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Black-throated Gray Warbler

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Audubon Summer Camp:

Dedicated & Inspiring Instructors

by Ian Abraham,
Camp Director

During the cold and wet winter months of January and February, the Audubon Education Staff was hard at work searching for the most qualified, inspired, and energetic instructors to join our full-time Naturalist Educators in leading our many Summer Camp programs. “How do you set the tone with your group of students for a week-long adventure?” and “What is an example of a time when you seized a teachable moment during your Environmental Education career?” were some of the in-depth questions put to potential Summer Camp Environmental Educators.

In choosing the best applicants, we constantly thought of the parents that will entrust their children to our care. Whether it is for a week-long camping trip on **Bigfoot: Searching the Dark Divide** (see page 7) or a flight to California and the drive back during **All the Way to Monterey** (again, page 7), parents are foremost in our minds as we recognize that they are trusting us with their most cherished treasure: their child.

These parents look to us to inspire and connect their children to the natural world, and we do this first by hiring the most experienced educators. Audubon instructors have a unique blend of professionalism, outdoor experience, and the understanding that having fun is the key to a kid’s heart and mind. We always set the tone of each camp with our classic Audubon expectations of being safe, learning something, respecting all things — and having fun! Our Naturalist Educators set examples for how to lead trips, and we are always excited to inject new ideas and techniques that come

with each season’s newly hired Environmental Educators. Audubon Naturalist Educators and Camp Environmental Educators alike have the “kid skills” necessary to overcome homesickness, manage disciplinary issues, and effectively deal with whatever else is thrown at them, all the while teaching about the fascinating insights that come with learning about the out-of-doors and all of its wonders.

An Audubon Educator is enthusiastic about their job. They maintain the spark and the joy of teaching throughout the events of our incredible camps. There’s a certain “it” quality that they exhibit when connecting with each student and assessing every situation for safety and comfort. They find energy in the excitement of finding the smallest slug or seeing the happiness of accomplishment in a camper’s eyes. This intangible quality of our Educators coupled with their enthusiasm are what help our campers become inspired to love and protect nature.

These qualities become obvious once one realizes the multitude of tasks and forethought required to run an Audubon Camp. For example, leading a bicycle trip in the vast desert of Malheur (see **Cycle Wild: Exploring Malheur and Beyond**, page 7) requires professional bike skills, the ability to drive a school bus, the facility to prepare a meal for 18 hungry bikers (with help, of course), and the eagerness to finish the day with an amazing story or six around the campfire. These educators are teachers first, always looking to improve on the skills that draw kids into the excitement of the natural world.

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26th Annual Great Blue Heron Week: Great Blue Herons of The Intertwine! Wed, May 30th – Sun, June 10th, 2012

Join the Audubon Society of Portland and other partners in *The Intertwine Alliance* in celebrating more than a quarter century since the Great Blue Heron was adopted as Portland’s official city bird. This year’s **Great Blue Herons of The Intertwine** festivities will celebrate release of *Wild in the City: Exploring The Intertwine*, a field guide to the region’s parks, trails, and natural areas. Events will culminate in the annual Ross Island Regatta on Sunday, June 10.

See audubonportland.org for full details of the week’s activities.



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A Beginning Legacy for Marine Conservation in Oregon

by Meryl Redisch, Executive Director

The photo of Redfish Rocks represents more than just a stunning image of Oregon: It represents nearly a decade’s worth of groundbreaking work from a handful of conservation nonprofit groups, dozens of community leaders, hundreds of grassroots activists, and thousands of statewide supporters. Redfish Rocks, located off the coast of Port Orford, is Oregon’s first marine reserve and serves as an excellent example of what can happen when smart and courageous people work together for the common good and believe that a healthy ocean ecosystem equates to a healthy community of people. Leesa Cobb, a native of Port Orford and daughter of a fisherman, is one of those people. She was one of a few coastal community leaders that took on this controversial issue from the start. Today, she is the executive director of the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT), a nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining access to natural resources by people who are fishing selectively, while promoting sustainable fisheries and protecting marine biological diversity.



Black Oystercatcher at Redfish Rocks © Meryl Redisch

We already know from studies worldwide that protecting biologically rich places in the ocean and making them off limits to extractive activities is a useful and adaptive management tool. But heavy coastal opposition from elected leaders and the fishing community prevented more than just two small marine reserve sites from moving forward in Oregon. Those two sites — Redfish Rocks at 7.6 square miles (includes 5 miles of protected area) and Otter Rock, a measly 1.3 square miles total in Lincoln County — were designated as “pilot projects” and approved as such via a legislative vote in 2008. Because marine reserve networks are spatial management tools and their location, size, spacing, and configuration correlate with their likelihood of effectiveness, we also know that two reserves don’t make a system and would fail at producing the ecological benefits for increasing the abundance, size, and diversity of marine life. To ensure that Oregon would have as successful marine conservation program as possible and that people like Leesa Cobb would also be successful, the environmental community kept pushing for more.

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From the Executive Director



Meryl Redisch

Investing in Portland Audubon’s Future

In the past year, Portland Audubon received gifts from two individuals that have the power to transform our organization. The first came from John Gray, a man well known in Oregon for his gracious philanthropy and broad community interests, with one being in environmental education/outdoor learning for youth. Portland Audubon is very fortunate to have had the opportunity to share our aspirations for getting more people of all ages, especially kids, to enjoy and experience nature at our Forest Park campus and their neighborhood parks. I am grateful that John recognized our long history of providing environmental education to the Portland community and viewed our Forest Park campus as an inspiring place from which to do it.

We were notified of this gift just as we were embarking upon a new strategic plan. Seldom is the case when both parts of organizational growth — ambitious programmatic goals and financial resources — simultaneously come together with the real potential to move the dial forward. Audubon’s vision for a “region where people and native birds flourish together” and John’s passion for getting youth outdoors will guide our decisions about where we allocate these new resources and how we measure success. Over the next five years, Portland Audubon will use his gift to invest in expanding some existing programs and designing new ones that will build the next generation of conservation leaders

John Gray designated his gift of \$500,000 to Portland Audubon through the Oregon Community Foundation — and it comes with a couple of restrictions. To access this fund, we must match his money with other sources on at least a one-to-one basis. I welcome this challenge because it offers ways for more of our members to get engaged and be a part of something big. To strengthen the organization now and inspire and empower people to protect native bird populations, Portland Audubon will allocate some of John’s gift for the following:

- *Create a more diverse and inclusive organization.* We will provide anchor funding for our Community Summer Camp Program and partners Bienestar, Hacienda, and Rose Community Development Corporations. Going forward, we will have flexibility to sustain these partnerships, add new ones, and design a clearer path for the kids they serve to move from camper to summer counselor to staff.
- *Build inspiring Audubon Centers.* We will expand and renovate Marmot Cabin, our residential outdoor center near Mt. Hood, to accommodate greater numbers of kids throughout the school year.

- *Deepen engagement.* We will design and implement programming that offers youth training and career development in conservation, environmental education, and wildlife rehabilitation.

The second gift was through a bequest by Martha Jeanette Rossacker, an Audubon member for nearly 30 years and a backyard bird enthusiast! Martha’s generous estate gift comes to Portland Audubon without restrictions and enables us to invest in some of the things we have been eager to do but haven’t had the resources to undertake.

For example, one of the ways to strengthen our organization is to popularize our brand through innovative marketing and build a larger and more diverse base of support for both financial sustainability and conservation advocacy. We just hired a Community/Social Media Manager to tell our stories more compellingly, recruit new audiences, and retain them as fans, supporters, and activists. Another challenge is the limitation of our current Wildlife Care Center. The cramped quarters of this building put severe limits on the number of wild animals we can rehabilitate, volunteers we can train, and educational programs we can offer. Using part of this gift, we can finally explore the possibility of building a larger facility with the goal of improving our wildlife rehabilitation services to the Oregon community.

Another opportunity and one that would align well with Martha’s interest is to invest in our Important Bird Area Program so that the common birds we see in our parks and at our feeders, and the imperiled ones that rely on diminishing habitats, are protected throughout their lifecycle.

In anticipation of this legacy gift and in consultation with our board, Portland Audubon has retained the services of Silver Oak Advisory Group to manage our investment portfolio for growth.

Portland Audubon expresses its deepest appreciation to John Gray and Martha Rossacker for investing in us and ensuring our future success, thereby supporting a region where people and wild birds flourish together.

Calendar at a Glance

For the most up-to-date information, visit audubonportland.org. **Bird Song Walks** at 7am Mon-Fri (p.3). **Birdathon** trips begin May 5 (p.12).

MAY

1	.....	Tue	.....	7pm	.....	Birders’ Night, Heron Hall
2	.....	Wed	.....	8am-11am	.....	Ridgefield NWR (p.3)
2	.....	Wed	.....	8am-11am	.....	Tualatin Hills Rec Area (p.3)
6	.....	Sun	.....	8am-11:30am	.....	Smith & Bybee Wetlands (p.3)
6	.....	Sun	.....	12:30pm	.....	Bluegrass Jam, Heron Hall
8	.....	Tue	.....	9am-Noon	.....	Steigerwald Lake NWR (p.3)
8	.....	Tue	.....	7pm	.....	Birdsong & Birdbrains (p.2)
11	.....	Fri	.....	8pm-10pm	.....	Seeing the Cosmos (p.7)
12	.....	Sat	.....	8am-11am	.....	Mt. Tabor Park (p.3)
12	.....	Sat	.....	9am-3pm	.....	Festival of the Birds (p.2)
15	.....	Tue	.....	7pm-9pm	.....	Heron’s & Rails (p.7)
17	.....	Thu	.....	8am-6pm	.....	White River & Rimrocks (p.3)
17	.....	Thu	.....	7pm	.....	Board Meeting
18	.....	Fri	.....	7pm-9pm	.....	Warblers & Flycatchers (p.7)
19	.....	Sat	.....	7am-11am	.....	Warbler & Flycatcher trip (p.7)
19	.....	Sat	.....	10am-4pm	.....	Nature Journaling (p.7)
26-27	.....	Sat-Sun	.....	TBA	.....	Birding Weekend (p.11)
26	.....	Sat	.....	10am-4pm	.....	Nature Journaling (p.7)
28	.....	Mon	.....	.....	.....	Memorial Day: Admin closed
30	.....	Wed	.....	8am-11am	.....	Cooper Mountain Park (p.3)
30	.....	Wed	.....	8am-11am	.....	Powell Butte Park (p.3)
30	.....	Wed	.....	TBA	.....	Gr. Blue Heron Wk begins (p.1)
31	.....	Thu	.....	7:30-8:30am	.....	Nadaka Park (p.3)

JUNE

3	.....	Sun	.....	7pm-9pm	.....	Gresham-Fairview Trail (p.3)
4	.....	Mon	.....	7am-3pm	.....	Conboy NWR (p.3)
4	.....	Mon	.....	7pm-9pm	.....	Birding By Ear class (p.7)
5	.....	Tue	.....	TBA	.....	Malheur trip begins (p.3)
5	.....	Tue	.....	7pm	.....	Birders’ Night, Heron Hall
9	.....	Sat	.....	8am-4pm	.....	Wildflowers (p.7)
10	.....	Sun	.....	7am-10am	.....	Birding By Ear trip (p.7)
10	.....	Sun	.....	TBA	.....	Ross Island Regatta (p.1)
12	.....	Tue	.....	8:30am-2pm	.....	Henry Hagg Lake (p.3)
14	.....	Thu	.....	5:30-8:30pm	.....	Building Design Forum (p.5)
15	.....	Fri	.....	8am-Noon	.....	Sandy River Delta (p.3)
15	.....	Fri	.....	6pm-7pm	.....	Butterflies class (p.7)
16	.....	Sat	.....	10:30am-3pm	.....	Butterflies field trip (p.7)
16	.....	Sat	.....	10am-1:30pm	.....	Leupold Field Day (p.11)
17	.....	Sun	.....	7am-10am	.....	Birding By Ear trip (p.7)
18	.....	Mon	.....	7pm-9pm	.....	Birding By Ear class (p.7)
21	.....	Thu	.....	8am-4:30pm	.....	Mt. Hood Lakes (p.3)
21	.....	Thu	.....	7pm	.....	Board Meeting
23	Sat	7am-10am	Sandy River Delta (p.3)
24	Sun	7am-10am	Birding By Ear trip (p.7)
25-29	M-F	TBA	Summer Camps begin (p.7)



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Festival of the Birds

Saturday, May 12th, 9am–3pm
Sellwood Park in SE Portland — Free!

Join the City of Portland and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a celebration of migratory birds!

Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge and other natural areas in Portland are important to migrating birds for resting and refueling as well as nesting. Come learn about our local birds and take a walk in the City’s first designated Migratory Bird Park!

This is a free festival for the whole family to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. No registration is required except for the Early Bird walk.

Early Bird Walk: 7:30am — registration required at 503-823-2525 or portlandparks.org (class #369676).

Free Guided Bird Walks: 9am–2pm, led by local naturalists.

Children’s Activities: Local musicians, crafts, and games help young ones learn about and enjoy birds.

Education Birds: Meet some of Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center birds.

Interactive Displays: Find out about our amazing local birdlife and what is happening locally to protect and enhance our bird populations.

FREE RAFFLE: Prizes from NePo Suet, REI, and others!

For more information go to portlandparks.org.

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 or 503-292-6855 ext.130.

FREE and open to the public!

Birdsong and Birdbrains: What Can We Learn? with Claudio Mello Tuesday, May 8 7pm, Heron Hall

It’s Spring at last! The songbirds are singing! Do you ever wonder why? Or how they learn their songs? Did you know that birds are among the very few animals that are capable of learning to vocalize?

Renowned neuroscientist and animal behaviorist **Dr. Claudio Mello** will talk about the singing behavior of songbirds — which is often very complex — and the way birds’ brains control their song production and learning. His research provides not only fascinating insight into songbird behavior, but also has many implications for understanding the origins and function of brain areas that control speech in the human brain. Dr. Mello will augment his presentation (and illuminate his audience) with audio recordings of birdsong, and photos and video of songbird behavior.

Dr. Mello has been associated with Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) since 2001, first as a member of the Neurological Sciences Institute and currently as an Associate Professor in the Department of Behavioral Neuroscience and a participant in the OHSU Brain Institute. He received an MD from the University of Brasilia, in Brazil, and a PhD in neuroethology and molecular neuroscience from Rockefeller University in New York City. Since 2010, Dr. Mello has coordinated a collaborative consortium to study avian biodiversity in the tropics, with focus on species that developed vocal learning. Dr. Mello has published many studies on the singing behavior and brain organization of songbirds, parrots, parakeets, and hummingbirds, and is currently involved in sequencing the first genome of a parrot and mapping the brain regulation of genes that are important for song. *Please join us for an enlightening presentation!*




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Western Meadowlark © Jim Cruce

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

May 2 (Wed), 8am–11am Ridgefield NWR

Join us on a walk on the Kiwa Trail looking for rails and bitterns. The trail has been closed since October 1st so should be great birding. The trail is a flat 1.5-mile walk. Meet **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) at the Kiwa Trail Head at Ridgefield NWR's River 'S' Unit.

May 2 (Wed), 8am–11am Tualatin Hills Rec Area

Join **Denny Graham** as we look for migrating songbirds along the easy trails of Tualatin Hills Recreation area. We'll be looking for warblers, vireos, sparrows, and more! Meet at the Interpretive Center at 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton. Info: Denny at 503-659-1245.

May 6 (Sun), 8am–11:30am Smith & Bybee Wetlands

Join leader **Jason Wolf** at Smith & Bybee Wetlands Natural Area. This hidden urban oasis is the largest protected wetland within an American city. We'll focus on Spring bird songs while walking through a black cottonwood forest, then scope the wetlands for water birds, shorebirds, and raptors. Located on Marine Drive between the Expo Center and Kelley Point Park. Take I-5 to Exit 307, go west on Marine Dr for 2.2 miles. Turn left at the brown sign and continue to first parking area on the left. Address: 5300 N. Marine Dr, Portland, OR 97203.

May 8 (Tue), 9am–Noon Steigerwald Lake NWR

Join **Barbara Allen** for a 2–3 mile walk through a variety of habitats to look for American Bittern, nesting Osprey and House Wren, Spring migrants, waterfowl, and other local species. Meet at the refuge parking lot off SR-14 just a few miles east of Washougal, WA. Info: Barbara at 970-209-9209.

May 9 & 10 (Wed & Thu), 7am–4:30pm Magpies Birdathon Trips

Join **one or both** of the 2012 Magpies Birdathon trips. Note: Return time is estimated.
Wed, May 9: Meet 7am at Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton. We'll look for songbirds, then proceed to Cooper Mountain for a wide variety of habitat.
Thu, May 10: Meet 7am at Mt. Tabor Volcano Parking Lot. We'll focus on songbirds, then proceed to Ridgefield NWR, where we'll bird both units for a wide variety of habitat.
Info: **Denny Graham** at 503-659-1245 home (503-351-8706 cell), or **Mike Skinner** at 503-590-3963 home (503-686-5126 cell).

May 12 (Sat), 8am–11am Mt. Tabor Park

We hope to see Spring migrants, especially warblers, grosbeaks, and Rufous Hummingbirds, along with the residents. Trip leaders are **Dena Turner**, **Toni Rubin**, and **John Nikkel**. Meet at the north side of Mt. Tabor Park. Drive east on SE Belmont, turn right into the park off SE 69th, and go straight until you come to the volcano parking lot.

May 17 (Thu), 8am–6pm+ White River Oak Woodlands & Rimrock Country

Explore the unique oak woodland and basalt rimrock country of north-central Oregon. Chance to see Lewis's Woodpecker, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Lazuli Bunting, Canyon Wren, Golden Eagle. We'll spend most of our time on the White River Wildlife Management Area around Tygh Valley. Meet at the Outlet Mall parking lot in Troutdale. Info & **required registration:** **Ron Escano** at 503-771-3454.

May 30 (Wed), 8am–11am Cooper Mountain Nature Park

Join leader **Sue Carr** for a view of local songbirds in their best breeding plumage. Directions: http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/driving_map.pdf or call Sue at 503-649-3360.

May 30 (Wed), 8am–11am Powell Butte Nature Park

Join **Ron Escano** for a walk exploring the unique habitats of Powell Butte. This is our annual Lazuli Bunting viewing trip. **The parking lot at the top of the butte will be closed**, so meet at the **Rose Bowling Center** parking lot at Powell Blvd & 164th Ave. Plan on a longer-than-usual hike into the park. Info: Ron at 503-771-3454.

May 31 (Thu), 7:30am–8:30am Bird Walk at Nadaka Park

Join **Jim Labbe** (Portland Audubon) and **Lee Dayfield** (Wilkes East Neighborhood Assoc) for a morning stroll through Nakada Nature Park in West Gresham. We'll explore the natural and human history of this unique neighborhood park and learn about efforts afoot to expand it, improve access, and enhance native bird habitat. Meet at NE 176th Ave & Pacific St. **Registration requested** at 971-222-6139 or btrinh@audubonportland.org.

June 3 (Sun), 7pm–9pm Gresham-Fairview Trail

Join Portland Audubon's **Jim Labbe** and **Bich Trinh**, and City of Gresham's **Laura Guderyahn**, for a twilight bird walk along segments of the Gresham-Fairview Trail. Meet at the Linnemann Station Springwater Corridor Trailhead off SE Powell Blvd. **Registration requested** at 971-222-6139 or btrinh@audubonportland.org.

June 4 (Mon), 7am–3pm Conboy NWR

Meet **Lou Fredd** at 7am at Lewis & Clark State Park on the Sandy River (exit I-84 at the east end of the Sandy River bridge, turn left, short drive upstream to the park). We'll carpool to Conboy Lake NWR at base of Mt Adams, 1 hour. Extensive wet prairie, grassland, and dry woodland provide diverse bird life. Bring scope if you have one, lunch, sun screen recommended. **Registration required** with Lou at louisfredd@msn.com, 503-655-1856 home, 503-706-8173 cell.

June 5–8 (Tue–Fri) Malheur NWR

Bird Malheur NWR with **Shawn Schmelzer** and **Mike Kaufman**. We'll stay in the Malheur Field Station where you supply your own bedding; estimated cost \$150/person. Provide your own transportation to car caravan to Malheur. Info & **required registration:** shawnbirder@yahoo.com or 503-226-2523.

June 12 (Tue), 8:30am–2pm Henry Hagg Lake

Pack a lunch and join us to explore this extensive county park. Meet at Elks Picnic area. Google for directions or call **Marilynn Burke** at 503-228-0598 or **Sue Carr** at 503-649-3360. A park fee may be required.

June 15 (Fri), 8am–Noon Sandy River Delta

Join leader **Dudley Thomas** for our annual hike at the Sandy River Delta. At this time of year, this area is home to a wide variety of species, many of which are nesting. This outing requires more hiking than most Magpie trips. From I-84 eastbound, take Exit 18, turn right and loop under the freeway, and proceed straight to the parking lot and restrooms. Info: Dudley at 503-317-1663.

June 21 (Thu), 8am–4:30pm Mt. Hood Lakes

Join leader **Denny Graham** for a trip to 3 locations on the Oregon Cascades Birding Trail: Wildwood Recreation Area, Trillium Lake, and Little Crater Lake Meadows. Meet at the Olive Garden Restaurant on SE Sunnyside Rd across from Clackamas Town Center. Bring lunch, insect repellent, and a scope if you have one. Info & **required registration:** Denny at 503-659-1245.

June 23 (Sat), 7am–10am Sandy River Delta

Join leader **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) on a walk around this rich riparian area near the Columbia River looking and listening for cottonwood bottom-nesters like Bullock's Oriole and Red-eyed Vireo. From Portland take I-84 east, take Exit 18. At the stop sign turn right and loop under the freeway, and continue to the parking lot by the restroom.

July 28 (Sat), 5pm–8pm Audubon Outings Leaders Meeting

Current & prospective leaders! Call Steve Engel, 292-6855.

Audubon Birding Weekends 2012

Join leaders Paul Sullivan and Carol Karlen on this Birding Weekend to southern Oregon. Go to **audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/weekends** for information about required registration, fee, lodging, cancellation policy, and more. Note that there is no Birding Weekend scheduled for June.

May 26–27 — Josephine County

As spring comes to southern Oregon, we will visit this area to look for migrant and nesting species. Specialties of the area include Oak Titmouse, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Mockingbird, California Towhee, and Black Phoebe. **Base: Grants Pass**

Bird Song Walks 2012 7 a.m. Mon – Fri: *FREE!*

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.**

See audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/birdsong-walks for directions to Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday walks. Try taking the bus if available. Go to **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 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.

Tuesdays 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.

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.

Wednesdays May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Mt. Tabor

Leaders: Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara

Be aware of bicyclists on Mt Tabor — make room and share the road! For directions, go to our webpage listed above or visit portlandonline.com/parks/finder and type 'Mt Tabor Park' in the search box.

Thursdays May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Camassia Natural Area

Leader: Trish Cox

The Nature Conservancy's Camassia Natural Area in West Linn is the site of Thursday morning's Bird Song Walks. Jackie Wilson will lead the walk on May 24. For directions, go to our webpage listed above or visit nature.org/oregon and click on Places We Protect.

Fridays May 4, 11, 18, 25, and June 1

Pittock Mansion

Leader: Wink Gross

For directions, go to our webpage listed above or visit pittockmansion.org.

Conservation

Audubon and ONDA Launch Lawsuit to Prevent Industrial Wind Development on Steens Mountain

by **Bob Sallinger, Audubon Conservation Director; Brent Fenty, ONDA Executive Director; and Matt Little, ONDA Conservation Director**

Steens Mountain is one of Oregon’s most treasured landscapes. It rises a mile above the Alvord Desert, deep in southeastern Oregon, and spans across 50 miles of unparalleled vistas and wildlife habitat. People love this place because of its wild, untamed beauty, incredible desert wildlife, and amazing night skies. More than a decade ago, Congress protected this special place in order to preserve its unique ecology.

On April 5th, Portland Audubon and Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) filed a lawsuit in Federal Court opposing an industrial-scale wind development on Steens Mountain. It was not an action that we took lightly. The litigation comes after years of unsuccessful negotiations with developers and after careful consideration of the potential impacts from this project. We recognize the importance of renewable energy development, but we also share an obligation to protect our wildlife and wild, open spaces. In the final analysis we do not believe that the developers or the Bureau of Land Management did a sufficient job to protect these public trust resources.

The specifics of our case focus on a few areas: inadequate protection for species of concern such as Sage Grouse and Golden Eagle; transmission lines that cut directly through the area that Congress protected within the Steens Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA); 400-foot-tall turbines with blades the size of 747s on land that is directly adjacent to the CMPA and in the heart of some of

Oregon’s most valuable wildlife habitat; and inadequate consideration of a power line with excess capacity that will allow for a proliferation of turbines across this fragile landscape. These factors taken together convinced us that litigation was our only available path forward.

When Congress protected a half-million-acre area on Steens Mountain in 2000, it directed the Secretary of the Interior to, above all else, protect the mountain’s “character” and “long-term ecological integrity.” Although the Secretary acknowledged some negative impacts of the proposed wind development, he selectively followed his own agency’s internal policies seeking to promote renewable energy on public lands, disregarding controlling federal laws requiring him to protect sensitive wildlife and the integrity of the protected area.

A broad range of scientific studies make clear that the wind turbines and transmission line will threaten wildlife and their habitat. The project will splinter one of the greatest undeveloped landscapes left in the Great Basin, cutting off migratory routes and fragmenting breeding areas for sensitive species such as bighorn sheep, Golden Eagles, and Greater Sage-Grouse, an iconic desert bird in danger of extinction.

Advocates for this project argue that it will generate much-needed clean energy and that to oppose it on environmental grounds is hypocritical. That is short-sighted. The need to



Steens Mountain — The Wrong Place for Industrial-Scale Wind Development! © Bob Sallinger

develop domestic sources of clean energy is clear. Not all renewable energy projects are created equal: *responsible* development focuses on building near existing infrastructure and avoiding sensitive areas. Advocates will also suggest that the developer scaled back the project in the face of environmental opposition; however, given the extra capacity of the line and our interactions with the developer, we are far from convinced that this was anything more than a tactic to get beyond the first hurdle.

The people who would benefit economically from this project are nowhere near Oregon — they are the Washington-based developer, New York-based financiers, and the people of Southern California who will receive all of the energy that is generated. The taxpayers, who will subsidize half of this project, are the real losers along with future generations who will experience a very different Steens Mountain than the one they cherish today. It is long past time for Oregon to develop a comprehensive energy policy that promotes energy conservation and responsible renewable energy development while also protecting our wild landscapes and wildlife.

Audubon and ONDA are represented by Advocates for the West in this litigation.

Protecting Oregon Wetlands for Birds and People Portland Audubon Defends Oregon’s Wetlands in the 2012 Legislature

by **Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist**

Wetlands provide some of our most important bird habitat in Oregon. Most of our National Wildlife Refuges and Important Bird Areas (IBAs) are wetlands. In cities where native birds make up about two-thirds of native vertebrate species, wetlands provide crucial habitat patches for many of our native avian friends.

But wetlands do a lot more. Their filtration and absorption functions help manage water quality and quantity which supports a wide diversity of aquatic life in our streams and rivers and, in turn, a variety of outdoor recreation from swimming to boating and sport fishing. Wetlands also help contain raging flood waters, like those that struck the Willamette Valley this past January, reducing the losses of life and property. When these functions provided by wetlands are lost, they are very difficult and expensive to replace. One study valued wetlands in a local watershed in Washington State at \$36,000–\$51,000 per acre just for flood control.

In the Willamette Valley, approximately 57% of wetlands have been lost to land development. While state and local wetland protections adopted over the last 30 years have slowed the pace of wetland loss, one study found that the Willamette Valley continues to lose more than 500 acres per year. Rate of loss may be even higher in and around cities, since urban or exurban development is the leading cause of wetlands loss.

Given the continued threats to Oregon’s wetlands, you would think our elected officials would be proposing legislation to increase protections for these vital local ecosystems. Remarkably and unfortunately the opposite was the case in the 2012 Oregon Legislature. Portland Audubon worked to defeat HB 4004 and improve SB 1582, legislation that would have gutted or undermined Oregon’s wetland safeguards, especially in cities.

Proposed as a legislative concept, HB 4004 would have removed the mitigation requirements for filling of urban wetlands smaller than one acre. This provision would have been a death blow to many urban watersheds. In the Portland metropolitan region, over 50% of the *mapped* wetland sites inside the urban growth boundary (UGB) are smaller than one acre. In addition to the environmental benefits listed above, small urban wetlands can provide limited opportunities for residents to connect with the natural world, including the chance for unstructured nature play that we know many children increasingly lack. Fortunately HB 4004 was stopped, thanks to advocacy by Audubon Society of Portland, Tualatin Riverkeepers, and the League of Women Voters.

SB 1582 would have weakened the Department of State Lands’ authority to require development to avoid wetland filling or compensate for impacts by creating or enhancing wetlands elsewhere. As initially proposed, the bill would



HB 4004 would have made it more difficult to protect wetlands like those at Heron Point along the Willamette River. © M, Houck

have established a new process wherein applicants seeking to fill wetlands could appeal regulatory decisions to a group of expert arbitrators that the applicants themselves appoint. This fox-guarding-the-henhouse approach would have led to weaker implementation of wetland safeguards by tipping the balance in favor of those seeking to develop wetlands. SB 1582 did pass, but we were able to improve it considerably by ensuring that the appeals process only applies to wetland delineation decisions, those who review appeals have appropriate qualifications, and there is a more balanced process for reviewer selection.

The Albany senator who introduced SB 1582 made the outlandish claim that wetland protection laws are “one of the greatest obstacles to economic development.” Blaming state and local wetland regulations for the state of the economy faltering from a financial crisis and global recession is absurd hyperbole. In the last two years the Department of State Lands has denied only one wetland/waterway fill permit and rejected only one wetland delineation out of the hundreds issued annually. This is the type of anti-environmental legislation and divisive rhetoric being pushed in the 2012 Legislature under the false pretense of creating “jobs” and “economic development.”

We need your help to push back! We expect more wetland-related bills in the 2013 Legislative session.

Please become a member of Friends and Advocates of Urban Natural Areas (FAUNA) or Audubon Conservation Team (ACT) to receive email action alerts and legislative updates. There can be a narrow window of opportunity to influence legislation, and this will allow us to rapidly alert you to the need to contact lawmakers. You can join FAUNA or ACT at audubonportland.org/issues/get-involved.



In the mid-1980s Mike Houck and Portland Audubon fought to preserve what would become Koll Center Wetlands in Beaverton. That success would not have happened without Oregon’s early wetland protection laws. The site is now a popular local birding location along the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, and commercial real estate with views of the wetlands yield much higher rents. © Mike Houck

Bird-Friendly Building Design Forum

June 14 (Thursday),
5:30-8:30pm

926 NW 13th Avenue, Portland (KEEN, Inc.)
Registration Required:
www.audubonportland.org

Cities across North America are taking action to reduce one of the biggest killers of native birds: collisions with windows. For the past year, Audubon has been working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of Portland, and the local architecture community to develop a resource guide to Bird-Friendly Building Design to address this hazard in Portland. Join us for this Forum, where we will hear from national experts on this issue and present the new draft resource guide.

Portland has long been a recognized leader in the integration of built and natural environments, and as a result, we enjoy a thriving urban wildlife population. Birds contribute to making this place livable and truly define Portland’s identity as a bird city. But built landscapes also pose unique hazards for birds, and researchers now estimate that up to one billion birds die as a result of window collisions every year. At a time when one-quarter of U.S. bird species are on the Watchlist of Birds of Conservation Concern, we must take steps to mitigate anthropogenic sources of mortality wherever possible. And in the case of window collisions, there are solutions.

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Urban Bird Treaty program, Audubon and the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability convened a technical advisory committee of architects, planners, landscape designers, and agency staff in 2011 to initiate a dialogue about factors influencing birds hitting windows, to review Audubon’s window strike survey work in Portland, and to develop guidelines for integrating bird-friendly building design into Portland’s rapidly growing built landscape. Portland is projected to add more than 100,000 households in the next 25 years, which will mean construction of new buildings in addition to retrofits and remodels of existing buildings. The sooner we innovate to reduce bird mortality, the better.

The draft *Resource Guide to Bird-Friendly Building Design* for the Portland region is now available! Similar guidelines have already been successfully adopted in NYC, Toronto, Chicago, Minnesota, and San Francisco. Based on templates developed by American Bird Conservancy and New York Audubon, the draft guidelines provide architects with a resource to help them identify bird-friendly design features, and to find synergies between bird-safety and other design objectives, like energy conservation, branding, and privacy.

To kick off the public release of this draft, we will be hosting a Forum to introduce the *Resource Guide to Bird-Friendly Building Design* in June. KEEN, Inc. has generously donated event space, and **Bruce Fowle**, founding principal of FXFOWLE Architects, will deliver a keynote address. FXFOWLE is an internationally recognized, award-winning New York-based architectural firm committed to design excellence, social responsibility, and sustainability. The firm has designed such innovative projects as the New York Times HQ Building and the Center for Global Conservation in the Bronx Zoo, both of which incorporate bird-friendly design elements. FXFOWLE is a leader in sustainable design whose projects create dynamic relationships between the natural world and the built landscape.

His keynote will be followed by a panel discussion with local and national stakeholders who are engaged in this evolving work of bird-friendly building design. Panelists will include **Christine Sheppard**, PhD, Bird Collisions Campaign Manager with American Bird Conservancy and author the Bird-Friendly Building Design template; **Alan Osborne**, AIA, Hennebery Eddy Architects, lead architect on the retrofit project at the Lewis and Clark Law School LRC Building; and **AnMarie Rodgers**, San Francisco Planning Department, who has been engaged in the adoption and implementation of SF’s new Bird-Safe Building Standards.



One of the famed Raptor Cam Red-tailed Hawks, soaring near the U.S. Bancorp Tower © Bob Sallinger

West Hayden Island Draft Reports Call into Question Costs, Benefits, and Need for West Hayden Island Development

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

In March, ECONorthwest released drafts of two studies about West Hayden Island: A Cost/ Benefit Analysis and an Industrial Land Supply Analysis. Both reports were things that Audubon had sought as part of the current West Hayden Island process. The reports validate many of the concerns Audubon has been raising since the 1990s about this project. Among the most significant findings:

- **There is likely adequate land available at the Port of Vancouver.** The Industrial Land Supply Analysis states, “Given what we believe to be the most likely scenario for future demand, it appears that the Port of Vancouver has about the right amount of land to accommodate regional growth in cargo volumes through 2040.”
- **Most of the benefits of Port terminal development will occur elsewhere while the costs will accrue locally.** The report states, “The goods expected to flow through West Hayden Island will not come from local firms or end up in local stores. Instead West Hayden Island would serve as a convenient transshipment point in part of a much longer supply chain. For instance, if a Canadian Firm ships potash from Saskatchewan to China through Portland, the user benefits from this transaction will be captured by the Canadian company or the Chinese consumers... Important for our analysis, most of these benefits do not occur in the Portland metro area.”
- **The mitigation currently being proposed by the City (which is being strongly contested by the Port as being far too high) will not compensate for the ecosystem function which would be lost.** In fact the currently proposed mitigation would miss the mark by a staggering \$24.8 million and \$44.4 million. The report concludes, “Since mitigation efforts do not provide full compensation for the natural areas removed or damaged under the Development Scenario, and since mitigation efforts take several years to attain full function, the net effect is negative.”
- **The local community, including a manufactured home community of over 1,000 lower-income and mostly elderly residents, could experience significant impacts.** The Port facility will generate an extra truck trip past the local community on average every 2.7 minutes and an extra car trip every 20 seconds. Other potentially significant impacts include increased air, light, and noise pollution. The report suggests doing a Health Impact Analysis to really get a handle on potential impacts to the community. However neither the City or Port have indicated a willingness to do this work prior to the city council decision in July.

The big question now is whether any of these findings will matter as the City steams forward toward a July decision about annexing and rezoning West Hayden Island to allow for industrial development. It is time to put this bad idea to rest for once and for all. Not only will it destroy an irreplaceable natural area and local communities, but it also is bad economic policy. How does it serve the regional economy in the long run to build very expensive,



Bald Eagles nesting in April 2012 in the middle of the area of West Hayden Island that the Port proposes to turn into parking lots. The Port has argued since the 1990s that this area has no value for wildlife. © Bob Sallinger (photo taken 4/8/12)

publicly subsidized facilities that will sit half empty and hemorrhage red ink? In the current economic recession the mere mention of jobs is enough to overcome virtually any fact-based analysis, but the reality is the jobs associated with this project will have no impact on this recession: if they are realized at all, they are not anticipated until 2026 — 14 years down the road.

Real visionary leadership would recognize that long-term sustainability for both the environment and the economy is not going to be achieved by gobbling up another several hundred acres of greenspace to accommodate the Port of Portland’s empire-building aspirations. It is going to be achieved by forcing the Ports along the Columbia Corridor to finally sit down and really address how to collaborate, coordinate, and make maximum use of the existing land base in order to effectively compete in the global economy rather than with each other.

For ongoing updates, friend our **Save West Hayden Island Facebook page**.

Superfund Feasibility Study Released

West Hayden Island is not the only major decision affecting the health of our rivers currently looming before us. In March the Lower Willamette Working Group released the Portland Harbor Superfund Feasibility Study which lays out various options for cleaning up the Superfund designation that covers the Willamette River from just north of the Fremont Bridge to the confluence with the Columbia. It is critical that the public engage in this process and demand a clean-up action that leaves the river safe for people fish and wildlife and which does not preclude further restoration in the future. It is important that those who polluted the Willamette be held accountable. In the coming months you will see Audubon increasing its focus on Portland Harbor Superfund.

Wildlife Care Center

Meet Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

Audubon is pleased to welcome **Lacy Campbell**, the new Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager. Lacy, known as “Bird Nerd” to her friends, pursued her love of birds and wildlife by volunteering at the Tracy Aviary in Salt Lake City while she was in high school. She advanced to working as a Bird Show Trainer and Educator and then to Aviculture Specialist, where she worked with over 200 bird species.

Lacy relocated to Portland in 2007 to attend Portland State University, receiving her BS in Organismal Biology. While still in school, Lacy began volunteering at Audubon in 2010. She was so committed to working in the Wildlife Care Center that she bought a car to make the trips up and down Cornell Road. When the car broke down she rode her bike up and down the hill no matter what the weather.

When asked about her interest in Portland Audubon, Lacy responds that she “likes what Audubon stands for. Audubon is involved in policy, communities, education, the

whole package.” Her passions — environmentalism, wildlife conservation, urban wildlife management, and birds — are a perfect match for Audubon.

With her background in aviculture and biology, Lacy brings unique skills to Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center, particularly in the area of animal husbandry, volunteer training, and public outreach on conservation issues. Volunteers who have worked for Lacy appreciate her calm and patient way with the animals and with people. She’s described as a great teacher, a diligent listener, and great with people, both volunteers and the public.

When not at Audubon Lacy can be found cycling, hiking, backpacking, birding, tinkering in the garden, and lounging with her husband Chris and indoor cat Abby.



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.

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.

New Zealand - Land of the Kiwi

December 1-16, 2012

Travel with Portland Audubon to **New Zealand**, regarded by many to be the most awesomely beautiful archipelago in the world. The rugged terrain of its mountains, glaciers, fjords, and coastline will captivate you, as will the unique bird life found only here.



Brown Kiwi © docnz.files.wordpress.com/2011/12/kiwi

Our tour begins on the North Island, with an exploration of the **Hauraki Gulf** in search of seabirds such as the **New Zealand Storm Petrel**, the elegant **Buller's Shearwater**, the **Fairy Prion**, the **Little Penguin**. We spend our next day visiting the protected island of Tiritiri Matangi, where some of New Zealand's most endangered birds live — the **Takahe**, a flightless rail recently thought to be extinct, and the **Saddleback** and **Kokako**, endemic members of the wattlebird family — just a few of the dozens of endemic species that call New Zealand home.

Before we continue south to Wellington and our ferry crossing to the South Island, we'll search for the unique **Wrybill**, the only bird with a beak bent to the right, and we'll no doubt encounter a plethora of shorebirds (some familiar, some new) along the way. Enroute, we'll explore the famous **Pureora Forest**, home to **Long-tailed and Shining Bronze Cuckoo** and the birds they parasitize: the **Grey Warbler**, **North Island Tomtit**, and the **Rifleman**, a type of New Zealand wren. With luck we'll also encounter the **Kaka**, an arboreal and acrobatic parrot, as we bird what is considered one of the finest temperate rain forests in the world.

The fertile near-shore waters of **Kaikoura** are easily visited by boat, and we'll go pelagic birding in search of **Royal and Wandering Albatross**, **Northern Giant Petrel**, and **White-chinned Petrel**, while keeping our eyes open for New Zealand's native **Fur Seals**. Then we traverse the **Southern Alps** on our way to the **Tasman Sea** where rainforest and glaciers intermingle along a wild and spectacular coastline. A nocturnal hunt for the **Okarito Brown Kiwi** and a visit to the world-famous **Milford Sound**, where we may see **Fjordland Crested Penguin** and **Rock Wren**, are sure to be highlights of our trip. **Yellow-eyed Penguin** and the world's rarest shorebird, the **Black Stilt**, await us before

we end our trip in Christchurch. New Zealand offers an incredible array of birds found nowhere else along with jaw-dropping scenery every mile of the way. I hope you will join us for the trip of a lifetime in the land of the Kiwi.



Fiordland Crested Penguin © RyanPhotographic.com

Fee includes all lodging based on double occupancy, ground transportation, all meals *except dinners*, and all guide fees, ferries, and planned group activities. **Not included:** Airfare to and from New Zealand, dinners, and tips for local guides.

To register or for more information, contact **Steve Engel** at 971-222-6119 or sengel@audubonportland.org.

Audubon wishes to express its sincere thanks to Stefan Schlick for his input in planning our first-ever land-based trip to New Zealand.

Leaders: Steve Engel and local bird experts
Group size: 10 participants
Fee: \$4895 member / \$5195 non-member (*double occupancy*)
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

BORNEO March 1 - 14, 2013

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.



Orangutan. Photo: Zyance

Fee: \$5595 member / \$5895 non-member
Deposit: \$2250 required to secure your place
Group size: 12-14 participants plus leaders
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.

Colombia—a Birder's Paradise

January 4-18, 2013

Colombia, with its diverse landscapes, is home to more bird species than any other country in the world. With almost 2,000 species, be prepared to be in awe of the spectacular avifauna as we explore Colombia's lush cloud forests, wetlands, high mountain plains, and coastal valleys on this two-week birding adventure.



Andean Cock-of-the-Rock © Chris Calonje

Join Dan van den Broek and a Colombian bird expert, Chris Calonje, on Portland Audubon's first visit to this dynamic birding destination. We will spend our first three nights in the western slopes of the Andes near the city of Cali, from which we'll explore spectacular cloud forests with mixed-species flocks of **Multicolored, Purplish-mantled, and Golden-naped Tanagers** foraging among the mist-laden trees alongside **Black Fruiteaters, Chestnut-breasted Chlorophonia**, and **Rusty-winged Barbtails**.

We'll visit the **Sonso Lagoon**, Colombia's largest wetland complex and home to **Bare-faced Ibis** and **Cocoi Heron** as well as **Wattled Jacana**. With luck we may encounter rare species such as **Pinnated Bittern**, **Apical Flycatcher**, and the **Ruby Topaz**, a splendidly elegant hummingbird. The cloud forests host more stunning species such as **White-capped Tanager**, **Golden-faced Redstart**, and **Black-billed Peppershrike**;



Masked Trogon © Chris Calonje

we also have an excellent chance to see two endemic species, the **Brown-banded and Bicolored Antpitta**. In the Paramo, a high-elevation grasslands, we will look for **Bearded Helmetcrest**, **Black-backed Bush-Tanager**, and the rare **Rufous-fronted Parakeet**.

The coastal Santa Marta mountains, rising to over 18,000 feet, are a region of high endemism with specialties including the **Santa Marta Mountain-Tanager**, **Antpitta**, **Parakeet**, and **Bush-Tyrant**, along with the **White-tailed Starfrontlet**, all possible to see from our cabins. Our final days we relax on Caribbean beaches with time to reflect on all the amazing birds as well as the great people and culture this country has to offer. There are great changes happening in Colombia, a paradise waiting to be discovered.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and local guides
Group size: 14 participants
Fee: \$4495 members / \$4795 non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

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

CONDORS of MONTEREY

September 24-29, 2012

Fall is a great time to visit the California coast and the majestic Sierra Nevada mountains. Join Kirk Hardie for a slice of California from below sea level to mountain top. Our journey begins in the Bay Area searching for **Greater Roadrunner**, **Phainopepla**, and **California Thrasher** as we make our way toward the western slope of the Sierra. Moving up in elevation we pass through oak woodlands, visit groves of massive Giant Sequoia trees, and reach forests of lodgepole pine near the crest before we head west to descend to the stunning Big Sur coast. From our base in historic Monterey we'll go in search of North America's largest and rarest bird, the **California Condor**, with a 9-foot wingspan and fewer than 200 in the wild. We'll visit the world-renowned Monterey Bay Aquarium and its amazing exhibits of marine animals and plants that live from the surface to the ocean depths. Finally, we will bird one of the richest estuaries in California, Elkhorn Slough, where we may find **Snowy Plovers** along the beach strand, **White-tailed Kites** hunting over the fields, and migrating shorebirds and waterfowl filling the wetlands.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Tahoe Institute for Natural Science & Audubon Trip Leader
Group size: 8-10 participants
Fee: \$1295 members / \$1595 non-members
Deposit: \$700 to secure your place

Fee includes all ground transportation, 5 nights **Double Occupancy** lodging, all meals *except dinners*, all park fees, aquarium entrance fee, and the services of your leader. **Not included:** Airfare to & from Portland and dinners.

ARGENTINA! November 2-16, 2012

Fee: \$4845 members / \$5145 non-members
Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Meryl Redisch

Contact Dan at
971-222-6105.

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

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

Harry Nehls on: Herons & Rails
May 15 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Join local birding expert and author **Harry Nehls** in a lecture and slide show to learn about showy herons and secretive rails. This group of long-legged wading birds includes Portland's mascot, the Great Blue Heron, and the seldom-seen American Bittern as well as Virginia Rail and American Coot, to name just a few.
Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free to active volunteers!
Harry's next program is July 17, so mark your calendars!

Warblers and Flycatchers
May 18 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
May 19 (Sat), 7am–11am: Field Trip
It happens every spring: little birds from the tropics return to Oregon to dazzle us with their color and song, and to challenge our identification skills. This class will focus on two groups, warblers and flycatchers. In the evening class, local author and guide **John Rakestraw** will show you how to identify these birds by sight and sound, offer tips on finding these birds, and discuss ways to prevent painful "warbler neck." On Saturday morning we'll visit a local migrant hotspot to solidify our new skills.
Class & Field Trip Fee: \$25 members / \$40 non-members
Field trip limited to 15 participants.
Class-Only Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Keeping kids in touch with nature!

Audubon Society of Portland's

Summer Camp 2012

Here are just three of our amazing camps:

Bigfoot: Searching the Dark Divide
July 8–13 (Sun–Fri overnight)
Grades: 6th–8th
Bigfoot... Myth or monster... animal or human? The name alone conjures up images both mysterious and savage. Since the release of the now-famous Patterson film made in Northern California in the late 1960s, we have entered a new era of scientific study, amateur research, and outright hoaxing. Separating fact from fiction is more difficult now than ever before, but this will be the task we embark on during this week of authentic investigation.

Join Education Director **Steve Robertson** as *YOU* become the Researcher in this week-long adventure into the unknown. We'll make camp at a primitive site in the region between Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams known as the Dark Divide. Meet and work with his team of experienced Bigfoot Experts. We'll be searching in the very heart of the region where more alleged Bigfoot sightings have occurred than any other place in the world!

Fee: \$395 members/ \$415 non-members
Leader: Steve Robertson, Education Director

See the Summer Camp insert in the March/April issue of the *Warbler* — and go to audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/camps-summer for more information.

Nature Journaling: Spring!
May 19 & 26 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall
We will practice ways of recording in our journals with simple, effective drawing, watercolor, and writing exercises. Observing the incredible life around us in the Sanctuary and working with different techniques including plant prints, handmade nature stamps, borders, and other embellishments, our pages will develop uniquely and in wonderful ways. This class is for beginners and beyond! See website for instructor **Jude Siegel**'s bio, materials list, etc.
Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members (plus materials)
Limited to 16 participants.
Jude will offer a Summer Season class in July & August.

Birding By Ear in June!
June 4 & 18 (Mon), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall
June 10, 17, 24 (Sun), 7am–10am: Field Trips
Laura Whittemore offers her popular Birding By Ear class one more time in 2012! June is still a time of bird song, but lots of other sounds are being made as well. Many birds are in nesting and family mode, so the pattern of singing may be different, the songs different, the reasons different! Plus we'll listen for all the contact calls, begging chick calls, etc. This class is sure to open your eyes even more to the many ways and reasons why birds vocalize.
Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members
Limited to 14 participants.

Wildflowers in the Coast Range
June 9 (Sat), 8:00am–4pm
Join local naturalist and Audubon volunteer **Marsh Sly** for a trip to Saddle Mountain in the Coast Range. The trail ascends 2½ miles to the summit. The hike is moderate at the beginning then steepens before opening onto grassy meadows with a rich diversity of wildflowers. Weather permitting you can see the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River Bar at Astoria. The mountain top was a refuge for plant species during the Ice Age; the flora that remains is a unique treasure, found nowhere else in the region.
Fee: \$20 members / \$30 non-members
Limited to 12 participants.

All the Way to Monterey
August 4–11 (Sat–Sat overnight)
Grades: 6th–8th
Join us on this trip of a lifetime, exploring California's spectacular coastline and the marine biology of Monterey Bay! We will fly as a group to San Francisco, then travel down the coast. Once in Monterey, we will tour the deservedly world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium, visiting long enough to sleep in the aquarium for our first night, only to wake up the next morning in one of their many one-of-a-kind exhibits. This amazing facility is literally perched right on the edge where land meets sea, overlooking an impressive array of tidepools teeming with life. We'll meet the Aquarium's star celebrity, the Great White Shark, the only individual of this species on display in the entire world.

We'll extend our studies with the Monterey Bay Aquarium as we venture into the bay on its 65-foot scientific research sailing vessel. You'll have the opportunity to observe **Sea Otters** in their natural habitat, test the quality of the bay's seawater, and search for invertebrates from samples we collect from the ocean floor.

New experiences will abound as we explore out-of-the-way nooks and crannies of California's awesome shore. You'll marvel at the sheer mass of trees as we camp and hike in forests of **Coast Redwoods**. Our trip will be a mix of academia and fun: on a given day we may go tidepooling in the morning, hiking after lunch, then end the day with some quality beach time!

We'll even spend a day in **San Francisco**, where we'll visit **Fisherman's Wharf** to sample some of the more delectable species the sea has to offer. This trip is guaranteed to be nonstop super-fun, so jump on board! All transportation and food provided.

Fee: \$695 members/ \$715 non-members
Leaders: Steve Robertson (Education Director), Ian Abraham (Camp Director), and Andrea Constance (Naturalist Educator)

Butterflies of Simcoe Butte
June 15 (Fri), 6pm–7pm: Class in Heron Hall
June 16 (Sat), 10:30am–3pm: Field Trip in WA
Join us on an excursion to see the butterflies at Simcoe Butte. A class Friday evening will introduce us to likely butterflies. Saturday we'll meet at Satus Pass, located on Route 97 north of Goldendale, WA, about 3½ hours from Portland. We'll drive up a dirt road through open pine forest, stopping often to check the butterflies of that habitat. At the broad, open summit of Simcoe Butte we'll see interesting plants, a different selection of butterflies, and a spectacular 360-degree view. Expect to encounter about 20 butterfly species. Instructor and trip leader is **Bill Neill**, author of *Butterflies of the Pacific Northwest*.
Class & Field Trip Fee: \$25 members / \$40 non-members
Field trip limited to 15 participants.
Class-Only Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

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earn 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.

Summer 2012

July

August

18, 21, 25, 28

1, 4, 8, 15, 18, 22

Overnight: August 25–26: TBA

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

Cycle Wild: Malheur & Beyond
July 1–6 (Sun–Fri overnight)
Journey to a land where 10,000-foot peaks of the Steens Mountains are our backdrop, **Malheur National Wildlife Refuge** is our playground, and the alkali flats of the Alvord Desert provide miles of enchanting terrain for us to explore. We'll visit a magical land very few people ever have the chance to see... all by using one of the best ways to experience nature: by bike! We'll travel by bus down to the southern end of the Malheur NWR where we will set up camp, learn about riding in a group, and how to safely bicycle along roads. We will also cover basic bike repair like how to fix flat tires and do quick tune-ups.

Explore the **Steens Mountains** and the glacially carved **Kiger Gorge**, where we'll scan the cliffs for Bighorn Sheep and the skies for raptors. Before turning around to coast back to camp, stand near the edge of the Steens for a grand view of the **Alvord Desert**, 6,000 feet below your feet!

After improving our skills at biking on roads, you have an opportunity to go off-road on the 84-square-mile mud-cracked Alvord Desert for an experience like no other, and end the day by soaking your feet in a natural hot spring. Saddle up and join me on this special camp that's dedicated to the joys of seeing nature by bicycle!

Fee: \$395 members/ \$415 non-members
Leader: Tim Donner, Environmental Educator

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Nature Store Highlights

by Nancy Mattson, Store Manager

Audubon Society of Portland’s Nature Store is the headquarters for naturalists in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. **Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.**

Will this be the year you step up to Zeiss quality?

Always wanted a pair of Zeiss binoculars but found the price didn’t match your birding budget? This may finally be your year: **Zeiss has just introduced the all-new Conquest HD.** These full-size (8x42, 10x42) binoculars have the **High Density Glass** you need for vivid natural color and crisp, sharp detail; boast Zeiss’ trademark **LotuTec® protective coating** for the clearest view in any weather; are **waterproof and fogproof**; and have a **light weight GFRP** (glass fiber-reinforced polyamide) housing and **dielectrically coated prisms** for exceptional low-light performance with brilliant daytime views.



Zeiss Conquest HD

Wondering whether they will really match your budget? The good news: **Zeiss Conquest HDs are member priced below \$1000.**

Got a funky pair of old Swarovski EL binoculars?

We’re talking old as in: any pre-Swarovision 42mm EL (or an SLC-Neu 10x42). Want a new Swarovision EL 42mm or 50mm pair? Buy a qualifying EL before June 1, 2012, and Swarovski will pay you \$700–\$900 for your old pair. Call Swarovski at 800-426-3089 and read them your serial number. They’ll tell you exactly how much your rebate will be and give you a return number. Once you’ve made your new purchase at the Audubon Nature Store, just send them the return number and serial number from your new model, and a check will arrive in 4–6 weeks. Whoopee!

Now you are probably wondering, how does the quality compare to the top-of-the-line **Zeiss Victory FL**? Well, come in to see for yourself. And if you prefer the Victory FL, **buy one now through June 1 and receive a \$200 rebate direct from Zeiss.**

What else is brewing at the Nature Store?

We now carry **Sauvie Island Coffee**! Fresh roasted within sight of the **Coon Point Overlook**! Naturally, our new dark roast, medium blend, and decaf selections are **all shade grown to protect the winter homes of our migratory birds.**

Bees have been working overtime to create **Honey House Naturals Bee Bar solid lotion bars and lip butters.** They’re all natural with only the lightest, freshest scents. And a new selection of **Jenteal Soaps, handmade in Portland**, has recently arrived: new Lavender/Rosemary, Pomegranate, Ginger Lemon, plus many traditional favorites like **Oregon Huckleberry.**

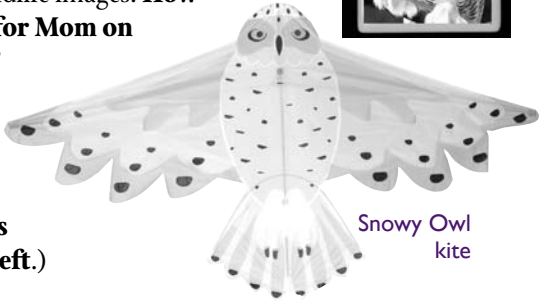
Spot a Snowy Owl during this year’s irruption?

Bring one home (or take it back to the beach) with our new **Snowy Owl kites** from Premiere. With a whopping 64" wingspan, it beats the real bird by a foot! And commemorate your owl sighting with one of our

Mahjong tile Snowy Owl necklaces from In Small Packages. In addition to “repurposed” Mahjong tiles, Washington craftswoman Dee Indgerd also makes pendant necklaces using scrabble letter tiles adorned with a variety of charming wildlife images. **How about an “M” for Mom on Mother’s Day?**



What about Dad on Father’s Day? (See Zeiss binoculars at left.)



Snowy Owl kite

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

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Sanctuaries Updates

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

I am very pleased to announce that we have received a grant from the Northwest Neighborhoods Parks & Recreation Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation for \$26,784 to pay for tools and materials for trail renovations in the Collins Sanctuary. As I wrote about a few months ago, Metro (which owns the Collins Sanctuary) paid for a detailed trail assessment last year which recommended the relocation of 1200 feet of trail, 400 feet of boardwalk, and reconfiguration of an additional half mile of trail. This grant will pay for all of the materials needed to complete this work, including lumber for the boardwalks, crushed rock for the trail tread, and rock for retaining walls and trail hardening. This grant is a tremendous boon to our program and will ensure that much-needed repairs happen in the coming year. The grant has also budgeted funds for an interpretive sign to detail the history of the property, recent restoration work, and trail improvements.

Last fall, before drafting our grant application for this program, we systematically undertook several small sections of trail repair in the Collins Sanctuary to better gauge the amount of materials and volunteer hours needed to complete the trail work. With this information and funds in hand, we are actively creating a work plan to complete this work in the next calendar year. The initial plan is to have 4 work parties per month, 2 on Wednesdays and 2 on Saturdays, during the coming year. We will focus on the upper section of trail and the boardwalks first, then get into the work of re-engineering the loop section of trail, which is more appropriate for the winter months.

In early April we hosted our second and final Together Green Volunteer Day of this funding cycle, and a brave contingent spent the morning relocating about 50 feet of the Collins Trail which had disappeared the previous week. The weather this March was dynamic, with several small



Constructing a detour around trail section wiped out by a recent landslide. © Tom Costello

but vigorous storms of wind and rain, hail, and even snow. The unpredictable weather caused a lot of treefall on the trails, as well as a nice little (or not so little) landslide in the Collins Sanctuary which completely wiped out a significant section of trail. Fortunately we now have the trail open again, thanks to our volunteer crew.

That same day another group of volunteers took to pulling Ivy in its last remaining stronghold in the Uhtoff Sanctuary. This area has been the focus of two recent Eagle Scout projects, and approximately 1–2 acres of dense Ivy infestation remains to be dealt with. It will still take a lot of focused work to complete restoration of this area, but it is very exciting news to start work on the last focus area on the list of restoration projects.

In other restoration news, we have now completed two treatments for invasive plants in the Pittock Sanctuary. After spending 4 years attacking various areas of Ivy and blackberry infestation, we had accomplished all that could be done by hand. With funding through Metro’s Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Enhancement Grant Program we have secured the services of R. Franco Restoration to perform a series of 3 invasive treatments in the Pittock Sanctuary. The first treatment focused on invasive tree species including Laurel, European Hawthorn, and Holly, as well as climbing vine species Ivy and Clematis. The second treatment focused on invasive groundcovers, in particular Ivy, *Vinca*, and Himalayan Blackberry. The third treatment will be a follow-up of the second and will occur this fall.



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Early Spring Migrating Warblers

The **Yellow-Rumped Warbler** is a common and widespread breeding bird of the northern coniferous forests. There are two obvious groups of subspecies: the western **Audubon's** and the more northern and eastern **Myrtle Warbler**. There is a narrow, but long, zone of overlap from southern Alaska to southwestern Alberta where there is some interbreeding.

These two groups create a problem for taxonomists. The Audubon's and Myrtle Warblers are certainly closely related, but are they the same species? Each has distinctive plumage characteristics and differs in many of their habits. At one time they were considered separate species. There is talk that they may again be split.

Although warblers are primarily insectivores, they can resort to fruits and berries and, if need be, small seeds. Most, however, rely on insects and migrate to more southerly areas to winter. Yellow-rumps also migrate, but many remain along the East and West Coasts northward into southern Canada.

In winters when food supplies are good, large numbers winter in Western Oregon, in poor years their numbers are low. The ratio of Audubon's to Myrtles wintering in Oregon varies from year to year. Although it needs more study, it appears that Myrtle Warblers winter farther north than Audubon's, and seem to prefer the coastal lowlands while the Audubon's are more regular inland.

Because so many winter in Western Oregon it is difficult to record the early spring migratory movements of Yellow-rumped Warblers. It appears that the first migrants arrive in early March; the main migratory period for this species is from March 19 to May 4. The peak movements are usually from April 15 to April 25. In years of unsettled weather in spring there is often a very late "wave" between May 5 and 18.

Volunteers of the Month: Tim and Lucian Himes

by Tim Donner,
Environmental Educator

Within a month of moving to Portland in early 2011, **Tim and Lucian Himes** attended a volunteer training at Portland Audubon. After the orientation, this dynamic father-son duo decided to get involved with the Education Department, specifically the Sanctuary Tours, one of our mainstay school programs.

After leaving San Francisco, Tim, a former school teacher, and Lucian, his 11-year-old son who loves birds, wanted to make connections with people and to the area. They saw Portland Audubon as the perfect place to foster this connection. Their desire and excitement to learn and share has made them great assets to Portland Audubon. Tim and Lucian are the first parent-child tour leader team, and seeing them in action is impressive. Tim thinks "the best way to learn something is to teach it." They know they've done their job whenever they see eyes light up and jaws drop as students learn new facts and truly experience our sanctuary. Lucian has quickly taken on the leadership role on Sanctuary Tours, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm with his group. He's a great role model for the younger students, showing them that it's cool to learn about and care for the natural world. Lucian loves "getting outside, learning new birds, getting dirty, and searching for animals like newts." Tim appreciates the Audubon community for providing a wholesome, supportive, positive environment for Lucian and for people of all ages.

Tim and Lucian are also co-coordinators of our newly revamped Junior Audubon Club, which is a free monthly club for kids. At our gathering last month, Lucian led the kid's group as they examined bird specimens. He also facilitated a brainstorming session as to what topics the club wanted to learn more about.

As part of their routine, whenever Tim and Lucian leave Audubon, they go in search of a new taco truck for lunch. Since they are at Audubon often, they're quickly becoming an expert resource for those craving a great taco on the West Side. Thank you to both Tim and Lucian for the energy and inspiration that you bring to Audubon!



Lucien (left) and Tim Himes © sparktank

Orange-crowned and Yellow-rumped Warblers are the earliest warbler migrants in Oregon. Other warbler species arrive and peak during late April and early May. The **Orange-crowned Warbler** plumage is rather dull and is well suited for camouflage. If not for its weak but distinctive voice, its migratory movement would most likely be overlooked. Yellow-rumps though appear to be showing off as they pass through.

During late April adult male Yellow-rumped Warblers fill the woods with nervous activity and loud singing. Later in the movement more and more females and first-year birds arrive.

Sightings

Unsettled weather through most of March this spring affected the early migrations. The most persistent birds arrived on schedule, leaving behind most of the migration scattered along the way. By late March many people were wondering where their summer residents were, and if there was some serious problem along the migratory pathway.

On April 2 a window opened. The day was calm with a mild southerly wind that extended into the night. On the late evening news, one weatherman displayed the current radar image. It showed an approaching storm front pushing against the coast and a large speckled patch covering the entire Willamette Valley and surrounding foothills. He explained that the speckled image indicated migratory birds moving northward in front of the storm.

During the next several days people were reporting the arrival of the late birds. Other birders were reporting out-of-place and unexpected species. The migrations were quickly catching up.

The first reported migrant male **Rufous Hummingbird** in the Portland area was by Martin Jaqua on March 4. Barbara Milliken reported the first female March 24. Mike Houck reported the first **Osprey** at Oaks Bottom March 24. Bonny Comigys reported them in Northeast Portland March 25. By late March, **Cliff and Rough-winged Swallows**, **Orange-crowned Warblers**, and **Common Yellowthroats** had arrived.

Malheur NWR Intern Candace Larson

by Mary Coolidge, Assistant Conservation Director

Last September and October, Portland Audubon and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge launched a seasonal internship program to conduct prioritized avian surveys on the refuge, to act as an ambassador to Malheur's many enthusiastic visitors, and to strengthen our over 100-year-strong relationship with Malheur. Now, thanks to a generous donation from Georgia Marshall in honor of her late husband, the position will continue to be funded as the Dave Marshall Conservation Internship.

This spring, we embarked upon a second season of this internship, a two-month position which will extend through mid-June. Steadfast Audubon point count volunteer Candace Larson accepted the post, and though she leaves a sizable hole in our local monitoring work, she brings strengths to the Malheur position that we could hardly have improved upon. Candace is a self-professed avid birder, native plant enthusiast, mycology geek, and lover of the outdoors. She is a graduate of our very own School of Birding, has participated in three years of year-round point counts at Oaks Bottom, two years of spring counts at Mt. Tabor, and 2011's spring and fall point counts on Ross Island. Candace has even represented Audubon on several public paddle trips out to the island. She has led Audubon walks at the Sandy River Delta and at Oaks Bottom with fellow School of Birding

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

By that time most of the males will have passed on so there is very little singing and the birds become more secretive.

The Spring movements of warblers through Oregon usually follow the pattern of widely scattered reports of individual adult males followed in several days by a major movement. The movement usually peaks in a couple of weeks and is followed by the inconspicuous female movement. Because weather conditions or other problems break up a steady flow of migrants, the peak movements usually occur in a series of "waves." In favorable years the peak movements are completed in a few days, while in others the movements may continue well into June.

On March 13 Dixie Buck saw a flock of 20 **Bald Eagles** circling over the Columbia River near Blue Lake Park east of Portland. Shorebirds began arriving in March, with **Greater Yellowlegs** as usual the most obvious. On March 6 John Gatchet saw 11 in Scappoose Bottoms. Steve Nord reported 23 on Sauvie Island and 5 at Fernhill Wetlands March 27.

The Cornelius **Harris's Sparrow** remained into April. The flock of sparrows along Rentenaar Road on Sauvie Island (including the Harris's Sparrow) also remained. On March 26 David Leal spotted a **Clay-colored Sparrow** among the flock. The wintering **Golden Eagle** there also remained. On March 24 Andy Frank saw a possible **Gyr Falcon** and three **White Pelicans** on the Island.

On March 1 Eric Carlson reported a **Black Phoebe** at Whitaker Ponds Nature Park in Northeast Portland. It remained there into April. Art Clausing reported that on March 26 two **Say's Phoebes** and two **Mountain Bluebirds** were at Steigerwald NWR near Washougal. Christopher and Adrian Hinkle found two Mountain Bluebirds at Powell Butte Park in Gresham March 30.

On April 1 David Irons and Shawneen Finnegan reported a **Loggerhead Shrike** and a **Say's Phoebe** along Swigert Road near the Troutdale Airport. On April 3 Bob Stites reported a **Sage Thrasher** there. The next day Adrian and Christopher Hinkle found a **Clay-colored Sparrow** along the road and Jeff Gilligan spotted a **Ferruginous Hawk** passing over the area.

graduate Patty Newland, and together they successfully managed a group of 48 people who showed up for a Saturday Oaks Bottom walk in December.

Candace is a graduate of Nature University, Metro's naturalist program, and leads interpretive walks at both Oxbow Park and Smith & Bybee Wetlands Natural Area (also an Important Bird Area), as well as volunteering for GreenScene walks and the annual Sauvie Island Raptor Road Trip. Candace is also a board member at Bark, where she helps to guide the organization's work and leads hikes to proposed forest management project areas in order to acquaint the public with issues that are impacting public lands within the Mt. Hood National Forest. Candace has been a fire lookout in the Badger Creek Wilderness Area, a volunteer Peregrine Falcon eyrie surveyor for ODFW, and a nest box surveyor for the Prescott Bluebird Recovery Project. She also helped to design and initiate worker safety trainings with the Common Ground Health Clinic disaster recovery in New Orleans.

As her resume attests, Candace is committed to and incredibly passionate about inspiring public engagement with the natural world, and she has all the makings of a truly outstanding ambassador on the refuge.



Candace Larson
© Mary Coolidge

Wild Arts Festival Planning in Full Swing!

Save the Dates: November 17–18 (Saturday–Sunday)

It may seem like Fall is a long way off, but preparations for 2012's Wild Arts Festival are well under way. As usual, Wild Arts will take place the weekend before Thanksgiving (Sat-Sun, Nov. 17-18) in Montgomery Park.

Artists' applications are being juried, and Book Fair invitations are going out — we expect another fabulous lineup of both artists and authors. The 6x6 Wild Art

Project will again be featured, and our Silent Auction team is ready to receive donations. For information on donating and for other questions, go to wildartsfestival.org. And why not become a fan on the Facebook page?

Mark the Wild Arts Festival dates on your calendar — Nov. 17 & 18. You don't want to miss it.

Mamie Campbell Award Winners!

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Coordinator

Mamie Campbell was an important figure in Audubon’s early years. A long-time and active volunteer herself, Mamie was instrumental in establishing the Jr. Audubon Club in Portland. An ardent conservationist, Mamie helped distribute environmental brochures to area schools in the early 1900s. She was also a tireless leader of the Lucy Club, which organized Portland Audubon Society social and special events and was named after Lucy Audubon (wife of James Audubon).

The Mamie Campbell Award is the highest honor given to Audubon volunteers, and it recognizes the dedication and service each recipient has tirelessly given. This year, Audubon staff presented this prestigious award to 6 deserving volunteers at the Annual Volunteer Banquet.

Harriet Anderson is one of the most interesting volunteers you’ll ever talk to at Audubon. Having joined the Audubon Society of Portland in 1961, Harriet started really volunteering 7 years ago. She’s one of our volunteer receptionists and regularly fills in for others. Some days she’ll spend the whole day answering Audubon’s telephones as she invites callers to visit our nature sanctuary. Harriet always offers a cheerful welcome to visitors and loves hearing the animal stories that come in to the front desk. She has broad natural history knowledge along with a tremendous overview of the Audubon Society of Portland’s own history. Harriet is a regular attendee at membership and donor events and was instrumental in orchestrating a very special and standing-room-only Nature Night presentation last fall. Harriet eagerly volunteered to help with an important capital project. Her generosity was crucial in immediately improving and now sustaining the organization.

Toni Rubin knows Portland Audubon really well because she’s one of those amazing individuals who wears multiple “volunteer hats.” Toni volunteers in the Education Department by leading sanctuary tours and serving on the Education Committee. She’s their volunteer liaison to our community-based summer camp partners — Hacienda and Bienestar. She’s busy year-round on the Wild Arts Festival Book Fair Committee; and, in her spare time, she helps people in our Nature Store. According to Sally Loomis, Nature Store staff, “Toni has an amazing ability to connect with people. She is fearless in drawing people out and finding ways to make a customer feel welcome.” And finally, Toni Rubin serves as an important member of the Volunteer Council. In this role, she helps create and sustain a dynamic volunteer program that is inclusive and enriching for all.

In addition to **Ron Escano**’s weekly role as Night Captain during September Swift Watch season, he has been leading an average of two Audubon Outings a month to local birding hot spots since 2006. Participants in his walks not only benefit from being in the field with an excellent birder, they also benefit from Ron’s thorough recordkeeping of birds seen at each locale over the years. From this data, Ron prepares the group on what they can expect to see before heading out

from the parking lot; and, at the end of the outing, the group can compare how their bird list differs from other seasons and years. Participants leave with more than just a list of birds seen: they also have an increased appreciation and understanding of the dynamics of birds in our local landscapes across the seasons.

Dan Rohlf has contributed his time and energy to Audubon for decades. Dan is a law professor at Lewis and Clark Law School and founded the Pacific Environmental Advocacy Center. He has represented Audubon on a multitude of lawsuits including Peregrine Falcon protection, Salmon protection, and litigation regarding flood plains. Dan is a “fierce advocate” for Audubon and the environment. He serves on both the Conservation Committee and the Board, and he partnered with Audubon to make last year’s Migratory Bird Conference a tremendous success. Dan is recognized around the world as an authority on the Endangered Species Act and is a true asset to Portland Audubon.

Along with **Rie Luft**’s 9-year commitment to Audubon as a weekly Wildlife Care Center volunteer, she always looks for ways to improve the care of the animals. She took the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Class training several years ago and emerged with good suggestions for ways our protocols could be improved. She doesn’t sit back and wait for others to help make sure improvements happen, though. Rie follows through. She and her husband, Glenn, built new perches that are easy to clean and adaptable to different size animals. She suggested, designed, and put together a new bulletin board for the Care Center lobby so visitors can learn



Back row: **Mamie Campbell Award winners** (left to right): Toni Rubin, Harriet Anderson, John Edwards, Ron Escano, Rie Luft (Dan Rohlf not pictured). Front row: **Youth Leadership Award winners:** Adrian Hinkle (left) and Christopher Hinkle © Glen Luft

more about Audubon. Rie is a great Audubon supporter, including offering her home on several occasions for fundraising efforts.

John Edwards is a dependable, detail-oriented volunteer who is knowledgeable about almost all the birds that come into the Wildlife Care Center, but especially birds of prey. Even after his back surgery, John couldn’t stay away from the Care Center for long. He’s great to work with and loves to teach other volunteers what he knows and what he learned when he took the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Class. He has a lot of patience and uses his strength, thoughtfulness and enthusiasm to help wild animals back to health and often releases them back to the wild. As an example of John’s strength and enthusiasm, he single-handedly dragged the dryer out of the Wildlife Care Center when flames were shooting out of it! John will be joining the Volunteer Council in July and is also an education bird handler who shares Julio the Great Horned Owl and Finnegan the Peregrine Falcon with visitors so they can learn more about them.

Please join the Audubon staff in congratulating our 2012 Mamie Campbell Award winners.

Audubon Society of Portland’s Youth Leadership Award Winners!

Established in 2012, the Audubon Society of Portland Youth Leadership Award is given to young volunteers who demonstrate leadership and a deep commitment to learning about and caring for the environment.

The inaugural recipients of this award are **Adrian Hinkle** and **Christopher Hinkle**. Known as the Hinkle twins, Christopher and Adrian have been birders since they were 3 or 4 years old, and they’ve been volunteering for Audubon almost as long. Mary Coolidge, our Assistant Conservation Director, reports that “*these two peerless birders run from one bird to the next with a dedication and enthusiasm that is a sight to see. Their ability to spot and identify the most cryptic, distant, and fleeting of birds is bewildering to many who accompany them into the field.*”

Christopher and Adrian have done Oaks Bottom Nest Searches that require slogs through sucking marsh mud and purple loosestrife that is taller than they are. They’ve conducted Oaks Bottom Waterbird Surveys in driving rain, and they volunteer for spring Mt. Tabor Point Counts as well as Mt. Tabor Winter Bird Surveys when no one else clamors for the opportunity! Christopher and Adrian have participated in multiple Christmas Bird Counts, have written an updated phenology (that’s the arrival time of migrating species) for Portland Birds, and have compiled bird lists for Mt. Tabor and Oaks Bottom.

Christopher and Adrian are each a well-respected resource in the Portland birding community, and local conservation efforts have notably benefited from their ability and dedication. Congratulations, Adrian and Christopher!

Welcome, New Members!

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

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Karl Anderson	Sam Carroll	& Hallie Stosur	Erin Hauck
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Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve, Protected Area, and Marine Important Bird Area, seen from Port Orford beach
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A Beginning Legacy for Marine Conservation in Oregon

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At the close of this last legislative session, the likelihood of achieving success for protecting and increasing biodiversity in Oregon’s marine environments got a lot better. Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua have now been included in the marine reserves network. The sum total of all no-take areas is now roughly 3% of our state’s 362-mile coastline. Supplementing these no-take areas are another 5.7% of “protected areas” that allow limited and sustainable extractive activities. Unfortunately, a gap in Oregon’s marine reserves system remains: at this time, there are no conservation management measures south of Port Orford to California.

On behalf of Portland Audubon and our desire to protect the Marbled Murrelet and its full habitat requirements, Paul Engelmeyer, Coastal IBA Coordinator and Manager of Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary, advocated to secure a seabird protected area to the Cape Perpetua/Heceta Head reserve site. Today, Cape Perpetua is the largest reserve in the system and includes a Seabird Protected Area.

In the fall of 2003, Portland Audubon sponsored the first Portland-based Ocean Summit, with presentations by luminaries such as Dr. Mark Hixon, a professor at Oregon State University and an expert on coastal marine fish, and Dr. Jane Lubchenco, appointed by President Obama as the Undersecretary of Commerce and Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA). That summit nearly 10 years ago was attended by about 500 people who were interested to learn about this remarkable natural resource. Since then, the numbers of people who have increased their understanding of ocean ecosystems and are advocating for managing them better has grown exponentially. For this widespread change to have occurred, a handful of nonprofit organizations, many of them considerably smaller than ours, remaining strong at the table and retaining their affiliation with the Our Ocean Coalition were instrumental in getting this first system designated and funded. Thanks to Oregon Shores, Coast Range Association, Surfrider, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environment Oregon, Pew Environment Group, and Oceana for staying the course.

Interested in learning more about this historic effort and the kinds of research, monitoring, and conservation programs that will result from these policies while enjoying fabulous birding along the coast? Join Portland Audubon staff in mid-August for a multi-day excursion. See details below.

SAVE THE DATE

August 16–20

A special tour is planned to learn about the marine reserves program and Portland Audubon’s Marine Important Bird areas, all while enjoying fabulous bird watching along the Oregon Coast. This tour is scheduled for August 16–20 (Thurs–Sun). Details will be in the July/August *Warbler* and on our website starting mid-June. Steve Engel will lead this tour with Paul Engelmeyer and POORT staff. If you are interested, please contact Steve at sengel@audubonportland.org

Summer Camp: Dedicated & Inspiring Instructors

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Our Camps and Educators are assisted with the strong leadership and help of our college-aged Summer Camp Interns and Counselors. Many Interns were once Audubon Campers themselves, and we are incredibly fortunate to have them coming back summer after summer. Last year our Summer Camp Intern pool consisted of seven Audubon “returners.” This consistency allows for program cohesion from summer to summer, week to week. Each returning Intern had been an Audubon High School Counselor as well. Our Counselor Program allows high school students to take the next step in their naturalist education. Counselors and Interns are the glue that holds many of these programs together with their responsible outlook and energetic attitude.

These Audubon Counselors have the unique ability to communicate with campers in a different way than the older staff members. Campers trust the Counselors as peers and the Counselors, in turn, understand what campers are going through during challenging times, sometimes even better than instructors. As an Intern and a Counselor learns the responsibilities of becoming an Environmental Educator, their own self-confidence and level of competency grows exponentially. They develop the capability to take a group of 25 campers on their own for a quick game, rile them up for a lively activity, and then calm them down for a silent hike in

the woods. Their skill set grows as the group grows together with each week-long program.



Photo: Aly Robinson

This continuum, which leads from Audubon Camper to Counselor to Intern to Environmental Educator, allows Portland Audubon to inspire meaningful, significant moments in these students’ lives, with Nature as the teacher and Portland Audubon as the framework and facilitator. We are grateful that our fun, informative adventures serve over 1,000 students each year, and also that our ratio of 1 staff member for every 6 students allows participants to build authentic relationships with the natural world.

The reflection of another season of interviews and the excitement of having many returning Environmental Educators allow us to recognize the many qualified Educators and the few who have risen above the rest. As one Educator said during our interview process, “I first set the tone by looking each student in the eye, get down to their level, on one knee, and shake their hand. Then I introduce myself to the parent, once I’ve checked in with the student.” That is the Audubon Way!

Leupold Field Day at the Audubon Sanctuary Saturday, June 16

10–10:30am: Evaluating & Selecting Binoculars Workshop

10:30–11:00am: Evaluating & Selecting Scopes Workshop

10:30am–1:30pm: Binocular & Scope Field Testing in our Sanctuary



In the workshops, Leupold & Stevens’ technical experts will answer all your questions about optics selection: What do all those numbers mean? What are glass and prism coatings all about? What special features are available? How do I determine the best binocular or scope for me? And much more.

In the field, we’ll have viewing sites set up in Audubon’s Wildlife Sanctuary. You’ll have the opportunity to test all the Leupold products to see how they really work in the field. Audubon’s Education Birds will be on hand so you can focus on real-life subjects in a natural setting.

And a bonus: Every participant will receive a Leupold cap embroidered with Oregon’s official State Bird, the Western Meadowlark.

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If you include the Audubon Society of Portland in your estate plans, please let us know! By joining the Audubon Society of Portland’s Legacy Club, you will be supporting our important work now and into the future, joining a long and vital tradition of protecting wildlife and habitat right here where we live.

For more information on planned giving options at Portland Audubon, please call Ann Takamoto at 971-222-6117.

Members get a 10% discount at the Nature Store!

“There’s nothing random about birds’ awareness and behavior. They have too much at stake — life and death.”

—Nature-awareness authority Jon Young

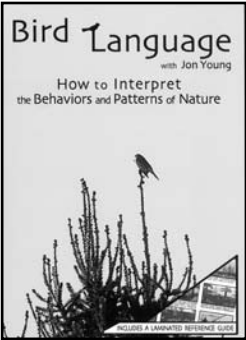
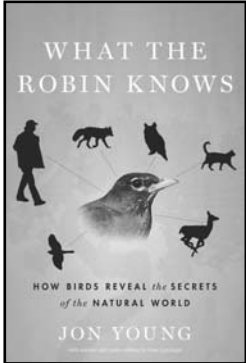
We’re featuring two new products from Jon Young, including the May release of his book, ***What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World*** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$22.00). Rather than learning to distinguish the calls and songs of various species, as most bird song books do, Young takes a different tack on bird sounds — he wants you to understand what they are saying. By deepening your awareness of the language of robins and other common birds, a whole new world of wildlife will open up to you.

“Jon Young knows birds, and you will, too, after reading his marvelous book. You’ll discover a universal bird language that will speak to you wherever you go outdoors. Every nature lover should read this book.”

—Joseph Cornell, author of *Sharing Nature with Children* and *John Muir: My Life with Nature*

An excellent companion piece is the recently released 2-disc DVD set ***Bird Language with Jon Young: How to Interpret the Behaviors and Patterns of Nature*** produced by local filmmaker Calen Kennett (Village Video, \$39.95). Combining nature footage, animation, and Young’s narration, the complexities of bird language become accessible to all.

Young has been exploring animal communication for 35 years and is the creator of the 8 Shields Cultural Mentoring System, a model that has influenced more than 100 nature programs in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.



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This year, during Birdathon 2012, you can get involved by:
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Half-Day Trips

Great Big Sit
May 19 (Sat), 8:00am–Noon

The perfect Birdathon for beginning birders!

Metro Merlins
May 6 (Sun), 7:30am–1:30pm
Great new half-day trip led by Tim Shelmerdine.

Whittemore's Whatzits This team is full!
May 6 (Sun), 8:00am–Noon
Birding at Steigerwald NWR with Laura Whittemore.

Full-Day Trips
Joy of Birding
May 5 (Sat), 5:45am–11:00pm
Led by our matchless Paul Sullivan!

Mult Madness
May 5 (Sat), 6:00am–7:00pm
See major Multnomah County birding sites with Wink Gross.

Bus Passerines
May 5 (Sat), 6:15am–7:00pm
Birding by TriMet with Steve Engel.

Birdathon link at the bottom of the page.
Pledging: Make a donation by using the pledge envelope included in this Warbler, or use our online system.
Participating: Join any Birdathon team listed here and the many more on our website — we have all sorts of birding trips for any level of birder.

All Birdathon participants & donors are invited to the 32nd annual Birdathon Banquet! Enjoy great food, beer, wine, live music, prizes, and more!
June 20 (Wed), 6pm–8:30pm
NW Natural HQ Banquet Room
220 NW 2nd Ave & Davis St.
RSVP to 503-292-6855 by June 11.

Magpies
May 9 (Wed), 7:00am–4:30pm
May 10 (Thu), 7:00am–4:30pm
Join one or both relaxed days of birding.

A-Grebe-able Bunch
May 12 (Sat), 3:30am–11:00pm
You'll see record numbers of birds with Peg Goldie, Tom Love & David Mandell!

The Murre the Merrier This team is full!
May 12 (Sat), 7:00am–8:00pm
Led by Sarah Swanson & Max Smith.

Red-breasted Winesuckers
May 12 (Sat), 8:00am–6:00pm
Special trip for Wildlife Care Center volunteers.

Raven Maniacs
May 17 (Thu), 6:00am–10:00pm
Bird the Coast with Steve Robertson & Dan van den Broek!

Lean Green Birding Machine
May 19 (Sat), 7:00am–8:00pm
Grand day out birding in Central Oregon.



Twins' Twitchers
May 19 (Sat), 7:00am–3:00pm
Most birds in one day... guaranteed!

Soggy Bottom Birders This team is full!
May 26 (Sat), 9:00am–4:00pm
Special wetland tour with Ian Abraham & Tim Donner.

Feathers of Color This team is full!
May 27–28 (Sun–Mon)
Specifically for birders of color, led by Tony DeFalco.

Gonzo Adventures: 2–3 days!
Cream of the Crop
May 12–13 (Sat–Sun)
Birding the Willamette Valley with overnight in Neskowin.

Bike & Bird
May 19–20 (Sat–Sun)
New 2-day excursion on bike & foot exploring the Banks-Vernonia Trail & "Stub" Stewart State Park.

Lager Head Shrikes
May 19–20 (Sat–Sun)
The brand-new School of Birding team!

The Roadrunners
May 19–20 (Sat–Sun)
Birding & camping... by bicycle!

Creepers Wallowa's Wallowing
May 24–26 (Thu–Sat)
New team led by David Smith & Don Coggswell.

The Wild Turkeys
May 18–20 (Fri–Sun)
Carley, Houck & friends... the ultimate Gonzo trip!



"Don't be shy — join a Birdathon team!" booms this American Bittern © Gary Slone

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