tony DeFalco, Dan Strong, Lynn Herring & John Hammerstad, Lori Hennings**, and **Char Corkran & Sam Pointer**. My heartfelt gratitude to them for everything they did to make sure a “good time was had by all”!



## EarthShare Oregon

As spring draws near and we notice that nesting activities are picking up all around us, native plants are flowering, and Raptor Cam is live, we reflect upon the beauty of Oregon — we live *and work* in a wonderful place! Oregon’s livability is a top reason people choose to live here, and businesses are recognizing this!

The Audubon Society of Portland is a proud member of EarthShare Oregon (ESO). You can choose to have contributions sent to Portland Audubon through ESO’s workplace giving campaign. Contributions are spread out over the course of a year, automatically deducted from your paycheck, and all gifts are fully tax deductible.

If your workplace is not currently involved in an ESO giving campaign, establishing one is easy. ESO will work with your employer to set up a program that meets your company’s needs.

Oregon’s natural beauty and livability is legendary. With your contribution to EarthShare Oregon, you can help ensure that it stays that way. For information about giving to Portland Audubon, contact Ann Takamoto, Development Director, 971-222-6117 or [atakamoto@audubonportland.org](mailto:atakamoto@audubonportland.org). For help setting up an employee giving campaign at your workplace, contact Meghan Humphreys at 503-223-9015 or [meghan@earthshare-oregon.org](mailto:meghan@earthshare-oregon.org), or visit [earthshare-oregon.org](http://earthshare-oregon.org).

## THANK YOU, Audubon Volunteers!

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Coordinator

April is “Volunteer Month” so the Audubon Society of Portland would like to thank all our volunteers who contribute their valuable time and talents. Their efforts help us fulfill our mission to inspire people to love and protect nature. We are deeply indebted to the individuals who give graciously of their energy in order to ensure that people and native wildlife flourish together. We would not be able to accomplish the work we do without their help.

This list includes Portland Audubon’s key volunteers who dedicate a substantial amount of time, weekly or monthly. We also appreciate the many volunteers who help out on annual events and one-time projects, though space limitations prohibit us from listing them here.

|                    |                    |                   |                    |                     |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Melissa Aaberg     | Paulette Busch     | Susan Dietderich  | Jeff Graham        | Joanna Jenkins      | Bob Lockett       |
| Brooke Abbruzzese  | Susan Butterfield  | Eric Dittert      | Chris Grant        | Jean Johnson        | Alan Locklear     |
| Deborah Abele      | Luanne Bye         | Marlana Donehoo   | Mark Greenfield    | Jenny Jones         | Marlin Lovelin    |
| Marilyn Abend      | Lacy Campbell      | Heather Durham    | Michael Gregg      | Kari Jones          | Stephanie Lucas   |
| Mary Abplanalp     | Pat Campbell       | Anne Eakin        | Carol Gross        | Natalie Jones       | Rie Luft          |
| Pamela Aldrich     | Robin Carpenter    | John Edwards      | Gary Gross         | Casey Kaffka        | Jenna Lundmark    |
| Diane Allen        | Sue Carr           | Katy Ehrlich      | Wink Gross         | Gail Kalloch        | Katherine Lux     |
| Joan Amero         | Claire Carter      | Amira El-Cherbini | Rosie Hamilton     | Diane Kearns        | Carin Lyons       |
| Harriet Anderson   | Alice Cascorbi     | Jordan Epstein    | John Hammerstad    | Mary Ellen Kenreich | Barbara Macomber  |
| Leah Anthony       | Tanya Cecka        | Ron Escano        | Margaret Hancock   | Leanne Kerner       | Becky Magnuson    |
| Jennifer Armellino | Karen Chaivoe      | Carol Evans       | Rebecca Hancock    | Koto Kishida        | Fay Malloy        |
| Charles Aubin      | Brooke Chamberlain | Gregg Everhart    | Joan Hanel         | Mandy Klehr         | Mel Maltese       |
| Amanda Autell      | Joe Chapman        | Kaye Exo          | Kevin Hanny        | Darren Klein        | David Mandell     |
| Jean Baecher Brown | Don Coggsell       | Bob Fields        | Dietrich Harms     | Joan Koessler       | Caroline Mann     |
| Matthew Baird      | Sharon Coggsell    | June Fields       | Diane Harris       | Kay Koestler        | Molly Marks       |
| Rick Balazs        | Justin Cole        | Karen Fitzsimmons | Kathe Hart         | David Koskamp       | Susannah Marriner |
| Samantha Barker    | Pat Cole           | Kelly Flaminio    | Jane Hartline      | Lei Kotynski        | Louise Martel     |
| Ann Barkley        | Elizabeth Collins  | Anna Fleischman   | Susan Hartner      | Christie Kraushaar  | Glenda Martin     |
| Annie Barklis      | Mark Condon        | Mike Fleischman   | Bill Helsley       | Bruce Kropp         | Joe Martinez      |
| Robert Barncord    | Julie Corbett      | Christie Fletcher | Barb Hill          | Karren Kruse        | Marcia Marvin     |
| Amy Jo Barnwell    | Yumiko Cornthwaite | Lisa Fletcher     | Lucian Himes       | Mariha Kuechmann    | Carol McAllister  |
| Jared Barnwell     | Trish Cox          | Sean Fletcher     | Tim Himes          | Dana Kuiper         | Ev McClendon      |
| Jorge Barraza      | Pat Crane          | Laurie Frajola    | Adrian Hinkle      | Bob Langan          | Connee McCready   |
| Tim Batog          | Davy Crockett      | Lynne Francis     | Christopher Hinkle | Candace Larson      | Heidi McGreal     |
| Margaret Bell      | Fran Daggett       | Sharon Franklin   | Lupin Hipp         | Patricia Larson     | Irene McIntosh    |
| Jay Bennett        | Susan Dale         | Nancy Fraser      | Tom Hofmann        | Linda Leavens       | Kathryn Menard    |
| Lani Bennett       | Gary Davis         | Carol Frischmann  | Peter Hoherd       | George Leavitt      | Michael Mendes    |
| Heidi Berry        | Kathleen Dawson    | Carol Fuller      | Chloe Holland      | Wendy Lee           | Micah Meskel      |
| Helen Beum         | Morgan Dean        | Martha Gannett    | Lisa Hou           | Angie Lehnert       | Pam Meyers        |
| Susan Bexton       | Margo DeBeir       | Laurie Garretson  | Phil Hubert        | William Leler       | Rick Meyers       |
| Michelle Bickley   | Tony DeFalco       | Kristina Gifford  | Julie Isaacson     | Betsey L’huiller    | Gary Michaelis    |
| Robyn Bluemmel     | Michelle Degnin    | Anita Gimre       | Emilie Jackson     | Bob Liddell         | Betsey Minthorn   |
| Lois Bode          | Dick Demarest      | Linda Gipe        | Tippy Jackson      | Tara Lilley         | Michelle Mintmier |
| Michelle Bolin     | Bonnie Deneke      | Marlene Gleason   | Cathy Jacobsen     | Chelsea Lincoln     | Paula Mishaga     |
| Amber Breeding     | Andre Dengo        | John Goetz        | April Jakobosky    | Eric Liskay         | Carol Mitchell    |
| Kyle Broome        | Martin Dick        | Carol Goldberg    | Megan Jamieson     | Susan Little        | Tyrus Monson      |
| Sherry Burbach     | Laura Dickinson    | Pat Gorman        | Dawn Jansen        | Ann Littlewood      | Kathleen Moon     |

Karen Munday  
Katie Murphy  
Kent Musselwhite  
Dana Nash  
Marianne Nelson  
Jill Nelson-Debord  
Noelwah Netusil  
Patty Newland  
Pamela Nielsen  
Barbara Niss  
Karen O’Connor  
Kruise  
Lorena O’Neill  
Kate Ostergren  
John O’Toole  
Jennifer Parks  
Mike Peroni  
Candy Plant  
John Plant  
Maggie Lee Post  
Tom Potts  
Susan Prindle  
Sherry Qian  
Jennifer Rader  
Thomas Rader  
Sharon Ralston  
Mary Ratcliff  
Kirsten Reeves  
Shelley Reynolds  
Josie Reznik  
Reuben Rich  
Leah Rivendell  
Jake Robertson  
Daniel Rohlf  
Sue Rosenbaum  
Ginnie Ross  
Lamont Ross  
Toni Rubin  
Meg Ruby  
Alex Russel  
Scott Salzwedel  
Sherie Salzwedel

Lee Savinar  
Em Scattaregia  
Karen Schaefer  
Cathy Schar  
Sydney Schick  
Eileen Schill  
Bob Schmitt  
Cynthia Schnee  
Jean Schoonover  
Brian Scott  
Linda Scott  
Marilyn Scott  
Marisa Scott  
Tricia Sears  
Jesse Serna  
Wendy Shoemaker  
Bonnie Shoffner  
Jack Shorr  
Mandy Sims  
Mike Skinner  
Courtney Skybak  
Anne Marie Smith  
Barbara Smith  
Jane Smith  
Carolyn Snegoski  
Mary Solares  
Jackie Sparks  
Ann Spencer  
Ron Spencer  
Ashley Spilker  
Kyle Spinks  
Dorothy Springer  
Paula Squire  
Dorion Stanger  
Micki Stauffer  
Chad Steiner  
Chris Stevenson  
Leisl Stientjes  
Marilyn Stinnett  
Susan Stone  
Trudi Stone  
Kate Stoner

Cynthia Sulaski  
Paul Sullivan  
Kendra Sundt  
Lynn Sweeney  
Jennifer Taylor  
Rochelle Teeny  
Bob Thompson  
Carolyn Thompson  
Nancy Tufts  
Dena Turner  
Cecile Valastro  
Ken Vanderkamp  
Susan VanVoorhis  
Elisabeth Varga  
Brian Vaughn  
Celeste Vaughters  
Elly Veyera  
Cindy von Ofenheim  
Amy Wachsmuth  
Kate Walsh  
Katy Weaver  
Dolores Weisbaum  
Zibbs West  
Shelby Weston  
Debi Whitcomb  
Hannah White  
Jarin Williamson  
Julie Wilson  
Junior Wilson-Louk  
Adrienne  
Wolf-Lockett  
Cat Wright  
Bridget Wyckoff  
Yami Yamazaki  
Ann Zawaski  
Cynthia Zemaitis

We would also like to thank the following veterinary hospitals that volunteer their time and services:

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Avian Medical Center           | Rock Creek Veterinary Hospital |
| Cornell Center Animal Hospital | Susan Kirschner, The Animal    |
| Dove Lewis Emergency           | Eye Doctor                     |
| Animal Hospital                | Nathan Kice, Ophthalmologist,  |
| Gladstone Veterinary Clinic    | VCA NW Veterinary Specialists  |



# Important Bird Areas

by Mary Coolidge, Assistant Conservation Director

## Wallowa Mountains

There are over a hundred lakes in the Wallowas. Probably all have not yet been discovered. Some are not yet named. Each has a distinct personality. — William O. Douglas

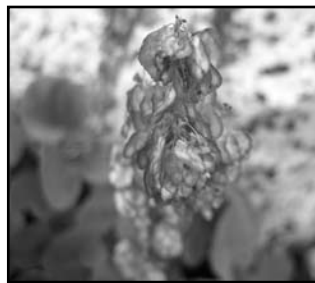
Turn as often to the writings of William O. Douglas as to any William L. Sullivan guide in mapping my Oregon explorations. His naturalist writings are as much a memory of place as they are an unbending contemplation of the need for roadless areas untouched by civilization. So early last fall, as August was turning September, I took a family trip to the Eagle Cap Wilderness of the **Wallowa Mountains**, one of Douglas' treasures. We spent a night at the West Eagle trailhead, next to a meadow that by day held spiraling swifts, and by night a hooting Great Horned Owl. The next day, we hiked through Douglas fir forest, pulled off our boots to make a bridgeless stream crossing, and marched up miles of thirsty, treeless switchbacks flanked by boulder fields and hardy currants. At Echo Lake, we set up camp in the unseen company of pikas, and marveled at the sawtooth granite ridges framing this placid alpine lake. From here, we day-hiked to higher elevations, enchanted by new wildflowers blooming at every detectable rise. On our second night out, clouds rolled in that brought thunder, lightning, and hail, and drove us into our tents well before dark. It was as magical a place as I have ever been.

The Wallowas take their name from the Nez Perce who once occupied these majestic, glacier-carved mountains of northeastern Oregon. Some say *Wil-le-wah* means "land of winding waters" and was inspired by any of the hundreds of streams and rivers that traverse the landscape. Others ascribe the meaning to "fish-traps" — the artful structure of stakes used by generations of Nez Perce to fish these waters. Either way, their name is rooted in water, appropriate given the rivers of ice that sculpted the volcanic and sedimentary rock into the peaks, troughs, cirques, and canyons we know today.

The Eagle Cap Wilderness is named for the 9,572-foot peak at its center. This portion of the Wallowas was originally set aside as primitive area in 1930. In 1964, it became part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. It was enlarged once in 1972 and again in 1984; today the Eagle Cap is Oregon's largest wilderness area at just over 360,000 acres, and contains 534 miles of wilderness trails. Oregon's largest

continuous alpine area holds nearly 60 high alpine lakes. Thirty-one summits in Eagle Cap exceed 8,000 feet, with Sacajawea and Matterhorn both nearing 10,000 feet.

A wide range in elevation means a broad diversity of plant communities: everything from low, semi-arid elevations of sagebrush and sparse pines to lower mountain slope forests of ponderosa and lodgepole pine, Douglas fir, spruce and tamarack and, at higher elevations, Engelmann spruce, western larch, and mountain hemlock. Subalpine fir and whitebark pine are found below timberline before giving way to bare rock. Our day-hikes gave us amazing displays of flowering alpine willowherb, buckwheat, magenta paintbrush, columbine, speedwell, gentian, shooting star, false hellebore, heuchera, azalea, penstemon, pedicularis, mariposa lily, pink monkeyflower, monkshood, meadow saxifrage, swamp onion, purple aster, veronica, yarrow, as well as the ever-present Tortoiseshell Butterflies. The most impressive of all was the lone alpine sorrel (*Oxyria digyna*) that we found blooming its heart out at 8,400 feet elevation at the spectacular Wenker Pass.



Alpine Sorrel © Mary Coolidge

The IBA boundary takes in about 800,000 acres, generally following the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest boundary. Thirty-six fish species have been found within the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, 26 herptiles, and 90 mammals, including Rocky Mountain elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, black bear, bobcat, and mountain lion, with recent reports of wolverine (a USFWS Warranted



Echo Lake in the Wallowa Mountains © Mary Coolidge

but Precluded Endangered Species Act species and a State Threatened species), and the once-extirpated gray wolf.

### Ornithological Significance

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is home to 236 bird species, including **Great Gray Owl, Flammulated Owl, Northern Goshawk, Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Prairie Falcon, Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Swainson's Hawk, Ferruginous Hawk, Pileated Woodpecker, White-headed Woodpecker, Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse, Mountain Quail, Hermit Thrush, Clark's Nutcracker, Pine Grosbeak, and Wallowa Rosy-Finch** (a subspecies of Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch).

### If you go:

The Wallowa Mountains are west of Enterprise, east of La Grande, and north of Halfway, Oregon. Visit [www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman](http://www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman) for information including maps, alerts, permits, news, and events, or call 541-523-6391.

## Wear Your Audubon Proudly! Debuting our new static cling, "Birds Matter"

With well over 12,500 members, the Audubon Society of Portland is the largest affiliated chapter of the National Audubon Society.

That speaks volumes about how we value birds and habitat here in the Pacific Northwest and that we choose to stand together to protect what makes Oregon such a great place to live!



For the first time, we are celebrating birds in a new membership static cling, "Birds Matter." Every member will receive a static cling when they become new members or when they renew their membership.

Each year we will highlight a different bird species and how Portland Audubon and its members impact that species. Our bird this inaugural year is the Western Meadowlark:

The Western Meadowlark is the official state bird of Oregon. However, the melodious call of this grassland songbird is increasingly rare in the Willamette Valley. Today only 1% of the Willamette Valley's historic grasslands still exist. The Audubon Society of Portland is working to protect imperiled grassland habitats and the species that depend on them.

We hope you put your "Audubon on" and help spread the word that "Birds Matter"! Watch for your static cling when you receive your membership card in the mail.

## Our New Rolling Billboard!

If you didn't catch our striking new van at Raptor Road Trip, you'll soon see it tooling around transporting our Education Birds to events, taking instructors and supplies to teach natural history at local schools, transporting animals to and from our Wildlife Care Center! A big thank you to **Anna Campbell Photography** for the stunning Education Bird portraits, to **sparktank LLC** for the fabulous design, to **Beaverton Toyota** for delivering the van and for their donation to help with the graphics, and to **Apex Auto Spa** for the expert "wrap"! Of course, thank you to all of you for helping us win our first official vehicle — now we have one more ambassador for Portland Audubon out and about in the community!

© Ann Takamoto



### Members get a 10% discount at the Nature Store!

### Carry your scope easily and comfortably!

For 2012 Vortex has a cool new **backpack-style GlassPak carrying strap for your scope** (regular price \$45, members \$40.50). Attach it to the legs once and you are set. You'll have **the comfort of free hands** as you walk between viewing spots and, with the scope held safely behind you, there's less likelihood of tangling with the underbrush!



Vortex GlassPak Tripod Strap

Also this spring **Vortex** offers a new mid-size version of their popular **Diamondback** binocular. **The new Diamondback 8x32 is only \$189.99** for Portland Audubon members. Like their 8x42 Diamondback, this new model has the **widest field of view** of any binocular we carry: 420 feet (a full 8-degree sweep) and, of course, **Vortex Optics' "You drop it, we fix it guarantee!"**

### April 22, 2012 marks the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day!

Celebrate Portland's new plastic bag ban with an earth-inspired limited edition reusable bag made of **99% recycled** content from **ChicoBag**. Available in shoulder bag or sling messenger, each has a hefty 40 lb. carrying capacity, attached stuff bag with handy carabineer, and machine washable fabric. Their one-of-a-kind **Whole Earth designs** will make a positive environmental statement on your next trip to the farmer's market, local craft fair, or even back to the **Audubon Nature Store**. Also from ChicoBag: a handy "rePETe" recycled fabric sling for your water bottle.



Vita rePETe Earth Bag

**Tired of that "plastic bottle" taste?** How about an eco-chic stainless steel water bottle from EarthLust Designs? Sizes range from 13 to 20 oz.



ChicoBag Bottle Sling

### 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

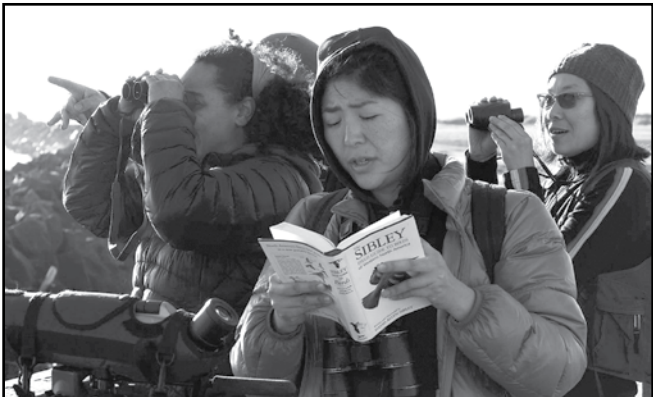




Roadrunners © Jim Labbe



Surf Scopers © Em Scattaregia



Feathers of Color © Kenya Dubois

# BIRDATHON 2012

continued from cover

### A-Grebe-able Bunch: Full Day with Peg Goldie, Tom Love & David Mandell

Travel with 3 incredible Audubon birders for a dawn-to-dusk birding adventure! You'll search for owls on Mt. Tabor before sunrise, then work your way west through hotspots in and around Forest Grove and finally out to the coast. Learn a lot with this team and see record numbers of birds!

### The Murre the Merrier: Full Day with Sarah Swanson & Max Smith

Bird the Willamette Valley then head west to visit the wetlands, beaches, and bays of the North Coast. Birders of all abilities welcome!

### Retailed Hawks: 2- 1/2 Day Gonzo with Scott Lukens & Backyard Bird Shop experts

Travel to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge for some of the best birding in the state! Transportation & lodging are provided. A minimum of \$600 in pledges is required to participate on this team.

### Cream of the Crop: 2-Day Gonzo with Gary Slone

A more leisurely 2-day bird quest to the coast. Transportation, lodging in Neskowin, and Sunday breakfast are provided. A minimum of \$600 in pledges is required to participate on this team.

### The Wild Turkeys: 3-Day Gonzo w/ Mike Houck, Ron Carley & other notorious birders

The ultimate Birdathon experience! Ron and Mike have been leading this trip for the past 17 years and will cover areas from the coast to Eastern Oregon. Transportation & lodging are provided. Expect 200+ species! Limited to 24 participants. A minimum of \$600 in pledges is required to participate on this team.

Many more trips will be available on our website. Look for special-interest trips like birding by bicycle or touring wineries! Plus, find out how your family can create its own Birdathon Team.

There are so many ways to participate! **To register and download all you need for gathering pledges, please visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org).** Registration begins March 15th!



The Youngest Surly Birder © Josh Cerra

**How can businesses participate?** Birdathon now provides opportunities for businesses to participate through Event Sponsorship, thereby gaining visibility to thousands of people on our web pages and in the bimonthly Warbler newsletter. In addition, your business can form its own company team with leaders provided by Portland Audubon. For information about becoming an event sponsor, creating a company team, or specific levels and benefits of event sponsorship, contact Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 971-222-6117 or [atakamoto@audubonportland.org](mailto:atakamoto@audubonportland.org).

**Thanks to everyone's efforts**, Birdathon raised over \$137,000 last year. That's the 2nd highest amount in our 32 years of Birdathon history. We hope you'll help make Birdathon 2012 another fund-raising success as we keep growing and more folks come to find out how fun and easy it is to participate!

Feel free to contact Birdathon Coordinator Gary Slone at [gary.audubon@gmail.com](mailto:gary.audubon@gmail.com) for more information.



## 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.*

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

5151 NW Cornell Rd • Portland, OR 97210  
503-292-6855 • Fax: 503-292-1021  
9am to 5pm, Mon. - Fri.

### SANCTUARIES

Dawn to dusk every day

### WILDLIFE

### CARE CENTER

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

### NATURE STORE

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

### INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store

### RARE BIRD ALERT

503-292-6855 • [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org)



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).



### Board Officers

President..... Jim Rapp  
Vice President ..... Kristina Gifford  
Secretary ..... Wink Gross  
Treasurer ..... Candy Plant  
Past President ..... Pat Campbell

### Board Members

|                 |                 |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Tony DeFalco    | Bob Liddell     | Ron Spencer  |
| John Hammerstad | David Mandell   | Julie Wilson |
| Barb Hill       | Noelwah Netusil |              |
| Koto Kishida    | Dan Rohlf       |              |

Former Board Member Emeritus - Dave Marshall (1926–2011)

### Committee Chairs

Board Affairs ..... Kristina Gifford  
Conservation ..... Lynn Herring  
Education ..... Karen O'Connor Kruse  
Executive ..... Jim Rapp  
Finance ..... Candy Plant  
Membership & Development ..... Katy Ehrlich  
Sanctuaries ..... Ann Littlewood  
Volunteer Council ..... Jill Nelson-DeBord

### Staff

Executive Director ..... Meryl Redisch  
IT Manager/Office Manager ..... Tammi Miller  
Development Director ..... Ann Takamoto  
Bookkeeper ..... Jill Hartzell  
Birdathon Coordinator ..... Gary Slone  
Membership Development Coordinator ..... Pam Meyers  
Membership Development Assistant ..... Jane Christensen  
Education Director ..... Steve Robertson  
Adult Education Programs Manager ..... Steve Engel  
Camp Director/Onsite Programs Specialist ..... Ian Abraham  
Master Birder/Adult Trip Coordinator..... Dan van den Broek  
Environmental Educator ..... Tim Donner  
Environmental Educator ..... Andrea Constance  
Urban Naturalist ..... Mike Houck  
Conservation Director ..... Bob Sallinger  
Assistant Conservation Director ..... Mary Coolidge  
Conservation Program Assistant ..... Nikkie West  
Urban Conservationist ..... Jim Labbe  
Ten Mile Sanctuary Manager ..... Paul Engelmeyer  
Volunteer Coordinator ..... Deanna Sawtelle  
Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager ..... Temporarily vacant  
Wildlife Care Center Veterinarian ..... Deb Sheaffer  
Nature Store Manager ..... Nancy Mattson  
Nature Store Assistant ..... Marilyn O'Grady  
Nature Store Clerk ..... Sally Loomis  
Sanctuaries Director ..... Tom Costello  
Sanctuaries Assistant ..... Greg Kurtz  
Sanctuaries Maintenance Technician ..... Rick Meyers  
Backyard Habitat Certification Technician ..... Robin Jensen  
East Portland Community Coordinator ..... Bich Trinh

## BUSINESS MEMBERS

Through their business practices and financial contributions, the following business members help Audubon Society of Portland fulfill its mission. If you would like to become a business member, please contact our Development Department at 971-222-6117.

### Business Benefactor

NW Natural

### Business Guarantors

Backyard Bird Shop  
Portland General Electric

### Business Partners

Barran Liebman, LLP  
Beaverton Toyota  
Columbia Sportswear  
NatureBake &  
Dave's Killer Bread  
Selco Community  
Credit Union

### Business Supporters

Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
Leupold & Stevens, Inc.  
Portland Audubon Nature Store

### Business Friends

Bob's Red Mill  
Elk Cove Vineyards  
Jackson Welch Mediation/  
Arbitration PLLC  
Kruger's Farm Market  
NePo Suet Company  
Vernier Software & Technology



**NW Natural®**

[www.nwnatural.com](http://www.nwnatural.com)



Visit the Audubon Society of Portland  
**NATURE STORE**

Shady Trails      Birding Optics  
Nature Books      Toys and Gifts  
Hiking Guides

5151 NW Cornell Rd, Portland OR  
503-292-9453 [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org)  
Minutes from downtown in Forest Park

**BARRAN LIEBMAN** LLP

A T T O R N E Y S

