



Black-throated Gray Warbler

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Birdathon 2013
Counting Birds
Because Birds Count!

Registration for our most important fund-raising event of the year begins March 15th

Join the Biggest, Baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi! Be part of the fun — sign up for an exciting birding adventure, enjoy some of our region’s birding hotspots, AND help raise money to protect birds and habitat across Oregon. Birding experience isn’t necessary — you’ll be assured of a great time, as each team is led by one or more of our expert Audubon Leaders.

What is Birdathon? Now in its 33rd year, Birdathon is the uniquely Audubon way to raise funds for its conservation and education programs. Birdathon is like a walkathon,



The Joy of Birding photo: Laurie Peterson

but instead of counting miles, we count birds, in a friendly competition to count the most species in a given time period. In 2012, Birdathon raised \$138,000. This year our goal is \$150,000!

To participate, simply join one of our many exciting Audubon-guided teams listed below and invite your friends and family to share the fun! A minimum pledge of \$35 is required unless otherwise mentioned.



Fanno Creek Trail in Washington County. Photo: Jim Labbe

Vote Yes on Measure
26-152 to Restore Our
Natural Areas!

The Regional Natural Areas Levy on the May 2013 Special Election ballot is critical to sustaining our region’s natural resource legacy in the 21st century.

by Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist

In May, voters of the Portland metropolitan region will have the opportunity to support natural area stewardship by voting for Measure 26-152 on their special election ballots. Go to restoreournaturalareas.com for additional information.

The measure is a \$53 million, 5-year levy that would raise 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property values. About half of the revenue raised would support the stewardship of publicly owned natural areas managed by Metro. Levy-fund stewardship will enhance water quality for salmon, restore habitat for birds and amphibians, and expand access to nature in the Portland metro region. Additional funds will support environmental education programs for youth and adults and a conservation grant program to enhance water quality and habitat in our neighborhoods. The measure will cost the average homeowner roughly \$20 per year for 5 years.

Over the last 20 years, voters have authorized Metro and local governments to acquire and permanently protect more than 12,000 acres of natural areas and greenways across the metro region. Voter approval this May 2013 is a critical next step in providing the ecological stewardship of these natural areas to ensure we leave a biologically rich legacy to the next generation.

Why a Regional Natural
Areas Levy? Why now?

In both 1995 and 2006, large majorities of voters passed natural area bond measures to acquire more than 12,000 acres of regionally significant natural areas throughout the Portland metro region. These acquisitions protected stream and river corridors, forested buttes and bluffs, wetlands, oak woodlands, and other rare and unique habitats from Wilsonville to Portland and from Forest Grove to Troutdale.

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Birdathon 2013 Teams

Here’s a partial list and a synopsis of each **Half-Day**, **Full-Day**, and **Gonzo Trip** (2+ days) offered this year. Visit audubonportland.org for additional trips and more details.

Half-Day Trips

NEW! A Song in the Morning:
Gerard Lillie & Tom McNamara
April 24 (Wed), 7am–9am

Spend the morning with Mt Tabor’s renowned birdsong expert at one of the best spots in Portland for all the western Warblers, Flycatchers, Vireos, & most other songbirds. All skill levels welcome. You’ll hear simple calls & trills and learn how to differentiate the complex songs of Tanagers, Grosbeaks, & Robins.

Soggy Bottom Birders:
Ian Abraham & Tim Donner
May 4 (Sat), 9am–4pm

Join Portland Audubon Education staffers Ian & Tim for an exclusive birding tour of wetlands along the Willamette & Columbia Rivers. We’ll carpool from Oaks Bottom, then head north. Ideal for birders of all skill levels & ages who appreciate birding in a relaxed atmosphere.

Whittemore’s Whatzits:
Laura Whittemore & Mark Fitzsimons
May 5 (Sun), 8am–Noon

Popular “Beginning Birding” & “Birding by Ear” instructor Laura Whittemore & Birdathon Coordinator Mark Fitzsimons will be your guides at Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Washougal, WA. Harrier, Bittern, Pileated Woodpecker, House Wren, Common Yellowthroat, & Osprey are a few of 50+ species we’ve seen/heard here on past Birdathons.

NEW! Clackamas Creepers: Dan van den Broek
May 5 (Sun), 8am–3pm

Clackamas County, anyone? Enjoy birds and discuss ID & basics about species encountered as we check out some of the best small wetlands for Cinnamon Teal, Great Egret,

& Shorebirds such as Solitary Sandpiper. Wander through oak woodlands to look for migrating Warblers, Hutton’s Vireo, Flycatchers, White-breasted Nuthatch, Acorn Woodpecker. We’ll wind our way up Cascade foothills seeking Bluebird & Townsend’s Solitaire, and since this is migration time, let’s hope to find something unexpected!

Metro Merlins: Tim Shelmerdine
May 12 (Sun), 7:30am–1:30pm

Experience the excitement of spring migration at Portland hotspots with this seasoned birder. All are welcome, from first-timers to experienced listers. Walk Mt Tabor’s trails, visit Vanport, and head out Marine Drive for warblers, flycatchers, and waterfowl.

Great Big Sit:
Bonnie Deneke, Dena Turner & Phyllis Wolfe
May 25 (Sat), 8am–Noon

Give your legs a rest & your eyes a treat on a leisurely morning at Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Bring your lawn chair, binoculars, & snacks, and sit back & relax as birds come to you in this beautiful botanical sanctuary. You’ll learn to identify 35–50 species that frequent this idyllic setting.

Bicycling Birdos: Barb Grover
Trip date TBD

Join our bevy of biking birders for a family-friendly excursion. This 2–3-hour trip focuses on the fun of sleuthing out birds in our urban environment, all by bicycle! We’ll ride through birdy & bicycle-friendly SE Portland neighborhoods to a bird-friendly park for picnic & birdo activities. So pack your binoculars, diaper bags, & bike helmets for this ride that’s going to the birds!



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From the Executive Director



Meryl Redisch

Changes to Oregon's Marine Environment

Wave energy development is coming to Oregon. As part of a multifaceted renewable energy portfolio, Oregon is at the helm for wave energy development in its near-shore waters. What began in 2008 with an executive order by Governor Kulongoski came to closure this past January when the Land and Conservation Development Commission agreed to move forward with 3 pilot projects that will be located at Camp Rilea just south of Astoria, Nestucca north of Pacific City, and Reedsport. To view the maps and locations of these sites, go to **OregonOcean.info**, the website that contains all the information about this process.

This 5-year statewide planning process is contained in Chapter 5 of the Territorial Sea Plan. Details about how Oregon will protect its marine resources, determine appropriate locations for siting development, and evaluate the cumulative effects that infrastructure will have on ocean ecosystems, resource users, and coastal communities are located here. As with any new development trend, particularly one with unknown consequences and potential risks, this process was fraught with opposing interests. Stakeholders had strong opinions on where to allow this emerging industry to gain its first foothold in Oregon's near-shore waters.

Paul Engelmeyer, manager of Portland Audubon's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary outside of Yachats, serves as our Chapter's primary liaison and representative on coastal and marine conservation issues. As a 2-term representative on the Ocean Policy Advisory Council and a 20-plus-year coastal resident, Paul understands the politics surrounding environmental issues very well. From Portland Audubon's perspective, we wanted to ensure that any energy development in the near-shore aligns with Oregon's Goal 19 which states: To conserve marine resources and ecological functions for the purpose of providing long-term ecological, economic, and social value and benefits to future generations.

Our other primary concern was to understand, even with existing data gaps, what the potential impacts that various types of marine infrastructure might pose to seabirds, including their migration routes, foraging habits, and nesting behavior. For example, while we know how critical it is for the Marbled Murrelet to have old-growth coastal forest habitat, we also know that these seabirds depend upon forage fish. The last thing we wanted to see happen was another blow to their already tenuous situation if a wave energy system would result in the decrease in prey fish or pose a collision hazard.

Paul and colleagues from the Our Ocean Campaign dedicated themselves to ensuring that the precautionary principle was applied and consistent throughout the Chapter 5 document. We worked with environmental attorneys to tighten ambiguous language so that the concept of 'do no harm' was clearly articulated. The resulting document and phased-in approach, with only 3 sites identified for wave energy development and spread along the coast, satisfies the conservation groups that have been actively participating and watchdogging this process for the last 5 years. To learn more about the Our Ocean Campaign, please go to **ouroregonocean.org**.

No one argues against seeking and trying new ways to limit our consumption on fossil fuels and for lowering our carbon output. However, with untried technologies come unknown risks and casualties. In the past decade, as part of the Our Ocean Campaign, Portland Audubon successfully advocated to preserve small areas of Oregon's near-shore environments as reserves and seabird protected areas, while at the same time recognizing that new marine technology was a near certainty. No one argues against striving for a healthy and energy clean future for all. Let's just make sure both sides of the equation — long-term and meaningful conservation and responsibly sited energy development — are balanced for the benefit of wild birds, marine life, and people.

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!

Seabirds in a Changing Climate: What Have We Learned & What Shall We Do? with Rob Suryan

Tuesday, March 12 • 7pm, Heron Hall

Seabirds provide a unique glimpse into how marine organisms respond to changing climates. Most nest in colonies that allow us to gather detailed information on their diet, health, and demographics, much like we track human populations. Seabirds, however, like the three Albatross species observed off the Oregon coast, spend most of their lives at sea and away from our land-based observations. Fortunately, with the development of miniaturized tracking devices and long-term studies from ship-based surveys, we also are learning how seabirds respond to changes in ocean conditions when they are thousands of miles away from their breeding colonies.

Noted biologist **Robert Suryan** will provide a local and global perspective on how seabirds respond to a constantly changing marine environment on March 12. Covering Albatross, Tufted Puffin, Common Murre, Murrelets, and other alcids of Oregon, he will discuss current research projects that are addressing this topic, efforts to understand what the future might hold, and what actions could help buffer populations that are at risk from long-term impacts.

Suryan is an Associate Professor (Senior Research) at Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center. He received a PhD from Oregon State in wildlife science with an emphasis in marine ecology and oceanography in 2006, an MS from Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, and a BS from Humboldt State. For the past 20 years, he has studied the effects of environmental forces on the reproductive biology, foraging ecology, and population dynamics of marine birds and mammals.

Wind on the Waves: Celebrate the Oregon Coast with Poet and Essayist Kim Stafford

Tuesday, April 9 • 7pm, Heron Hall

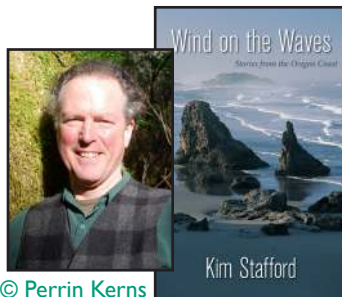
Join us for an evening exploring the magic and beauty of the Oregon Coast with well-known local author **Kim Stafford**, whose book *Wind on the Waves: Stories from the Oregon Coast* (Westwinds Press, \$14.99) is newly reissued with new material. Originally released in 1992, *Wind on the Waves* is a collection of 52 stories that embody the beauty, mystery, and wonder of Oregon's coast. Written by this award-winning author and poet, these wonderful vignettes celebrate the people, towns, wildlife, culture, and natural beauty of one of America's most rugged and beautiful coastlines. After his presentation, Stafford will be available to sign books. Please contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 if you would like to have a book reserved for you.

Kim Stafford grew up in Oregon, Iowa, Indiana, California, and Alaska, following his parents as they taught and traveled through the West. He is the author of a dozen books of poetry and prose, including the recent *100 Tricks Every Boy Can Do*. He is the director of the Northwest Writing Institute, and co-director of the Documentary Studies Certificate Program at Lewis and Clark College, where he has taught since 1979. He serves as the literary executor for the estate of his father, poet William Stafford. He holds a PhD in medieval literature from the University of Oregon, and has worked as a printer, photographer, oral historian, editor, and visiting writer at a host of colleges and schools, and has offered writing workshops in Italy, Scotland, and Bhutan.

Laysan Albatross
© Rob Suryan



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FREE EVENT!

Welcome Back Vulture Day

is coming to Leach Botanical Gardens!

**Saturday, March 16, 2013
Noon – 3 p.m.**

**Leach Botanical Gardens
6704 SE 122nd
Portland, OR 97236**

**Parking is limited.
Please carpool if possible.**



Ruby the Turkey Vulture
photo: Tom Schmid

Did you notice you only see Turkey Vultures in the metropolitan area in the spring and summer? That's because they migrate to warmer climates in the winter, but it's time to welcome them back.

We're lucky to still have good populations of Turkey Vultures in Oregon. Around the world vultures are facing hazards in the wild and their numbers are dwindling. As "Nature's Recyclers," they play an important role in reducing disease — and it's up to us to help save them.



Welcome Back Vulture Day is filled with fun and educational activities:

- Meet Ruby, Portland Audubon's Turkey Vulture, up close (along with many of Audubon's other Education Birds)
- Compare your "wingspan" to that of a California Condor
- Make a crafted vulture and mask
- Play "Upchuck Chuck!"
- Learn fun vulture facts
- Find out the differences between Old and New World vultures
- Discover why vultures are important

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!

Exploring The Intertwine: Bicycle Natural History and Active Transportation Tours

Sharrows to Sparrows: Bicycling The Intertwine is a series of 3 bicycling adventures exploring the network of The Intertwine — the Portland-Vancouver region's system of parks, trails, and natural areas. A Sharrow is a 4x6-foot pavement marking (a **bicycle with two arrows on top**) that Portland uses to identify Neighborhood Greenways. This is the official national image identifying a shared travel lane.

Rides will be led by **Mike Houck**, Urban Greenspaces Institute, and **Greg Raisman**, Portland Bureau of Transportation. You supply the bike (in good repair, please!) and bicycle helmet (absolutely required), and we provide a great family-friendly ride. Questions? Contact Greg at 503-823-1052 or greg.raisman@portlandoregon.gov, or Mike at mikehouck@urbangreenspaces.org.

April 27 (Sat), 9am–Noon

Pier Park to Smith & Bybee Lakes: a 15-mile, flat ride that features city parks, Peninsula Crossing Trail, Columbia Slough, and 2,000-acre Smith & Bybee Lakes. Meet 9am sharp at Pier Park parking lot, N James St & Bruce Ave.

May 11 (Sat), 9am–Noon


Esplanade to Johnson Creek and Oaks Bottom: a 12-mile ride from Eastbank Esplanade to Johnson Creek and return through Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. We'll look for Peregrine Falcons that nest on the Marquam Bridge at OMSI and for wildlife along the way. Meet 9am sharp on Eastbank Esplanade at west end of SE Madison (east side of Willamette River), at the river overlook adjacent to Fire Station, under Hawthorne Bridge.


June 1 (Sat), 9am–Noon


Southwest Portland: an event of United Nations World Environment Week (Portland is North American host city), this 10-mile ride will explore SW Portland's Gabriel Park, Fanno Creek Greenway, and Nicol Road Marsh. Meet 9am sharp at Community Center at Gabriel Park, SW Vermont & 45th Ave.


Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!



 = Mostly weekday excursions

 = Sign-up needed


 = Fee involved

March 5 (Tue), 9am–11am
Fernhill Wetlands 
Join **Dudley Thomas** for a walk around Fernhill Wetlands. We expect to find wintering waterfowl, gulls, sparrows, raptors, some early migrants, and perhaps some surprises. Meet in the parking lot. Contact Dudley at 503-317-1663 or dbthomas70@gmail.com for information.

March 9 (Sat), 7am–10am
Oaks Bottom
Join **Patty Newland** for a walk around Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge. We'll explore wetlands and woodlands, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Meet at the Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th Ave at Malden St at 7am sharp. Expect to walk 2–3 miles on both paved and uneven dirt trails. Please bring binoculars and a scope if you have one.

March 12 (Tue), 9am–3pm
Tillamook Bay  
Join **Dick Demarest** for a full-day birding trip in the Tillamook area. Meet at the Safeway parking lot (3rd St & Stillwell Ave) in Tillamook. We will be looking for shorebirds, raptors, and wintering waterfowl. Trip is limited to 16 people and carpooling is necessary, so **registration is required** with Dick at 503-704-7912 or rdd@demarests.com.



March 23 (Sat), 8am–5pm 
Wildflower Walk #1 at Catherine Creek
Join naturalist **Marsh Sly** on the 1st of 3 hikes (walk #2: April 20th and #3: May 18th) at a premier Columbia Gorge wildflower site, where displays from March to May are ever changing. Catherine Creek is on the gorge's Washington side, about 1.5 hours from Portland. Pace is slow but you must hike 3–4 miles round trip with major elevation change. Limit 12 per hike. **Registration is required for each hike** with Marsh at marshandsharon@aol.com.

March 23 (Sat), 8am–12pm 
Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island
Join **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) for a waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at the Eastside Check Station parking lot on corner of Reeder & Rentenaar Rds. We'll walk Rentenaar Road and back, 1.6 miles round trip. All vehicles need a Sauvie Island parking permit: \$7/day or \$22/year (purchase at Cracker Barrel Store, next to the bridge). From the bridge take


Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles, turn right on Reeder Rd, and continue north 9 miles to Eastside Check Station and Rentenaar Rd on the left (allow 25 minutes to drive from bridge to check station).

April 5 (Fri), 8am–10am
Whitaker Ponds
Join **Tony DeFalco**, **Patty Newland**, and **Candace Larson** for a bird walk at Whitaker Ponds, a hidden urban oasis in NE Portland. We will circle the ponds looking for ducks, songbirds, eagles and owls. Park inside gated area at the ponds, 7040 NE 47th (TriMet #75).

April 6 (Sat), 8am–11am
Vanport Wetlands and Force Lake
Join **John Nikkel** and **Dena Turner**. We will begin at Vanport Wetlands, take a short walk in the adjacent wooded area, and also visit Force Lake. The 90-acre Vanport Wetlands provides habitat for over 100 species of birds. We should see water birds and spring songbirds. From Portland, take the Delta Park/Exhibition Center exit from I-5. Turn left at the stop to Portland International Raceway and Exhibition Center. Turn right at next stop and left into raceway. Park about 100 yards from entrance. MAX Yellow line will drop you about 100 yards from the entrance.

April 9–12 (Tue 5pm – Fri 9am)  
Klamath Falls Area
Join **Dick Demarest** for a trip to the Klamath Basin NWRs. We'll explore Upper and Lower Klamath and Tule Lake NWRs as well as Klamath Falls area sites searching for late wintering waterfowl, raptors, and early spring migrants. Trip begins at Best Western Olympic Inn in Klamath Falls at 5:00pm on 4/9, ends after breakfast on 4/12, and is limited to 16 people. **Registration is required** with Dick at 503-407-7912 or rdd@demarests.com.




April 17 (Wed), 8am–11am
Mt Talbert Nature Park
Join **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) at Mt Talbert Nature Park for early spring migrants. We'll walk on established trails, but the terrain is hilly. From I-205 Exit 14 Sunnyside/Sunnybrook off-ramp, turn east on SE Sunnybrook Blvd then turn south on SE 97th. Continue south on 97th, which turns into SE Mather Rd. Entrance to Mt Talbert Nature Park is on north side of road, about 1/4 mile after 97th changes to Mather Rd.

April 20 (Sat), 8am–5pm 
Wildflower Walk #2 at Catherine Creek
Join naturalist **Marsh Sly** on the 2nd of 3 hikes (walk #3: May 18th) at a premier Columbia Gorge wildflower site, where displays from March to May are ever changing. Catherine Creek is on the gorge's Washington side, about 1.5 hours from Portland. Pace is slow but you must hike 3–4 miles round trip with major elevation change. Limit 12 per hike. **Registration is required for each hike** with Marsh at marshandsharon@aol.com.

April 21 (Sun), 9am–11am
Dawson Creek Park, Hillsboro
Join **Max Smith** (503-720-9730) and **Sarah Swanson** for a walk through Dawson Creek Park. Spring is a busy time here, with flocks of ducks and geese filling the ponds, migrant songbirds moving in the trees, and the resident Acorn Woodpeckers busy as usual. Meet at north end of parking lot of Hillsboro Main Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro 97124.

April 23 (Tue), 9am–11am 
Smith & Bybee Lakes
Dudley Thomas and **Kathy van der Horst** will take us through Smith & Bybee Lakes, a great spot for waterfowl and the raptors that are usually present. We can also usually count on passerines in the forest. Meet in parking area at Smith & Bybee Lakes, just after the overpass, on the left. For information contact Dudley at 503-317-1663 or dbthomas70@gmail.com.

April 25 (Thu), 9am–Noon
Sandy River Delta and East Multnomah County
Please join new leader **Colby Neuman** at the Sandy River Delta, where the primary focus will be on early songbird migrants and lingering overwintering birds. Meet near the bathrooms at Sandy River Delta parking lot. From Portland, take I-84 to Exit 18, just east of Troutdale. At stop sign turn right and loop under freeway. Depending on weather and enthusiasm, some may choose to bird afterward around Troutdale Airport and Broughton Beach.

COMING UP:
June 4–7   
Malheur NWR
Contact **Shawn Schmelzer** at shawnbirder@yahoo.com.

Bird Song Walks 2013

7 a.m. Mon–Fri, various sites: **FREE!**

Audubon Society of Portland is proud to sponsor the 2013 season of weekday-morning Bird Song Walks! From beginners to advanced birders, anyone who is fascinated by the sounds of birds should take advantage of these volunteer-guided walks to the metro area's prime spring migration hotspots. By starting with the earliest trips you can become familiar with the songs of the common resident species and then keep pace with the migrants as they arrive.



Pacific Wren
© Steve Berliner

These Bird Song Walks begin at 7 a.m. No pre-registration required. Leave whenever you like. Bring binoculars and a field guide, and be sure to dress properly for the weather: spring mornings can be surprisingly chilly. **Steady morning rain cancels a walk.**

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

Mondays April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6, 13, 20, 27
Tryon Creek State Park
Leaders: Rick and Stephanie Wagner
Take the Terwilliger Blvd exit off I-5 and head south on Terwilliger toward Lewis and 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 and 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. More at tryonfriends.org.

Tuesdays April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, 14, 21, 28
Cooper Mountain Nature Park
Leaders: Bonnie Deneke and Sue Carr
18892 SW Kemmer Rd, Beaverton, OR 97007. Directions: **From Highway 217**, take the Scholls Ferry Rd exit and head west on Scholls Ferry past Murray Blvd. At 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 and Recreation District. More on Cooper Mtn programing at thprd.org.

Wednesdays April 3, 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Mt. Tabor Park
Leaders: Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara
From SE Belmont, go south on SE 69th two short blocks. Just into the park, turn right and drive as far as possible to gate, and park along street. Mt. Tabor Park is closed to vehicle traffic on Wednesdays, so be sure to use this entrance. [TriMet bus #71 stops at SE 69th & Yamhill.] **Be aware of bicyclists on Mt Tabor! Make room and share the road!** More on Portland Parks at portlandonline.com/parks.

Thursdays April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Camassia Preserve
Leader: Jackie Wilson
Drive S from Portland on Hwy 43 (SW Macadam Ave) through Lake Oswego to West Linn — **OR** drive S from Portland on I-205 to West Linn Exit #8 and turn left at end of exit ramp and pass under I-205. Just before the gas station, turn right onto Willamette Falls Dr, go uphill 1 block then left 90 degrees to follow Willamette Falls Dr. Veer right in 1/4 mile onto Sunset Ave, still going uphill, cross I-205, and immediately turn right on Walnut St. The preserve is at the end of Walnut St. More on this and other Nature Conservancy preserves at nature.org.

Fridays April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Pittock Mansion
Leader: Wink Gross
Follow W Burnside about 1.2 miles west of NW 23rd and turn right onto Barnes Rd. Follow the well-marked signs through the neighborhood for another 0.7 mile, and meet at the Pittock parking lot. [TriMet bus #20 stop #687 at W Burnside & NW Barnes is closest stop.] More at pittockmansion.org.

Conservation

Audubon’s 2013 State Legislative Priorities: Trapping Reform and Wildlife Funding

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

There are many important wildlife-related bills before the 2013 Legislature. Audubon will be focusing our resources on two bills: **House Bill 2905, the Wild Bird Conservation Act**, and **Senate Bill 494, Trapping Reform**.

A nickel for the birds! This will be our 3rd attempt to pass the Wild Bird Conservation Act. The legislation would add a nickel tax to each pound of birdseed sold in Oregon to be used by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for wild bird conservation. Hunters and fishers have been paying a tax on hunting and fishing gear since the Great Depression to fund conservation of game species, but there has never been an ongoing dedicated source of funding for non-game species. As a result the 88% of species in Oregon which are not hunted or fished receive less than 2% of the ODFW budget. This bill would generate between \$1–\$2 million per year. The revenues will be used to implement Oregon Conservation Strategy actions aimed at enhancing wild bird species and their habitats on both urban and rural

landscapes, aiming particularly at those species currently in decline and engaging new and underserved communities on wild bird conservation. An oversight committee and sunset clause will help ensure strict accountability.

SB 494 would ban the use of body-gripping traps such as leg hold traps, neck snares, and conibears for commercial and recreational purposes. It would continue to allow the use of body-gripping traps for depredation purposes, but those traps would have to be checked every 24 hours and placed away from trails and high public-use areas. Oregon currently has some of the weakest trapping regulations in the U.S. Animals can be left to suffer in traps in some cases for up to a week. Long-term efforts to reform Oregon’s trapping regulations through the ODFW administrative process have repeatedly been rejected — in fact, while other states such as Washington and California have banned these inhumane and indiscriminate devices, Oregon has actually weakened its regulations. We have seen animals

ranging from Golden Eagles to River Otters that have been maimed and mutilated in these devices and left to suffer for days on end. Now we are turning to the Oregon legislature to take a leadership role. We are pleased to partner with Humane Society of the United States and multiple other organizations on this effort.

For more information on how you can help us ensure adequate funding for wild bird conservation in Oregon and reform Oregon’s cruel and indiscriminate trapping practices, please go to audubonportland.org.



This River Otter was caught and left to suffer in a leg hold trap. Unfortunately by the time he arrived at Audubon he was beyond our ability to save. It is time to reform Oregon’s inhumane and indiscriminate trapping regulations. © Portland Audubon

Vote Yes on Measure 26-152 to Restore Our Natural Areas!

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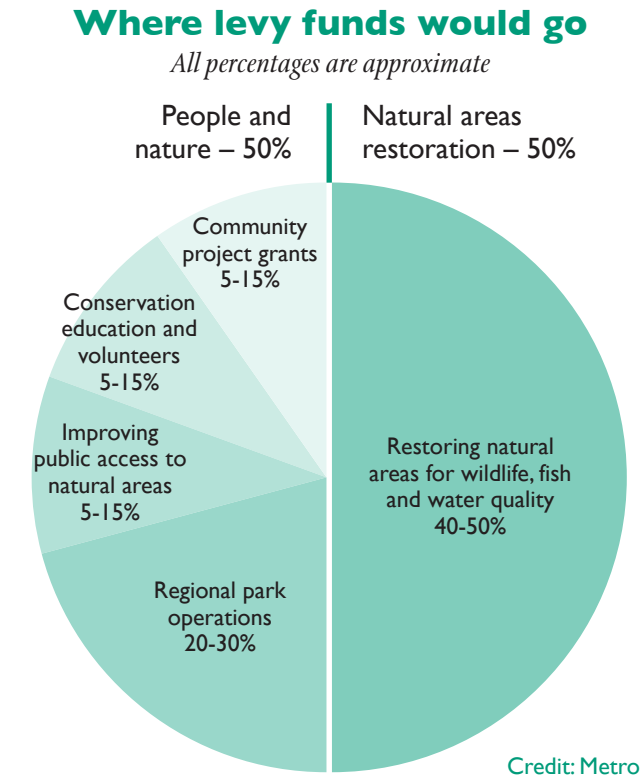
The areas include many high-profile nature parks like Cooper Mountain, Mt. Talbert, and Graham Oaks, as well as regional greenways such as the Springwater Corridor, Fanno Creek Greenway, Columbia Slough Trail, and the recently opened Trolley Trail.

In many cases, these acquisitions provided just-in-time protection for environmentally sensitive lands threatened by impending development, including thousands of acres of lesser-known natural areas. While voters authorized Metro and local governments to purchase and protect these natural areas from development, everyone hoped that one day funds would be available to enhance and restore them and to improve public access.

That day has come.

Conservation of these special natural places for future generations requires more than sparing them from bulldozers. Active restoration can greatly enrich local biodiversity, and long-term stewardship and care is essential for clean water and healthy wildlife populations. Moreover, appropriately designed public access to these natural treasures will help enrich our sense of place and inspire a culture of stewardship in the next generation. Expanded access and environmental education programs can turn these protected natural areas into outdoor classrooms for young people to learn about the natural world and ways to care for it. This all requires smart investments that balance human access with conservation.

That’s what Measure 26-152 — the Regional Natural Areas Levy — will do.



River Otter in the Multnomah Channel, which will receive improved canoe and kayak access.



Canemah Bluff in Clackamas County.

Where will levy funds go?

If passed by voters, this 5-year funding levy will raise \$53 million to improve and enhance the region’s interconnected system of parks, trails, and natural areas. The bulk of these funds (40–50 percent) will go to enhance and restore regionally significant natural areas protected by the 1995 and 2006 bond measures. An additional 20–30 percent of funds will make access improvements at key parks and natural areas like Blue Lake, Oxbow, Mt. Talbert, Cooper Mountain, and Graham Oaks. A smaller portion will fund education and volunteer programs aimed at giving people hands-on stewardship, monitoring, and natural history education experiences. Finally, the levy will provide about \$3.75 million over 5 years to a community grant program that will support local park and natural area projects or nature-based education for children and adults. The grant program will have a special focus on reaching the young people who will form the next generation of conservationists in the Portland metro region.

The historic role of Audubon Society of Portland

Audubon Society of Portland members have historically played an instrumental role in helping pass voter initiatives to protect our region’s urban wilds: our river and stream corridors, upland forests, oak woodlands, prairies, and wetlands. **More than ever, your support will be crucial to this effort.**

The May 2013 election will be a special election. That means voter turnout will be a key factor in passing the Regional Natural Areas Levy. And that is why your efforts to get friends, neighbors, and co-workers to vote Yes will be essential to victory in May.



Some levy funds will support environmental education for families.



Measure 26-152 will support riparian and wetland revegetation at Killin Wetlands in Washington County.



Glendoveer Golf Course in East Portland will receive trail improvements.

What can you do?

First and foremost, vote Yes! Register to vote by April 30. Special election ballots will be mailed out May 3, so look for your ballot in the mail shortly after and vote Yes on Measure 26-152. Ballots must be received by your local election office no later than May 21.

- In addition, there are a variety of ways you can get involved in the campaign over the next few months. To get involved in the campaign you can:
- Endorse the campaign, either individually or as part of an organization.
 - Introduce the campaign to a civic or community organization.
 - Volunteer to phone voters.
 - Volunteer to canvas.
 - Sign on to a voter pamphlet statement.
 - Write a letter to the editor.
 - Link to the campaign site (see links below).
 - “Like” the campaign’s Facebook page.
 - Support the campaign on your Facebook page.
 - Donate to the campaign.
 - Host a fundraising and educational event or house party.

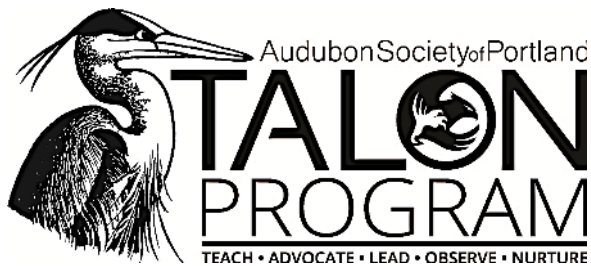


Belted Kingfisher in Multnomah County.



Yellow-rumped Warbler at Multnomah Channel.

To sign up to do any of these things, email the campaign at info@restoreournaturalareas.com or visit their website at restoreournaturalareas.com/endorse. Be sure to tell campaign staff that you are an Audubon member.



Grasping the Future
of Conservation:
Presenting the
TALON Program

by Gladys Ruiz, Eastside Conservation
Education Coordinator

Portland Audubon is excited to announce our new youth program: *Teach•Advocate•Lead•Observe•Nurture*, or “TALON” as we like to call it, is a training and employment program for young adults ages 16–22. Based out of Audubon’s Eastside branch at Leach Botanical Garden, the TALON program aims to reach diverse cultural and ethnic communities living in East Multnomah County. By introducing a younger and more ethnically diverse population to careers in conservation, wildlife care, and environmental education, TALON aspires to help shape the next generation of conservation leaders and carry Portland Audubon’s conservation and education mission into the 21st century.

Members of the TALON program will participate in a 10-week training program that will provide a foundation in local natural history, environmental science, and local and regional conservation issues. Upon completion each participant will be placed in an apprenticeship position among various Portland Audubon programs in education, conservation, and sanctuaries.

The TALON program aims to give young adults a real-life, hands-on experience that will better prepare them for a job in one of the many fields within environmental conservation. We are excited to report that we’ve secured funding for the program’s first two years, thanks to support from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation and the Spirit Mountain Casino Fund, as well as matching funds from John Gray via the Oregon Community Foundation.

Countless Finches Fall from Salmonella
Help Stop the Outbreak

by Lacy Campbell and Nikkie West

The Pine Siskin is what birders like to call a “little brown bird.” It is a type of finch that is primarily brown but can have striking yellow on the wings and on the rump. These birds tend to flock in large groups and can be found regularly at bird feeders in the winter around Portland, so we weren’t surprised to have one come in for treatment. This particular bird was quiet, reluctant to fly, and would sit fluffed up. Something wasn’t right about this bird, but what?

The weight seemed to be within the normal range for the species, and when we would give it food and water the bird would voraciously eat and get more alert. However, after a day of treatment, the bird mysteriously dropped dead. The next day we received 3 more Pine Siskins, all showing the same signs and all perking up and eating. The next couple of days we would see about 3 a day, and they were all dying regardless of the treatment we gave them. Then a couple of Lesser Goldfinches were brought in with similar symptoms. Our initial thought was Salmonellosis (Salmonella poisoning), an outbreak which occurs in Pine Siskin populations every year, but usually comes 2 months later. What could be afflicting these finches?

Sometimes being a rehabilitator is like being a CSI agent; we look for clues to try and find the cause of injury or death of the animals that come into our care. The animals we treat can’t tell us what is wrong with them and oftentimes they arrive with little or no information. When an animal is admitted we initially perform a complete physical examination. If an animal does not survive we can probe more deeply, first by performing a necropsy (an autopsy performed on an animal) and sometimes sending that body to a laboratory for additional testing.



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

Auction begins: Friday, March 22 | 9pm
Auction closes: Saturday, April 13 | 9pm

View auction items and bid at
paulubonauction.dojiggy.com



Cougar © Melinda Holland/ Oregon Zoo

To help pay for the cost of animal rehabilitation at Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center, we are pleased to offer experiences that promise to excite, thrill, and chill! Here are just a few of the unique experiences featured in our 3rd annual Call of the Wild auction:

Keeper ‘Job-Shadow’ at the Oregon Zoo

Shadow Oregon Zoo Keeper Michelle Schireman at the Cougar and Mountain Goat exhibits, and help her create an enrichment treat for the Cougars. You’ll get to place the enrichment in the cats’ exhibit and watch them play with it. We’re also auctioning off a behind-the-scenes tour at the zoo’s California Condor facility.

Glider Rides

Fly like a raptor as you glide on the whims of the wind in a 2-seater sailplane with commercial pilot Gary Gross. You’ll soar in motor-less, silent flight as you drink in the magnificent view below.

Evening Owl Prowl with John Deshler

Seek out the 5 owl species that live in Forest Park during late spring and early summer. Along the way, you’ll visit previous years’ owl nest sites, talk about owl survival strategies, and look for potential prey species.

Other auction items include guided bird walks, field trips and nature hikes, a “Learn to be a Tracker” experience, a “Raptor Release” experience, weekend get-away homes, and more. Don’t miss out! Bid heartily and help save wild animals at the Wildlife Care Center: paulubonauction.dojiggy.com.

Northern Pygmy Owl
© John Deshler



Lesser Goldfinch: Dave Menke, USFWS



Our wildlife veterinarian’s necropsies revealed that the birds were riddled with little hard granulomas, consistent with the initial suspicion, Salmonella. Confirmation came several days later from the OSU Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory — a culture confirmed Salmonella. These birds were heavily debilitated with Salmonella! It was no wonder that every treatment we tried wasn’t working. By the time these birds came in they were too far gone for treatment. This was unfortunate, but with every case there is a lesson to be learned.

Salmonella is a type of bacteria that can affect birds, humans, dogs, cats, and other animals. It is normally found in the gut of wild birds and will pass through the feces without harm to the animal. However, during the cold winter months, when there are large populations of immunosuppressed birds congregating at feeders, eating and defecating in the same place, we will sometimes see an outbreak. Because of the large volume of birds at the feeders, the amount of Salmonella which normally wouldn’t be a big deal is now a problem. Also, since these birds are spending a lot of time and energy just keeping warm, they don’t have a lot of extra energy to fight off infections. Siskins, because of their tendency to congregate in large flocks at feeders, are the most common birds we see with this problem, but other species that utilize feeders can be impacted as well.

The good news is that each of us that feed birds in our yards can adopt practices that reduce the likelihood that Salmonella poisoning occurs at our feeders.

First, *feed responsibly*, following the simple steps below. Second, *naturescape your yard* to provide natural habitat and



Pine Siskin © Scott Carpenter

natural food sources. This allows birds to move from spot to spot while feeding, reducing risk of disease transmission. And third, *pay attention to the birds at your feeder*. Sick birds may appear lethargic, puffed up and thin, and may have swollen eyelids. **If you see sick birds, please stop feeding!**

Tips for Responsible
Bird Feeding:

- **Only feed small amounts of food daily.** Multiple small feeders are better than supersized feeders. The more food you put out in one spot, the more likely it is to become moldy, contaminated, or mixed with bird feces.
- **Clean and disinfect feeders weekly** by soaking them for 15 min in diluted bleach solution (9 parts water to 1 part bleach). But for **hummingbird feeders: Do not use bleach!** Use vinegar and water in a 9:1 solution (9 parts water to 1 part vinegar) and a bottle brush to clean small crevices. **Rinse thoroughly!** Drying in the sun is ideal. A dry feeder will deter mold growth on seeds. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling feeders or baths!
- **Keep a tray under feeders to collect hulls and seed that fall.** Empty the discards every evening. This will prevent mold and disease for ground-feeding birds as well as avoid rodent infestations.
- **If you notice sick or dead birds:** Immediately remove feeders and bird baths and do not re-hang for at least one month. This allows the birds to disperse. Don’t worry — there are other sources of food out there for them.

Please be a responsible feeder, even if you have not yet seen sick or dead birds. This will help protect local birds from Salmonella and other diseases.

Educational Trips

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

PERU

October 4–18, 2013

Join us in experiencing the rich natural history and cultural heritage Peru offers. **Dan van den Broek** leads this trip to one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world, home to nearly 2,000 species of birds. Many other species of wildlife occur and we should encounter monkeys, sloths, caiman, and colorful butterflies, to name a few. Plus, we'll visit the famous Inca ruins of Machu Picchu and Sacsaywaman, where ancient empires once thrived.

Our journey begins in Cusco, once capital of the Inca Empire, where cobble-stoned streets and churches take you back to Spanish colonial days. Our time in Cusco will bring us to local birding hotspots in search of **Andean Duck, Puna Teal, Giant Hummingbird**, the brilliant **Many-colored Rush-Tyrant**, and the endemic **Bearded Mountaineer**. A visit to the dry Andean scrub and Paramo on the way to Abra Malaga should reveal more avian gems, such as **White-tufted Sunbeam, Chestnut-breasted Mountain-Finch**, and **Cream-crested Spinetail**. While enjoying the breathtaking scenery we'll keep our eyes to the sky, for this is our best chance at spotting the majestic **Andean Condor**.

While in Cusco we'll visit the Inca ruins of Sacsaywaman and have time to explore the local markets before visiting the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu, the mystical 'Lost City of the Incas.' High above the Urubamba River are the ruins of a citadel once filled with temples, where Inca high priests worshiped the Sun and Moon and animal deities such as the Jaguar and Condor. While we learn about these ruins we may find a few birds such as **White-winged Black-Tyrant, Golden-billed Saltator**, and the endemic **Inca Wren** as well as the rabbit-like **Northern Mountain Viscacha** hopping around the crevices.

Our journey continues down the east slope of the Andes to enter the biodiversity hotspot of the Manu Biosphere Reserve. On our way we pass through many life zones where we'll make stops to search for mixed-species flocks that may include species of mountain-toucans, tanagers, and euphonias. Set in the cloud forest is the **Cock-of-the Rock** Lodge, where we'll find the stunning bird which is its namesake. We'll also keep watch for dazzling birds such as **Golden-headed Quetzal, Highland Motmot, Dusky-green Oropendola, Wire-crested Thorntail**, and the **Versicolored Barbet**.

Where Andean foothills give way to Amazon lowlands we reach the world-famous Amazonia Lodge. Formerly a tea and citrus plantation, the grounds now support regenerating native vegetation offering refuge to an abundance of birds. We'll search for **Red-bellied Macaw, Rufous-crested Coquette, Gould's Jewelfront, Masked Crimson Tanager**, and **Red-capped Cardinal** while exploring the extensive trail system.

Next, we continue by boat down the Rio Madre de Dios, traveling deeper into the Amazon Basin to reach the Manu Wildlife Center. The location of this elegant lodge takes full birding-advantage of the rich forest that surrounds it. From here we visit the world famous Macaw Clay Lick where **Red-and-Green Macaw**, and **Orange-cheeked, Blue-headed, and Mealy Parrots** come to eat clay in order to absorb tannins and alkaloids ingested in their diet of unripe fruits. While on a catamaran on an oxbow lake we'll look for **Least Grebe, Wattled Jacana**, and **Amazon Kingfisher**. A canopy tower, in an emergent Ceiba tree, will give us a bird's-eye view of mixed-species flocks flitting through the treetops. Manu is home to 13 species of primates and we are sure to see some, such as the **Tufted Capuchin** and the **Peruvian Spider Monkey**.

This amazing trip features some of the best wildlife viewing in the world and exploration of world-famous Incan ruins. Please **contact Dan van den Broek** at **971-222-6105** or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org for more information or to reserve a spot.

Leader: Dan van den Broek
Fee: \$4195 member / \$4495 non-member

Group size: limited to 14 participants
Deposit: \$2100 secures your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation within Peru, 13 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, breakfasts, lunches, *some dinners*, local guide fees & tips, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your skilled leaders. **Not included:** *Airfare to & from Cusco and some dinners.*

Coming in Fall!

Steens Mountain & Alvord Desert

Tentative Dates: October 9–13, 2013
Contact Steve Engel at 971-222-6119.

JAMAICA

January 10–19, 2014

Escape the cold of winter and join Portland Audubon as we circumnavigate the island in search of its 28 endemic species of birds.

Leader: Steve Robertson
Tentative Fee: \$2595
Contact Steve Robertson at **971-222-6118**.

Group size: 14 participants
Deposit: \$1200 secures your place

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 Nature 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 unless approved beforehand by trip leader.

BIRDING

COSTA RICA

April 13–26, 2013

Join Portland Audubon on an epic adventure to the verdant world of Costa Rica, home to more than 800 colorful species of birds. **Boat-billed Heron, Fiery-billed Aracari**, and **Scarlet Macaw** await us at the Carara Biological Reserve and we'll also visit the cool Savegre River valley where the **Resplendent Quetzal**, considered by many as the most beautiful bird in the world, may be seen. At the La Selva Biological Station we'll hike the lowland rainforest to seek out mixed-species flocks containing **Snowy Cotinga, Streak-headed Woodcreeper**, and **Green Honeycreeper**, to name just a few. In Tortuguero, "the Amazon of Costa Rica," we'll boat along canals where **up to 6 species of kingfisher** may be found. Expect to see over 250 species of strange and enchanting birds on this trip, plus amazing mammals, beautiful butterflies, and fascinating reptiles. Contact **Dan van den Broek** at **971-222-6105** or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org for details and to register.

Leader: Dan van den Broek
Fee: \$3595 members / \$3895 non-members

Group size: limited to 14 participants
Deposit: \$1800 secures your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation within Costa Rica, 13 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, meals *except some dinners*, local guide fees & tips, entrance fees, excursions, and the services of your skilled leaders. **Not included:** *Airfare to & from Portland and some dinners.*

Birding Tahoe

June 12–16, 2013

Join **Kirk Hardie**, Audubon trip leader and Co-Executive Director of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science, on an exciting excursion to Lake Tahoe and surrounding montane ecosystems. Lake Tahoe is the largest alpine lake as well as the 2nd deepest lake in the U.S. Its crystal-blue waters reflect alpine peaks rising thousands of feet above the basin, creating spectacular views that have inspired generations of photographers.

We'll explore far and wide through diverse habitats of pine forests and alpine ridges, mountain meadows and riparian zones, for Sierra Nevada specialties such as **White-headed Woodpecker, Clark's Nutcracker, Pine Grosbeak**, and **Williamson's Sapsucker**. Conditions permitting, we'll search for the elusive **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** by riding the tram at the Squaw Valley ski resort, one of the most reliable locations in the Sierra Nevada. Other mountain specialties we will be on the lookout for are **Mountain Quail, Sooty Grouse**, and **Northern Goshawk**. Searching riparian zones will provide the opportunity to see **Bald Eagle, Willow Flycatcher**, and **MacGillivray's Warbler**, while meadows could bring sightings of **Dusky Flycatcher, Calliope Hummingbird**, and **Cassin's Finch**. Possible sightings in pine forests and along alpine ridges are **Nashville Warbler, Western Tanager, Lazuli Bunting**, and **Green-tailed Towhee**.

We end the tour exploring the Sierra Valley to the north of the Tahoe Basin. Over 1,000 feet lower than Lake Tahoe, this expansive mountain valley cradles a large wetland system that connects with high desert habitats of grassland and sagebrush. Here we'll search for breeding **Sandhill Cranes, Short-eared Owls**, and **shorebirds** that we won't find in the Tahoe Basin. This is a wonderful spring getaway to a beautiful part of the American West. **Contact Steve Engel** at **971-222-6119** or sengel@audubonportland.org for details and to register.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Audubon Trip Leader & Co-Exec.Dir. of Tahoe Institute for Natural Science
Group size: limited to 10 participants
Fee: \$895 members / \$1095 non-members

Deposit: \$400 secures your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation, **double-occupancy** lodging, park fees, guide fees, meals *except dinners*, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** *Airfare to & from Reno and dinners.*

2 spaces remain

Australia

November 5–19, 2013

Like no other place else on Earth, Australia is unique unto itself. This trip is designed to thrill the avid birder and novice naturalist alike, and to give everyone a well-rounded, first-hand experience of natural Australia. **Contact Steve Robertson** at **971-222-6118**.

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director; Mike Houck, Director of Urban Greenspaces Institute; and local guides
Group size: limited to 14 participants
Fee: * \$3995 member / \$4295 non-member

Deposit: \$2000 secures your place

Tasmania Extension!

November 19–24, 2013

One of the most beautiful places on the planet, Tasmania is simply unforgettable. This extension is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience — unless Tasmania's charms lure you back again... and again.... **Contact Steve Robertson** at **971-222-6118**.

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director; Mike Houck, Director of Urban Greenspaces Institute; and local guides
Group size: limited to 14 participants
Fee: * \$1795 member / \$2045 non-member

Deposit: \$1000 secures your place

***Fee for Australia and Tasmania includes:** All ground transportation in Australia, **double-occupancy** lodging, excursions (including dive boat), meals *except dinners*, fees and tips for local guides, park fees, local fares and taxes, and the services of your trip leaders. **Not included:** *Airfare to, from, or within Australia, and tips at meals (always optional).*

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

Owls with Harry Nehls
March 19 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Join local birding expert **Harry Nehls** for an evening exploring the world of nocturnal raptors — the owls of Oregon. Weighing from a couple of ounces to 4 pounds, they are a diverse lot of over a dozen species. Which ones breed here and which ones are winter visitors? Hoo Hoo is the most widespread and Hoo Hoo is the rarest?
Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free for active volunteers

Lifestyles of the Small and Spineless
March 20 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
The diversity of invertebrates can be mind-boggling if you don’t have a framework for classifying and understanding them. This class will present a basic overview of the life histories and ecology of those joint-legged animals we call “bugs” — from insects to spiders, millipedes to centipedes, and more. Join **Cader Olive** for a beginner’s introduction to the world of invertebrates.
Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Little Brown Birds: Sparrows, Finches, and Wrens
March 28 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
March 30 (Sat), 8am–3pm: Field Trip
In this class, local author and guide **John Rakestraw** will help you learn the field marks and behaviors that make all these birds unique. On Saturday, we will visit some local “sparrow patches” to see and hear these birds in person.
Class with Field Trip: \$25 members / \$40 non-members
Field Trip limited to 15 participants
Class-Only Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Birding By Ear – Resident Birds
April 8 and 22 (Mon), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall
April 14, 21, 28 (Sun), 7am–10am: Field Trips
Birding By Ear with **Laura Whittemore**! The April class focus is on learning songs and vocalizations of resident birds such as Song Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and American Robin.
Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members

Nature Journaling: Spring Awareness! Colors and Forms
April 14 & 28 (Sun), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall
We will practice ways of recording in our journals with simple, effective drawing, watercolor, and writing exercises. This class is for beginners and beyond! See website for materials list.
Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members (plus materials)
Class size: limited to 16 participants

Wild Edible Plants
April 21 (Sun), 10am–3pm: Local Natural Areas
You’ll be amazed at how much delicious and nutritious food grows wild all around us, both in the city and the wilderness. You’ll learn how to gather food from the wild safely and sustainably. **Cader Olive** will share his years of experience in gathering, preparing, and storing wild food, and show you what a connecting and satisfying experience with nature this can be.
Fee: \$25 members / \$40 non-members
Class size: limited to 20 participants



Skunk Cabbage
© Tammi Miller

Warblers and Flycatchers
April 26 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
April 27 (Sat), 7am–11am: Field Trip
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 with Field Trip: \$25 members / \$40 non-members
Field Trip limited to 15 participants
Class-Only option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Adult Classes

Identifying Spring Shorebirds
May 3 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
May 4 (Sat), all day: Field Trip to Oregon Coast
Shorebirds offer the birder unique challenges in identification — they are fast, small, and similar in shape and color. Author and teacher **John Rakestraw** will illustrate the field marks that distinguish Western and Least Sandpipers and how to recognize Red Knots, Dunlin, and more. The evening class is followed up with an all-day field trip (transportation provided) to the north Oregon Coast.
Class with Field Trip: \$75 members / \$95 non-members
Field Trip limited to 12 participants/van.
Class-Only option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members



Least Sandpiper
© Jim Cruce

Coming Up!
See website for details and to register:

Wildflowers in the Coast Range
May 4 (Sat) or June 8 (Sat), 8am–5pm
Fee: \$20 members / \$30 non-members

Birding By Ear — Migrant Birds
May 6 and 20 (Mon), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall
May 12, 19, 26 (Sun), 7am–10am: Field Trips

Birding By Ear – Nesting Birds
June 3 and 17 (Mon), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall
June 9, 16, 23 (Sun), 7am–10am: Field Trips

Wilderness Immersion Course Spring Quarter

This course is about learning how to feel at home in the wilderness, wherever you are. It will enable you to continue to learn, change, and adapt so that you can hear more, see more, and deepen your understanding and connection with nature for the rest of your life. Whether you want to spot hidden animals, read faint tracks, see the intricate connections in an ecosystem, quit worrying about getting lost, or learn to interact with a bear without panic, this unique course can help.



William O. Douglas
Wilderness:
Victor Szalvay

What students said about fall quarter:
“He is a brilliant instructor who has an amazing wealth of knowledge. His teaching skills are excellent. His reading lists are intense and comprehensive. I am looking forward to additional ‘wilderness’ experiences.”—Marilyn Abend

“Loved this course! It got me back out into the wilderness with new eyes for experiencing nature with all of my senses in a new way. Although I had previously spent years outside, this course brought me much closer to the essence of nature which I had never before experienced. The unique nature of this course is exactly what I needed. Thank you.”—Ann Mai

(Saturdays, 9am–1pm):
March 23, 30; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18 (overnight)

Locations: Columbia River Gorge
Fee: \$395 per quarter (**new price!**)
Class size: limited to 14 participants
To register: Contact **Steve Engel** at 971-222-6119 or sengel@audubonportland.org.

The World of Birds: Beyond Identification

Take a new and deeper look at the World of Birds. This exciting new program is for birders who want to increase not just their ID skills, but also their knowledge of birds. Each series of 3 classes and 3 field trips covers one or more ornithological concepts such as taxonomy, migration, breeding behavior, avian physiology, feathers, plumage, and more. Each class includes lecture and discussion on selected concepts followed by review of targeted species in preparation for the Saturday morning field trip.
Classes: 7pm–9 pm in Heron Hall
Field Trips: 7am–11am; locations and carpooling to be announced
Fee (per series): \$145 members / \$175 non-members
Class size: limited to 16 participants

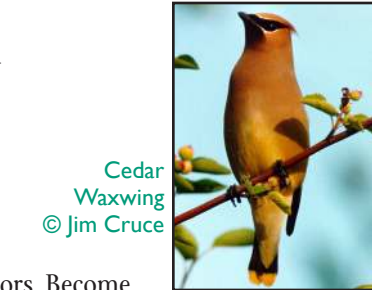
Understanding Bird Song
Classes: June 26; July 3, 10
Field Trips: June 29; July 6, 13

Dive deeper into learning bird song and interpreting related behaviors. Become intimately acquainted with the world of bird song through field exercises.

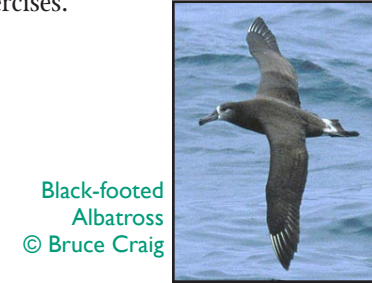
Bird Taxonomy and Zoogeography
Classes: July 24, 31; August 7
Field Trips: July 27; August 3, 10
Learn a framework of classification based on the latest science and explore the biogeography of Oregon bird families.

Theories on Migration
Classes: September 4, 11, 18
Field Trips: September 7, 14, 21
Explore the mysteries of bird migration — movement, direction, distance, timing, trigger, and weather — as fall migration is occurring.

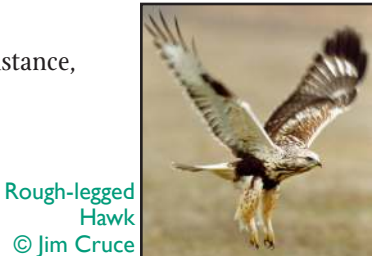
For more information or to register, contact **Dan van den Broek** at 971-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.



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Waxwing
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Albatross
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Spring Break Camps
March 25–29

Summer Camps
June 25 – August 31

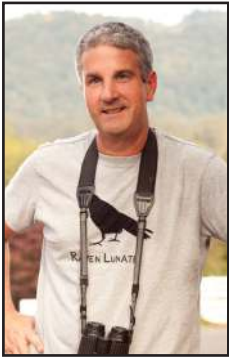
For details on these camps and to register, go to audubonportland.org.

Nature Store Events

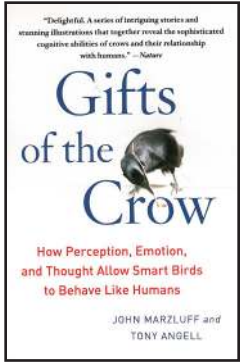
Join Us in Heron Hall for These Free Author Events!

John Marzluff to Appear at Audubon March 6th at 5:30 pm

Noted corvid researcher and author **John Marzluff** will speak in Heron Hall in a special late-afternoon appearance on **Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30 pm**. His most recent book, the Northwest best-seller *Gifts of the Crow*, is newly out in paperback (Atria Books, \$15.00). Also now in paperback is his 2011 publication, *Dog Days, Raven Nights* (Yale University Press, \$17.00). Marzluff is the subject of the very popular PBS Nature documentary *A Murder of Crows*, now also available on DVD. Join us for a free presentation and book signing. If you would like to reserve a signed copy of any of his titles, please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.



© J. Marzluff



With his extraordinary research on the intelligence and startling abilities of corvids — crows, ravens, and jays — Marzluff teams up with artist-naturalist Tony Angell to tell amazing stories of these brilliant birds in *Gifts of the Crow*. With narrative, diagrams, and gorgeous line drawings, they offer an in-depth look at these complex creatures and our shared behaviors. Crows gather around their dead, warn of impending doom, recognize people, commit murder of other crows, lure fish and birds to their death, swill coffee, drink beer, turn on lights to stay warm, design and use tools, use cars as nutcrackers, windsurf and sled to play, and work in tandem to spray soft cheese out of a can. Their marvelous brains allow them to think, plan, and reconsider their actions.

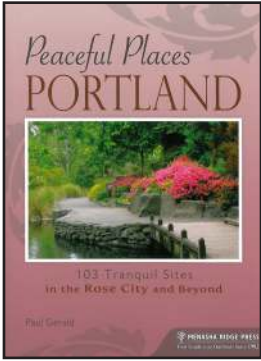
John Marzluff, PhD, is Professor of Wildlife Science at the University of Washington. He is the author of 4 books and over 100 scientific papers on various aspects of bird behavior. In great demand as a guest speaker, he often presents at bird festivals and conferences across the country.

Paul Gerald presents Peaceful Places Portland on April 3rd

Tranquility. It's a rare thing to find in our hectic, plugged-in, multi-tasking world, but **Paul Gerald** wants to help you find the quiet, relaxing places in the Portland area. *Peaceful Places Portland: 103 Tranquil Sites in the Rose City and Beyond* (Menasha Ridge Press, \$14.95) is a collection of locations — natural areas, commercial businesses, and other public places — where you can slow down and find your inner calm. The Audubon Sanctuary is one of the featured locations!



© Cheryl Juetten



The Nature Store welcomes Gerald to Heron Hall at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd**. The event is free and open to the public. His presentation will be followed by a book signing. If you would like to reserve a signed copy of the book, please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.

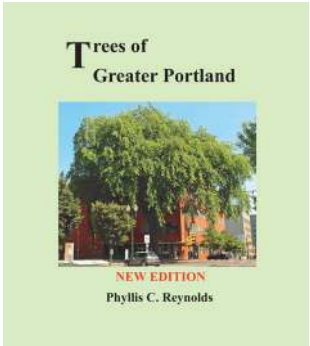
Paul Gerald is a freelance writer, author, and publisher, specializing in travel, hiking, and camping guides. He is also a connoisseur of breakfast spots around town, featured in his all-breakfast guide to Portland called *Breakfast in Bridgetown*. His articles have appeared in *The Oregonian* and *Willamette Week*, among other publications. His goal as a writer? “Go to interesting places, do interesting things, meet interesting people, and then tell the story.”

Celebrate Arbor Month with Audubon and Phyllis Reynolds! Join us April 27 at 3pm

April is Arbor Month, so join Portland Audubon as we welcome longtime member and author **Phyllis Reynolds** to Heron Hall on **Saturday, April 27th at 3:00 pm** for a free celebration of the trees of our community. Reynolds has recently totally updated and republished her classic work from 1993, *Trees of Greater Portland* (Macrophyllum Press, \$22.00), a guide to the most exceptional individual tree specimens in the Portland area, complete with many color photos and 9 suggested tree walks in Portland. Come join us for an afternoon devoted to some of the oldest and largest beings in the area!



© Molly Jones



A native Portlander, Phyllis is a graduate of (now) Catlin Gabel School and the University of Minnesota. Holding a PhD in Clinical Psychology, she worked in that field until the late 1970s, when she became a printmaker for several years. Beginning in the late 1980s she turned her focus to the trees of our community. The very popular first edition of *Trees of Greater Portland* was published in 1993, co-written with the late Elizabeth Dimon. Since then she served on the Urban Forestry Commission for 10 years and was the head of their Heritage Tree Committee. Phyllis has inventoried the trees of campuses — Reed College, Catlin Gabel School, OHSU — and city parks — Laurelhurst, Columbia, Couch — and has shared her expertise by leading many tree walks around the city.

Sanctuaries

The Value of Native Plants

by **Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director**

I recently received an email from a city employee asking me to look over the scope of a landscape maintenance contract the city will be bidding out for a fairly prominent property that it manages. This city employee was concerned that there were some rather “unsustainable” elements to the scope of the contract, including frequent fertilizations and waterings for a landscape that was already well established. Beyond that, the scope just seemed really heavy for a landscape that was already well established (at least 15 years). Her primary request of me was to see if there were some changes that could be made to the maintenance plan to make it more sustainable.

After taking a thorough look at the contract specifications, it was easy to pick out the elements that were not sustainable (most of them). The challenge, however, was to find suitable alternatives to suggest. After some thorough head scratching I had to come to the conclusion that the most sustainable alternative would be to suggest ripping out the whole landscape and starting over with a native planting plan.

It is down-to-earth logic, really. Native landscapes, once maintained, can essentially sustain themselves. As a land manager the bulk of my time and energy is spent dealing with invasive plant and erosion issues, two problems introduced into the landscape by people and the infrastructure we have created. I spend very little time actually tending to plants. Native plants have spent eons adapting themselves to the soils and climate of this region and have sustained themselves without human assistance for just as long.



Many volunteers help with the sale © Carol Gross



Volunteer Kyle Spinks (right) © Portland Audubon



Early birds getting the worms (and plants too) © Carol Gross

It's simple: if you want a sustainable landscape plan, whether for your back yard, workplace, country acreage, or wherever, go native.

And what better time and place to select and purchase your native plants than at the Audubon Society of Portland's 17th annual **Native Plant Sale on Saturday & Sunday, April 20 & 21, 10am–4pm** both days. As always, over 100 species of native trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, grasses, and vines will be available for sale.

Native Plant Sale
April 20 & 21
(Sat & Sun)
10am–4pm

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

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

Last year's shopping lists will be made available in the lobby of the Nature Store in March and April. With a few exceptions you can expect the same selection of plants at this year's sale. We apologize, but digital copies of the shopping list cannot be made available.

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

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

Come get the big picture on naturescaping, rain gardens, invasive plant removal, and more. Turn your own yard into a wildlife sanctuary! And if you want to learn more and come up with a more comprehensive plan, the Portland Audubon Nature Store stocks a wonderful collection of books on native plants, wildlife, and naturescaping.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!
You Make It All Possible!

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

Oregon’s “Spring” Dates:
about February 16 to May 15

Field Notes
by Harry Nehls

April is “Volunteer Month” so the Audubon Society of Portland wants to thank all our volunteers who contribute their valuable time and talents. Their efforts help us fulfill our mission to inspire people to love and protect nature. We are deeply indebted to the individuals who give graciously of their energy to ensure that people and native wildlife flourish together. We would not be able to accomplish the work we do without their help. This list includes Portland Audubon’s key volunteers who dedicate a substantial amount of time, weekly or monthly. We also appreciate the many volunteers who help out on annual events and one-time projects, though space limitations prohibit listing them here.

Brooke Abbruzzese	Chris Grant	Mary Narey
Marilyn Abend	Thom Green	Jill Nelson-Debord
Mary Abplanalp	Mark Greenfield	Noelwah Netusil
Pamela Aldrich	Enid Griffin	Colby Neuman
Joan Amero	Sharon Grondin	Patty Newland
Harriet Anderson	Carol Gross	Roman Ng
Lisa Anderson	Gary Gross	Pamela Nielsen
Marty Anderson	Wink Gross	Nancy Novitch
Charles Aubin	Marcia Hale	Cader Olive
Jean Baecher Brown	Rosie Hamilton	Lorena O’Neill
Matthew Baird	Joyce Hamreus	John Osborn
Rick Balazs	Margaret Hancock	Tarissa Palmer
Sam Baldwin	Gary Hanel	Jennifer Parks
Annie Barklis	Joan Hanel	Mike Peroni
Stephanie Bartlett	Joy Hansford	Denise Petrie
Justin Bauer	Diane Harris	Candy Plant
Adam Baz	Kathe Hart	John Plant
Margaret Bell	Jane Hartline	Tom Potts
Lani Bennett	Lusan Hartner	Jennifer Rader
Helen Beum	John Hartog	Sharon Ralston
Susan Bexton	Ashley Harvey	Mary Ratcliff
Michelle Bickley	Erin Hauck	Kirsten Reeves
Robyn Bluemmel	Bill Helsley	Becca Reynolds
Molly Bluhm	Irene Higgins	Shelley Reynolds
Michelle Bolin	Barb Hill	Josie Reznik
Frankie Borison	Lucian Himes	Jan Risser
Jonathan Brandt	Tim Himes	Will Risser
Amber Breeding	Adrian Hinkle	Leah Rivendell
April Brown	Christopher Hinkle	Brigette Robb
Barb Bryan	Tom Hofmann	Laura Roberts
Jeff Buckingham	Aubrey Hornor	Jake Robertson
Priscilla Butler	Phil Hubert	Daniel Rohlf
Sheryl Butler	Deborah Hyde	Sue Rosenbaum
Luanne Bye	Victoria Isaac	Emily Roskam
Pat Campbell	Julie Isaacson	Christine Ross
Robin Carpenter	Dawn Jansen	Ginnie Ross
Sue Carr	Jean Johnson	Lamont Ross
Claire Carter	Gerry-Anna Jones	Kyna Rubin
Alice Cascorbi	Laurie Jupe	Toni Rubin
Tanya Cecka	Robin Juskowiak	Meg Ruby
Karen Chaivoe	Joyce Kaplan	Scott Salzwedel
Joe Chapman	Leanne Kerner	Sherie Salzwedel
Sharon Chesney	Joanna Khan	Anne Sammis
Nancy Cheverton	Brianna King	Em Scattaregia
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Jessica Dahmen	Dana Kuiper	Brian Scott
Susan Dale	Amrita Kumar	Linda Scott
Gary Davis	Robert Lampert	Marilyn Scott
Helene Davis	Elinor Langer	Marisa Scott
Margo DeBeir	Candace Larson	Tom Seemann
Ray Debord	Patricia Larson	Jesse Serna
Tony DeFalco	Katri Laukkanen	Akane Shiota
Barbara Demanincor	Linda Leavens	Wendy Shoemaker
Dick Demarest	George Leavitt	Bonnie Shoffner
Bonnie Deneke	Josh Lee	Annie Shull
Dre Dengo	Wendy Lee	Mandy Sims
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Steve Dickinson	Bruce Lind	Barbara Smith
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Eric Dittert	Ann Littlewood	Matt Smith
Heather Durham	Bob Lockett	Max Smith
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Carol Edwards	Glenn Luft	Mary Solares
John Edwards	Rie Luft	Kiersten Sorensen
Katy Ehrlich	Scott Lukens	Jackie Sparks
Amira El-Cherbini	Jenna Lundmark	Ann Spencer
Willow Elliott	Barbara Macomber	Kyle Spinks
Kent Ellsworth	Becky Magnuson	Dorothy Springer
Carol Enyart	Fay Malloy	Dorion Stanger
Jordan Epstein	David Mandell	Marilyn Stinnett
Ron Escano	Molly Marks	Susan Stone
Carol Evans	Susannah Marriner	Trudi Stone
Gregg Everhart	Louise Martel	Bennet Strauss
Jef Famulare	Glenda Martin	Elijah Stuck
Bob Fields	Marcia Marvin	Susan Stuck
June Fields	Carol McAllister	Kat Studdert
Karen Fitzsimmons	Richard McCollom	Cynthia Sulaski
Anna Fleischman	Deanna McCrary	Kendra Sundt
Mike Fleischman	Connee McCready	Sarah Swanson
Nancy Fraser	Cathi McNeil	Lynn Sweeney
Luc Frauens	Micah Meskel	Jessica Swift
Carol Fuller	Pam Meyers	Sandy Tamiesie
Martha Gannett	Rick Meyers	Jordon Taylor
Laurie Garretson	Gary Michaelis	Rochelle Teeny
Darlene Geiger	Arati Michaud	Bob Thompson
Kristina Gifford	Janet Miller	Carolyn Thompson
Linda Gipe	Rachel Miller	Liz Thompson
Jeremy Glass	Betsey Minthorn	El Tobin
Carol Goldberg	Michelle Mintmier	Adrienne Torres
Ardis Gonzales	Carol Mitchell	Nancy Tufts
Catherine Goode	Chris Mongeon	Dena Turner
Monica Gordon	Charlie Monroe	Jill Turner
Pat Gorman	Tyrus Monson	Cecile Valastro
Brittany Graham	Alice Naman	Marie Valleryoy

As in all living things, bird activities are dictated by the sun. During winter months a bird’s metabolism is slowed. The idea is not to put on and store fat, but to conserve what you have, and don’t overdo it. However, when days lengthen, changes take place within birds: hormones are secreted, sexual glands become active, and birds become increasingly restless. They begin to eat ravenously and put on huge amounts of fat. Fights break out among flocks, and many birds break away and begin wandering. The tension increases... and then migration begins. Even non-migratory birds feel this need to migrate, but attachment to their territory is too strong for them to leave. Still, they often join passing migrant flocks for a time. Caged pet birds even get restless and put on fat.

The human concept of the seasons does not match that of wildlife. We consider the first day of winter as December 21, the shortest day of the year, which is actually the middle of winter. The longest day is June 21, the middle of summer, not the start. As the seasons advance and retreat

Sightings

Undoubtedly the winter’s most spectacular birding event was the rather tame **Ovenbird** that wintered in NE Portland. Suzanne Hannam first saw the bird in her yard Nov 27, and she then graciously hosted many interested birders as the Ovenbird continued to be seen into February.

Not as shocking, but Anne Shales continued to see the wintering **Black-headed Grosbeak** at her NE Portland feeders as it slowly changed from female-like plumage into that of an adult male.

Jim Werner reported a male **Western Tanager** in SE Portland Dec 16. Celeste Mazzacano’s photos showed it still had some red on the head. On Dec 23 Stuart Johnston saw a female Western in The Dalles. A female Western Tanager was found dead on a Portland street during Jan 5’s Portland Christmas Count.

Black Phoebes are now fairly common in Western Oregon. One is quite regular at Tualatin River NWR. The pair seen at Whitaker Ponds may attempt nesting this spring. Black Phoebe

s with the sun’s movement, the timing differs with an area’s distance from the equator. For Oregon the seasons best fit the following approximate schedule:

- Spring: February 16 – May 15
- Summer: May 16 – August 15
- Fall: August 16 – November 15
- Winter: November 16 – February 15

Taking these dates into account, perhaps we can define the seasons even closer over the next years. Keep in mind that weather may influence migrations, but not the seasons. The earth’s recent warming trend may affect the seasons, and birds might respond to that trend.

So if spring comes to Oregon mid-Feb and lasts until mid- May, spring migrations fit well in this framework, with some overlap caused by ambitious individuals and late movers. Several species regularly arrive early. **Turkey Vulture**, **Cinnamon Teal**, and **Tree Swallow** numbers began increasing during the last week of January.

Harris’s Sparrow on Sauvie Island © Scott Carpenter



Several birders reported a flock or two of **Red Crossbills** at Oaks Bottom in Jan. On Jan 14 Eric Carlson saw a **Lapland Longspur** at Broughton Beach near Portland Airport. Paul Sullivan saw a **Cassin’s Finch** at a McMinnville feeder Jan 19. Several **Mountain Chickadees** continued to be seen at Portland-area feeders through winter.

Tufted Ducks continued to be reported along the Columbia River at Camas and around the Sandy River’s mouth. On Dec 31 Steve Nord saw one at Jackson Bottom. On Jan 27 Lars Norgren spotted one along North Valley Rd south of Hillsboro (possibly the same bird). One or more **Ross’s Geese** have been spotted among Portland-area goose flocks this winter.

The Sauvie Island sparrow hedges along Rentenaar Rd have been excellent this winter. Sparrows reported have included **Harris’s**, **Clay-colored**, **White-throated**, **White-crowned**, **Golden-crowned**, **Lincoln’s**, **Swamp**, **Fox**, and **Song Sparrows**, and **Dark-eyed Junco**. While checking one of the many other sparrow flocks on the Island, on Jan 21 David Irons saw a stalking **Pygmy Owl** also watching the flock.

Volunteer of the Month: Linda Gipe

by Pam Meyers, Membership Development Coordinator

Ever notice the blur of a small figure with a mop of gold curls darting between Membership, Admin, and the Wildlife Care Center on a Wednesday? It’s **Linda Gipe**, Volunteer extraordinaire, rushing from one volunteer job to another! Linda is our Volunteer of the Month, recognized for her work with Membership/ Development, Reception, and the Wildlife Care Center.

A member since 1987, with a lifelong interest in conservation and environmental issues, Linda started volunteering in August 2010. Beginning as a Receptionist on Wednesday afternoons, she became known for her infectious laugh, quick wit, and her ability to handle just about any task that came her way with efficiency and accuracy.

Noting this, the Membership Department asked her if she could help them with data entry after a long-time volunteer retired in November 2011. Linda agreed and started spending a full day with Audubon on Wednesdays — working for Membership in the mornings and at Reception in the afternoons. Linda’s intelligence, her attention to detail, and her persistence served her well in learning the complex database, and she quickly became an invaluable part of the team. She also generously shares the bounty of her husband Dan’s vegetable garden with all the staff — along with great recipes. And oh, how we love that laugh!

In early 2012, Linda began to alternate her Wednesday afternoons between Reception and the Wildlife Care

Photo: Deanna Sawtelle

Center, providing data entry for patient intake info and wildlife phone call inquiries, a vital part of our Urban Conservation Program. She is now revamping the intake form to improve the information-gathering process. And if all of this was not enough, Linda joined the Volunteer Council in July 2012, jumping in as an enthusiastic leader in Portland Audubon’s Volunteer Program.

A Seattle native, Linda attended college in central Pennsylvania, earning a BS in ecology/environmental science. She and Dan moved to Portland in 1985. Linda gained much of her amazing administrative experience during her years working for Education Northwest. In addition to volunteering for Portland Audubon, she assists Tualatin Riverkeepers and the Feral Cat Coalition.

Linda and Dan joined Portland Audubon after a visit to the Sanctuary and decided it was a worthy cause to support. They and their two children (Rachel and Nick, now in college and grad school) enjoy getting outdoors. Both Rachel and Nick participated in Audubon camps and Rachel was a counselor in training for a few summers. In her “down” time, Linda enjoys hiking, reading, gardening, jigsaw puzzles, swimming, cooking — and running (so she can eat what she cooks!).

We thoroughly enjoy having you as part of Portland Audubon, Linda! **Thank you for all you do!**

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

- Cornell Center Animal Hospital
Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital
Gladstone Veterinary Clinic
VCA Rock Creek Veterinary Hospital
Susan Kirschner, The Animal Eye Doctor

In memory of longtime volunteer Ron Spencer.

2013 Board Elections

CANDIDATES FOR 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD OFFICERS

David Mandell, President

Research Director of Children’s Institute; PhD in Political Science; active birder since age 5; has led ocean birding trips off Oregon coast for The Bird Guide for nearly a decade; 13-year Portland resident; participant and co-leader of A-Grebe-able Birdathon team. “As father of a 7-year-old, the legacy we leave to our children has taken on new significance for me. Audubon’s leadership in conservation and environmental education is key to preserving that legacy. I believe that my experience in public policy and nonprofit work will help advance Audubon’s mission.”

John Osborn, Vice President

Background in corporate finance in different industries; currently Vice President of Strategic Finance and Supply Chain Management at nonprofit Cambia Health Solutions; has been fascinated with birds since growing up in rural Indiana; enjoys birding and nature photography. With over 34 years of diversified work experience, John believes he can contribute greatly to Audubon’s conservation and education mission. John’s recent focus includes Wildlife Care Center’s long-range strategic planning. “I am committed to making Portland Audubon a top priority and will strive to contribute in achieving its goals and objectives.”

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Jennifer Miller

Environmental Consultant for 20+ years; has worked on environmental planning, conservation, and restoration efforts throughout Oregon, including Klamath Basin; strong background in Ornithology as well as Northwest and Great Basin wild and urban ecology. “I’m a certified Project Management Professional and my task and budget management skills will be assets to Portland Audubon. For the last 9 years I’ve been part of the illustrious Surly Birders Birdathon team. I’m eager to be a greater part of Portland Audubon with its potential to improve our little corner of the world for future generations.”

Jim Rapp

First elected to the Board in 1998; served 3 elected terms as President and another term in 2011; on Executive and Sanctuary Committees and committee examining Wildlife Care Center’s future; past Director of For the Sake of Salmon and Vice President of The Wetlands Conservancy; presently on Urban Greenspaces Institute Board. Was City Manager of Sherwood, OR for 11 years, led formation of Tualatin River NWR, established floodplain preservation programs. Currently a senior planner with consulting firm Parametrix. Stepped in as Audubon Board President in 2011 when the incumbent left; will focus on Wildlife Care Center, Marmot Cabin, Sanctuaries.

Dan Rohlf

“I’ve been fascinated by the natural world all my life, and spend much of my free time outdoors, including watching birds. I’ve dedicated my career to conservation and environmental education, and have been on the environmental law faculty at Lewis and Clark Law School for over 20 years. As co-founder and former Clinical Director of Lewis and Clark’s environmental law clinic, I have long been active in efforts to protect natural areas and wildlife. I deeply admire Portland Audubon’s efforts toward these goals, and see it as one of the state’s most effective conservation advocacy organizations.”

Candy Plant, Treasurer

Wildlife Care Center volunteer since 1991; Education Bird Assistant, Wild Arts Festival Finance Committee member, past Volunteer Council member; Board Treasurer for past 2 years; Staff Accountant for local CPA firm; in public accounting for 35 years, working with nonprofit organizations; has complete understanding of accounting principles and Form 990 filing requirements. “As Board Treasurer I’ll Chair the Finance Committee and assist in tax filing requirements. I’ve worked with many of Portland Audubon’s outstanding staff as a long-time volunteer, and will give them my support as a Board member.”

Barb Hill, Secretary

“I’ve been Board Secretary for the past year and would greatly like to continue this service to Portland Audubon.” Served on Executive Committee for past 2 years; chaired committee that revised bylaws to more current and meaningful for Portland Audubon’s organization and goals; participated in Wild Arts Festival, Christmas Bird Count, sponsorship at fundraising events. “My education and career as a wildlife biologist involved in land management provides me with experience and skills that contribute to Portland Audubon’s efforts for avian and other wildlife and habitat conservation.”

Anne Sammis

A geriatrician and internist with Legacy Health Systems, Anne has been a bird and animal watcher for the last 30+ years. She and husband Eric have traveled extensively with Portland Audubon and enjoyed many of their education classes. Anne joined the Board because she was impressed with the organization’s work with education, conservation, and animal care at the Wildlife Care Center. “I have long admired Portland Audubon, its staff, and its volunteers. I am eager to do some work and give back to the organization.”

Tammy Spencer

Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Pacific University, Tammy brings extensive knowledge and expertise in marketing and communications strategy development and implementation as well as successful event, volunteer, and fundraising experience. A long-time supporter of Portland Audubon and passionate about its mission, she is an enthusiastic birder and has strong interest in protecting habitat. As a Board member Tammy looks forward to continuing the legacy of her father, Ron Spencer, an active and engaged member of the Board and volunteer for many years.

Adrienne Wolf-Lockett

Has served 4 terms on Portland Audubon’s Board and as Vice President and Secretary; past president of Redwood Region Audubon and Northcoast Environmental Center in Arcata, CA. Coordinated 2 Northern California Birdathons, participated in numerous Christmas Bird Counts. On Executive Committee and Volunteer Council; volunteers at Nature Store and Swift Watch. Environmental volunteer with husband Bob in Peace Corps-Jamaica 2009–11, continues birding ecotourism projects. “I’m continually impressed by Portland Audubon’s creativity and accomplishments. Our society requires dedicated volunteer efforts to help in carrying out its mission.”

Statements edited
for brevity

Audubon Society of Portland
gratefully acknowledges these
thoughtful gifts:

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Marianne Phillips

Jack Evans, Jr.
Brom & Mary Lamb

Emily Gottfried
Casey Cunningham
Jennifer Devlin
Ivy Dunlap
Dave Helzer
Dawn Hottenroth
Tim Kurtz

Peggy & Bill Olwell
Carol Olwell

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2013 Board of Directors Election Ballot

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

Members may vote by mail, but we must receive your ballot by **6:30pm on March 21, 2013**. Please mail to:

Board Nominations Committee
5151 NW Cornell Rd
Portland, OR 97210

Members may choose to vote in person at the March Birders’ Night or Nature Night. The Board Meeting takes place on Thursday, March 21 at 7pm..

(a) term ends 2014 (b) term ends 2016

Your Name (please print):

Your Signature:

Membership Level:

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

Position

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|--------------------|--|
| President (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> David Mandell |
| Vice President (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> John Osborn |
| Treasurer (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Plant |
| Secretary (a) | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb Hill |
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| Member (b) | <input type="checkbox"/> Anne Sammis |
| Member (b) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tammy Spencer |
| Member (b) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adrienne Wolf-Lockett |

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

Audubon Society of Portland’s Nature Store is the headquarters for naturalists in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. We feature nature books, hiking & field guides, binoculars and spotting scopes, bird feeders and seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. **Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.**

There’s No Place Like Home!

Everyone likes a comfy spot to call their own. Many areas now have fewer trees, and dead snags often are removed rather than left standing. Because of this, the chance for a cavity-nesting bird to find the perfect, comfortable spring nesting site is often diminished. The Nature Store is here to help!



Photo: Tammi Miller

Most cavity nesters are happy to move into appropriately sized manmade structures. **The Nature Store carries nest boxes built to the specifications most desired by specific species of birds.** Whether you live near a pond and hope to attract nesting Wood Ducks, near a woodland filled with Northern Flickers, close to fields favored by Western Bluebirds, or right in town where Black-capped Chickadees abound, we have just the box you need.

Want to learn more? Pick up a signed copy of local author Char Corkran’s popular book ***Birds in Nest Boxes: How to Help, Study, and Enjoy Birds When Snags Are Scarce.*** Like to build your own nest boxes? We also have books on construction: check out ***Bird, Bee & Bug Houses*** by Derek Jones. Or purchase one of our DIY **pre-cut cedar nest box kits.** Then welcome the birds home!

Some Helpful Hints

- **Position your nest box** so the opening avoids the prevailing direction of strong winds and spring storms.
- **Do not add a perch** beneath the opening. It isn’t needed by the nesting birds and is often used by predators to easily reach the eggs or nestlings.
- Is your desired bird a primary cavity nester (one who creates their own cavity)? Then add some wood chips to your box so they can happily “excavate” their own dwelling.

Portland CBC Sets New Records

by Wink Gross, CBC Compiler

A cold, gray, sometimes windy day could not slow the **Portland Christmas Bird Count** on Saturday, January 5. A record 238 field observers, plus a record 152 feeder watchers, found 129 species — also a new Portland count record. The Eagle Eye Award, given to the field counter who finds the most unusual bird, was won by Demian Ebert. He and his team found a **Black-throated Gray Warbler**, a common bird in the summer that should be living the high-life in sunny Mexico right now. This is only the second time in the Portland count’s 87-year history that a Black-throated Gray has been seen. Other good birds recorded by the field counters were **Sora** and **Ross’s Goose**, both found by Jim Johnson, **Red-necked Grebe** seen by Lynn Topinka in the Washington sliver of the count circle, **Sandhill Crane**, **Townsend’s Solitaire**, and **Mountain Chickadee**. We were thrilled with the results by the end of Count Day!

But there was more. A few days after the count, a report came in of a possible **Ovenbird** in a Laurelhurst backyard. Craig Tumer checked it out and confirmed the identification. A first record for Multnomah County! Ovenbirds do not normally occur farther west than

Montana — in the summer. By now it should be in the Caribbean. But, was it here on Count Day? The homeowner, long-time birder Suzanne Hannam, checked her records — it was! Species number 130! (Which goes to show the importance of recording your sightings.)



Ovenbird in NE Portland © Dennis Davenport

My deepest gratitude to the hard-working Area Leaders: **Tony DeFalco, Dan Strong, Rick Brown** (backed by **Lynn Herring**), **Lori Hennings**, and **Steve Engel**. Portland still has a lot of good habitat. Thanks to the outstanding turnout of volunteers, we were able to field 48 teams, looking into every nook and cranny in search of birds. The effort paid off!

For a summary of the 87-year history of the Portland CBC and details of the last 10 counts, go to **audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc2012.**

Wear your Portland Audubon proudly!

Did you know that the Audubon Society of Portland, with over 13,000 members, is the largest affiliated chapter of the National Audubon Society? Standing together, we are a strong voice for conservation here in Oregon.

In appreciation of our wonderful members, and of Oregon’s remarkable birds, we are including a membership static cling which declares that “Birds Matter” with every new or renewal membership card. Our highlighted bird for 2013 is the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*):



One of the largest and fastest raptors in North America, Golden Eagles live in open and semi-open country and are found primarily near mountains, canyonlands, cliffs, and bluffs. There is increasing concern that Golden Eagle populations may be experiencing significant declines. Audubon Society of Portland is working to protect Golden Eagles in Oregon’s high desert, promoting responsible wind energy development and fighting to keep wind turbines out of critically important Oregon landscapes like Steens Mountain.

Put your “Audubon on” and help spread the word that “Birds Matter”!

Our Wish List

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

For East Portland Office: 10 Binoculars

For Sanctuary: Loppers Hand saws Work gloves

For Education: Laptop with dual core processor or greater Powerpoint Projector

For Wildlife Care Center: Science Diet Kitten Growth • Bleach • Dawn Dishwashing Detergent • Water bottles & exercise wheels for small rodents

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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Full-Day Birdathon Trips

The Joy of Birding:
Paul Sullivan & Carol Karlen
May 4 (Sat), 6:30am–9:30pm

A sunrise-to-sunset adventure, beginning at Mt Tabor, on to Sauvie Island, Forest Grove, & Killin Wetlands, then out to the Tillamook area. A fantastic trip for both beginners & experienced birders, and we expect to see about 110 species.

Bird Photography with Scott Carpenter

NEW! Two exciting trips led by this avid birder & professional bird photographer include instruction in the field with ‘focus’ on taking good photos of as many bird species as possible. Exact dates & locations will be determined by weather forecasts & Scott’s scouting results. Participants will need to be flexible — check website for dates.

• The Photographin’ Fools

May 4, Sat (weather permitting), 6am–8pm

Target species at Ridgefield NWR’s River S & Carty Units include Bittern, Tree Swallow, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Marsh Wren, Wilson’s Snipe, & others seen during pre-trip scouting.

• The Wandering Wildlife Photographers

May 18, Sat (weather permitting), 6am–8pm

To Cooper Mountain Park for migrants & residents, Tryon Creek, Forest Park, and/or Tualatin Hills Nature Park, ending at Fernhill Wetlands. Possible species: Tree Swallow, House & Pacific Wren, Rufous Hummingbird, & Barred Owl.

Mult Madness: Wink Gross & Andy Frank

May 4 (Sat), 6am–7pm

Tour great birding hotspots right here in Multnomah County: Vanport Wetlands, Mt Tabor, Larch Mountain, Eagle Creek, Troutdale, & Sauvie Island, where Pygmy-Owl, Grouse, Dipper, Goldeneye, Harlequin Duck, & Wrentit are among 95–110 species we’ll see.

The Bus Passerines: Steve Engel

May 4 (Sat), 7am–7pm

Cover the Portland metro area by public transit & on foot. Learn to use TriMet & enjoy excellent birding right here in the city!

Raven Maniacs: Steve Robertson & Steve Engel

May 10 (Fri), 6:30am–6:30pm

Looking for a weekday trip? Join Robertson & Engel of our Education Department for a day of birding City to Sea at a dozen hotspots & IBAs on the way to Tillamook & back in search of Shorebirds, Gulls, Puffins, & more — with extra stops on the return, hoping for 100 species.

NEW! The Paddy Wagon: Patty Newland

May 11 (Sat), 6am–10pm

WANTED: Every living bird from Portland to Tillamook — Pittock Mansion, Jackson Bottom, Killin Wetlands, & the coast. We’ll comb the areas to round up usual suspects & target “kingpin” species like Bittern, Acorn Woodpecker, Oystercatcher. If there’s a bird out there, we’ll get it!

The Murre the Merrier:

Sarah Swanson & Max Smith

May 11 (Sat), 7am–8pm

We’ll bird Dawson Creek Corporate Park, then head west to North Coast wetlands, beaches, & bays. Sarah & Max will introduce you to favorite birding hotspots and help you see as many species as possible. Birders of all abilities welcome!

Magpies: Denny Graham & Dwight Sangrey

lead 2 different trips, so join one or both for slower paced, informative trips with these expert leaders.

• May 15 (Wed), 7am–4:30pm

Early morning at Mt Tabor focusing on songbirds, then Ridgefield NWR for the rest of the day.

• May 16 (Thu), 7am–4:30pm

Early morning for songbirds at Tualatin Hills Nature Park, then Cooper Mountain, for a wide variety of habitats.

Gonzo Trips: 2+ days

Feathers of Color:

Tony DeFalco, Gladys Ruiz & Koto Kishida

May 4–5 (Sat–Sun)

This 2-day laid-back tour of Oregon Coast birding spots is specifically for birders of color and their friends & family! See Puffin, Harlequin Duck, & other coastal birds with a great group. Any skill level welcome.

Roadrunners:

Micah Meskel, Andrea Constance & Barb Grover
Date TBD

Splendid Cycles & Portland Audubon bring you this human-powered, carbon-neutral birding event, in its 10th year — a 25-mile “birding-by-bike” ride! Stops include Smith & Bybee Lakes, St. Johns Landfill (Meadowlarks!), Kelley Point Park. Join for just the day, or continue out to Sauvie Island to enjoy a salmon dinner, bonfire, & night under the stars. Bird the next morning around the Island, and keep birding on 2 wheels all the way back! Minimum \$60 in pledges required; limit 20 participants.

Wild Turkeys: Mike Houck, Ron Carley

& other notorious birders

May 17–19 (Fri–Sun)

The ultimate Gonzo Birdathon experience! Ron & Mike have led the Wild Turkeys for 20 years & have refined the art of “Gonzo Birding” — birding from Coast to Desert, Mountains to Valleys. Transportation & lodging provided. Minimum \$700 in pledges required.

Cream of the Crop: Gary Slone

May 18–19 (Sat–Sun)

Join our former Birdathon Coordinator on a special 1½-day birdquest through the Willamette Valley & to the coast. Visit 10+ great birding spots & see 100+ species! Enjoy an overnight of rest & revelry in Neskowin (lodging & breakfast provided). Minimum \$600 in pledges requested.

Lager Head Shrikes:

Dan van den Broek & Mark Greenfield

May 24–26 (Fri–Sun)

Join alumni & volunteers of Audubon’s School of Birding on a 3-day, 2-night trip to Klamath Basin. The focus is on quality, not quantity, for a more relaxed pace. Expect 100–125 species as you study & appreciate each one. Minimum \$600 in pledges required.

More trips will be available on our website, and find out how you can create your own team — or just fly solo! To register and download all you need for gathering pledges, please visit audubonportland.org.

Birdathon is Open For Business! Birdathon now provides opportunities for businesses to participate through Event Sponsorship. In addition, your business can form its own company team with leaders provided by Portland Audubon. To learn about becoming an event sponsor, creating a company team, or specific levels and benefits of sponsorship, contact Ann Takamoto at 971-222-6117 or atakamoto@audubonportland.org.

Thanks to everyone’s efforts, Birdathon raised over \$138,000 last year — the 2nd highest in our 33-year Birdathon history. We hope you’ll help make Birdathon 2013 another fund-raising success as we keep growing and more folks get out there and COUNT because BIRDS COUNT!

Questions? Feel free to contact Mark Fitzsimons, Birdathon Coordinator, at mark.birdathon@gmail.com.



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