

Warbler

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Summer Camps!



Black-throated
Gray Warbler

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When Kids & Teens Inspire Us

by Ian Abraham, Camp Director

Long before the first week of camp begins, before the first camper arrives ready for an Audubon Summer Camp, preparations for these marvelous adventures have begun. In truth, we begin planning for the next year's Summer Camps before the current camps have come to an end. We create the array of different camps to offer, reserve the camping and field trip sites, get permits, reserve vehicles, buy supplies, and arrange a myriad of details to ensure each camp is the best it can be.

By far the single most important aspect of camp preparation is the intense 2-week staff training that we conduct every June for all Summer Camp staff, new and old. The training is a time for summer seasonal staff of Environmental Educators, college-aged Interns, and high school Counselors to learn the ways in which we run Portland Audubon Summer Camps. We concentrate our attention on curriculum development, camp safety protocols, and first aid training. We actively work together to develop ways to ensure that each week-long program is of the highest quality, as safe as possible, as *FUN* as possible, and has a huge helping of natural history based on the theme of the program. We work to ensure that each camp is science based and experiential to the core, where problem-solving and thought-provoking challenges are presented daily. We do all of this with one goal in mind: to give students the chance to have truly enriching and inspiring experiences with the natural world.

Yet oftentimes it is *us* who are inspired! During staff training we discuss the impact that journaling activities can have, and engage our staff in a number of different journaling technique activities that include reflective writing, art with different mediums, nature mapping, poetry, etc., all designed to help them create a journal that is uniquely theirs. With this baseline expectation, Audubon Environmental Educators are well equipped to facilitate journaling activities in each of their campers. As one can imagine, there is something quite amazing about a group of 12 third graders sitting in the forest, silently crouched over their journals with pencils in hand, either drawing or writing about the day's happenings. These journals help campers process their experiences and preserve their memories for a lifetime.

Following is one of the many examples of what can happen when a camper is given the opportunity to reflect. For this writing activity, we gave the campers the start of the first



Photo: Ian Abraham

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Vote Yes by May 21 on Measure 26-152 to Restore Our Natural Areas

by Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist

By the time you receive this *Warbler*, the May 2013 Special Election will be only a couple of weeks away. We need your help making an extra push to spread the word and turn out the **Yes votes for Measure 26-152**. Please talk to your friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors about this important measure in the upcoming election.



Paddling the Willamette Narrows © Jim Labbe

In both 1995 and 2006, voters from Forest Grove to Troutdale and from Portland to Wilsonville passed regional natural area acquisition bond measures by large majorities (60% or more). The enormous success of these measures tends to fly under the radar of day-to-day regional politics. With relatively small increases in property taxes, the region has acquired and permanently protected high-profile regional nature parks like Cooper Mountain, Graham Oaks, and Mt Talbert, as well as thousands of acres of lesser known natural areas, wetlands, and wildlife habitats that remain protected from development even if not yet open to the public.

While preserving these areas from development was a principal goal of both bond measures, now is the time to provide the needed funding for their environmental restoration and the public access that helps enrich people's connection to and stewardship of nature.

For only \$20 a year for the typical homeowner over 5 years, we can carry on the tradition of environmental conservation and stewardship in this region that past generations bequeathed to us. We can leave the same legacy to future generations by making a small investment now.

Learn more about Measure 26-152 at **restoreournaturalareas.com**. 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.



Wood Duck pair
© Scott Carpenter



Great Blue Heron at Oaks
Bottom © Mike Houck

27th Annual Great Blue Heron Week: Great Blue Herons of The Intertwine Thurs, May 30 – Sun, June 9, 2013

Join the Audubon Society of Portland, Urban Greenspaces Institute, and other partners in *The Intertwine Alliance* in celebrating more than a quarter century since the Great Blue Heron was adopted as Portland's official city bird. This year's **Great Blue Herons of The Intertwine** festivities will also celebrate Portland's designation by the United Nations Environmental Programme as the North American host city for World Environment Day on June 5 (see article on page 5).

Go to audubonportland.org/about/events/heronweek for details of Great Blue Heron Week's activities.

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Festival of the Birds

Saturday, May 11, 9am–3pm
Sellwood Park — Free!
7951 SE 7th Ave, Portland

The Birds are Coming to Portland's Bird Festival — Are You? Bring the whole family to a free celebration of International Migratory Bird Day with Portland Audubon, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the City of Portland. Natural areas in Portland such as Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge are important to migrating birds for nesting, wintering, resting, and re-fueling. See birds hailing from as far away as Argentina in Oaks Bottom. No registration is required except for the Early Bird walk.

7:30 am	Early Bird walk (register at 503-823-2525)
9:00–3:00	Booths, interactive displays, family activities
9:00–3:00	Bird Walks begin every half hour
9:00–3:00	Education Birds from Portland Audubon
9:30 am	Music by Earthsinger and Teacher Balsam
10:30 am	Fair Trade Chocolate presentation
11:00 am	Feather dancing by Danza Azteca
1:00 pm	Wildlife photographer Paul Bannick
2:00 pm	Last Bird Walk begins

For more information, visit portlandmigratorybirds.org or call 503-823-6303.

William L. Finley Photo Exhibit

at Washington County Museum

In celebration of William L. Finley's tireless advocacy for the protection of wildlife, Washington County Museum will open a photography exhibit, "Put a Bird on It: Nature Photography of William L. Finley, 1876–1953" on **Wednesday, May 8**. The Audubon Society of Portland is very pleased to support this exhibit that honors our founder, William Finley.



The exhibit includes 40 of Finley's black-and-white photographs of birds, printed using the original glass plates that were donated to the Museum by Dr. Amo DeBernardis, founding president of Portland Community College. The exhibit will be displayed in the Washington County Museum's gallery at the **Hillsboro Civic Center Plaza Building**, located at 120 E Main Street in downtown Hillsboro, **through November 3**. The Museum is open Wednesday–Friday 10am–5pm, Saturday 10am–8pm, and Sunday Noon–5pm. Visit washingtoncountymuseum.org/finley or call 503-645-5353 for more information.

From the Executive Director



Meryl Redisch

Where Inspiration Comes From

I was totally inspired last week, and humbled. I was with 24 other NGO leaders at the Evans School of Business in Seattle, participating in the NELI (Nonprofit Executive Leadership Institute) Program. This 5-day course in high level organization development and strategy is carefully designed for getting to know your cohort, learning how to become a more effective leader, and moving your organization to the next level of impact. We learned from excellent presenters and from each other.

I was inspired by the remarkable things that my colleagues are doing: building pride of community in small towns, fighting for school reform, securing safe housing for the most vulnerable people in society. I was humbled after hearing their personal stories and complex work challenges. While there was considerable reading in preparation for each day's work session, deep conversations happened — between classes, after dinner, on walks to and from the university campus. And although a week away from the office is always tough, by the time I left Seattle for Portland on Friday afternoon, I held new sets of frameworks from which to draw upon as Portland Audubon considers and plans for strategic and intentional growth.

Here are just a few items that are prominent on our current agenda and in the near future. After learning that we received a much anticipated conditional use permit from Clackamas County, we are increasing the numbers of youth and outdoor education programs at Marmot Cabin, one of 3 nature sanctuaries that we own and manage in Oregon. In collaboration with statewide stakeholder groups, we are

initiating a plan to reduce lead toxins from the environment. Through the Oregon Community Foundation's John Gray Fund and other sources, we are launching an internship program from our Leach Garden office in East Portland to increase environmental literacy, community advocacy, and civic engagement for young adults. And with unanimous Board support, we are exploring the feasibility of building a new Wildlife Care Center at a location offsite from the Audubon Campus in Forest Park.

These initiatives align with Portland Audubon's vision to champion and conserve the natural environment on which birds and people depend. Just as I was inspired by the men and women I met and the stories I heard while in Seattle, I am equally as inspired by what we do in our backyards and across Oregon. One example of what inspires me is the longstanding support that our members and the general public has for protecting and restoring this region's watersheds and habitats and for promoting improved access to parks, trails, and natural areas. Time and time again, this community has demonstrated that clean water, biodiversity, and nature close to home are worth fighting and paying for.

You can join me and Portland Audubon by endorsing and voting Yes on the Metro levy, Measure 26-152, that is before you this month. In doing so, you will help ensure that our past collective efforts in protecting, restoring, and creating access to nature for people in our region remain strong for everyone. With the growth scenarios highlighted above, Portland Audubon is working to build a region where people and native birds thrive and with it a future that is inspiring for all.

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!

Although Nature Night is usually held on the second Tuesday, this month the May Nature Night will instead take place on Wednesday, May 8. We hope you can join us!

Fighting Fish and Wrangling Windmills: Protecting Oregon's High Desert with Bob Sallinger, Audubon Conservation Director

NOTE UNUSUAL DATE:
Wednesday, May 8 • 7pm, Heron Hall



View from proposed Steens Mountain wind development site © Bob Sallinger

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and Steens Mountain have been described as the Crown Jewels of Oregon's High Desert. Malheur's vast wetlands once produced as many as 180,000 waterfowl per season. Steens Mountain, rising nearly 10,000 feet into the sky, provides one of Oregon's most spectacular landscapes and diverse habitat for a wide array of wildlife species including Golden Eagle, Bighorn Sheep, Pronghorn, and Sage Grouse.

Both of these amazing places, however, are under significant threat. Malheur's wetlands have been decimated by invasive carp, an amazingly destructive fish that turns thriving wetlands into muddy black dead lakes. Steens Mountain is under threat from wind development that threatens to forever change one of Oregon's wildest places.

Travel in your mind's eye with **Bob Sallinger**, Audubon's Conservation Director, to this remote corner of Oregon. You'll learn about Audubon's work to protect these landscapes — work which dates back more than a century — and what we are doing today to ensure that they remain wild and healthy... and how you can get involved!



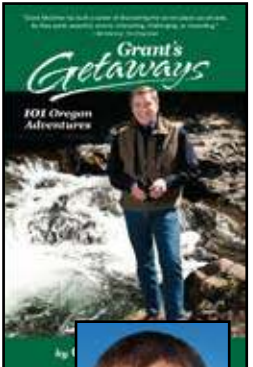
Golden Eagle © Scott Carpenter

Grant McOmie Presents Grant's Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures

Tuesday, June 11 • 7pm, Heron Hall

Emmy Award-winning KGW-TV reporter **Grant McOmie** comes to Portland Audubon for a special Nature Night in June in honor of his newly published book, **Grant's Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures** (Westwinds Press, \$16.99). Fifth-generation Oregonian McOmie is a journalist, author, and teacher who realized he hadn't seen enough of his native state, so he has spent much of his 30-year career as a news reporter exploring Oregon. He decided to share these "teachable moments with touchable history" in television segments called "Grant's Getaways." Now fans will be able to access these destination gems in a handy book format. McOmie will discuss the adventures included in the book and be available to sign your copy. Everyone who enjoys the outdoors will find this to be an invaluable collection of outings and experiences.

McOmie, Travel Oregon, and KGW NewsChannel 8 produce "Grant's Getaways" segments in cooperation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State Parks, and the Oregon State Marine Board. The weekly segments and programs feature themes such as fishing, urban hiking, surfing, geocaching, whale watching, kayaking, whitewater rafting. The show has reached approximately 2.8 million households annually, bringing to life the state's many and varied natural resources and inspiring year-round travel throughout Oregon.



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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

May 2 (Thu), 8am–11am Mt Tabor Park



Join **Denny Graham** for a morning walk at Mt Tabor, one of Portland's prime spring migration hotspots. We will be listening to and looking for spring migrants. Meet at the Mt Tabor Volcano Parking Lot. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen. Questions: Denny at 503-659-1245.

May 7 (Tue), 9am–11:30am Steigerwald Lake NWR



Join **Barbara Allen** and **Kathy van der Horst** for a 2-mile walk to look for American Bittern, Marsh and House Wren, Osprey, Purple Martin, migrant songbirds, and a variety of waterfowl. We will also observe how the 2012 wildfire affected the area's habitat and wildlife. Meet in the refuge parking lot off SR-14 about 3 miles east of Washougal, WA. Questions: Barbara at barbaramaxzoe@yahoo.com or 970-209-9209.

May 15 (Wed), 7am–6pm White River Oak Woodlands & Rimrock Country



Interested in exploring the unique oak woodland and basalt rimrock country of north-central Oregon? Chance to see Lewis's Woodpeckers, Ash-throated Flycatchers, Lazuli Buntings, Canyon Wrens, Golden Eagles. We'll spend most of our time on the White River Wildlife Management Area around Tygh Valley (south of The Dalles). Meet at the Outlet Mall parking lot in Troutdale and plan on an all-day adventure, getting back to Troutdale after 6pm. Limited to 15 participants; **registration is required** with **Ron Escano** at 503-771-3454.

May 15 & 16 (Wed & Thu), 7am–4:30pm Magpies Birdathon



Please join **Denny Graham** and **Dwight Sangrey** for the 2013 Magpies Birdathon trips. Participants may attend one or both days. Bring lunch and water. Questions? Contact Denny at 503-659-1245 or 503-351-8706.

Wed, May 15 — Meet at Mt Tabor Volcano Parking Lot, and we'll spend early morning at Mt Tabor focusing on songbirds, then proceed to Ridgefield NWR. We'll visit both units at Ridgefield to include a wide variety of habitat for the day.

Thu, May 16 — Meet at Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton). We'll spend early morning looking for songbirds at Tualatin Hills Nature Park, then proceed to Cooper Mountain to include a wide variety of habitat for the day.

May 24 (Fri), 7am–10am Cooper Mountain Nature Park



Join leaders **Sue Carr** and **Bonnie Deneke** for a view of local songbirds in their best breeding plumage. For directions visit library.oregonmetro.gov/files/driving_map.pdf or call Sue at 503-649-3360.

June 4–7 (Tue–Fri), 8am–6pm Malheur NWR



Bird Malheur NWR with **Shawn Schmelzer** and **Mike Kaufman**. We'll stay at the Malheur Field Station dorms, est. cost \$150 per person; provide your own transportation to car caravan to Malheur. **Registration is required** with Shawn at shawnbirder@yahoo.com or 503-226-2523.

June 5 (Wed), 7am–5pm Conboy Lake NWR



Meet **Lou Fredd** and **Kathy van der Horst** at Lewis & Clark State Park on the Sandy River (exit off I-84 at east end of Sandy River bridge, turn left at foot of ramp, short drive upstream to the park). We'll carpool to Conboy Lake NWR at base of Mt Adams, about 75 miles. Extensive marshes and grass prairies, dry old fields, and woodlands offer diverse bird life. Bring scope if you have one, lunch, sunscreen, and dress for Glenwood, WA weather. **Registration is required** with Kathy at Kathyfrans@opusnet.com or 503-233-7143.

June 8 (Sat), 9am–1pm Annual Heron Walk, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve



Come visit our Great Blue Heron Colony. You'll see Herons and their offspring on nests up close through a spotting scope, but bring binoculars for the many other bird species we'll encounter. **Rick Balazs** will lead the hike, which is about 3 miles over flat terrain. Meet at Jackson Bottom Education Center (2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy); directions at jacksonbottom.org. Limited to 15 participants; adults and children over 10 (with adult) are welcome. **Registration is required** with Sarah at 503-681-6278.

June 9 (Sun), 8am–11am Powell Butte Nature Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** for a walk exploring the unique habitats of Powell Butte. This is our annual Lazuli Bunting viewing trip. **The parking lot at the top of the butte will be closed.** Meet 8am at Rose Bowling Center parking lot at SE Powell Blvd & 164th Ave. Plan on a longer and steeper than usual hike into the park. Questions: Ron at 503-771-3454.

June 12 (Wed), 8am–1:30pm Henry Hagg Lake



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

June 18 (Tue), 8am–Noon Sandy River Delta



Join leader **Dudley Thomas** for our annual hike at the Sandy River Delta. At this time of year, this area is home to a wide variety of species, many of which are nesting. This outing requires more hiking than most Magpie trips. From I-84 eastbound, take Exit 18, turn right at the bottom of the exit, loop around under the freeway, and proceed straight ahead to the parking lot and restrooms. Questions: Dudley at dbthomas70@gmail.com or 503-317-1663.

June 20 (Thu), 7:30am–4:30pm Mt. Hood Lakes



Join us for a trip to 3 locations on the Oregon Cascades Birding Trail: Wildwood Recreation Area, Trillium Lake, and Little Crater Lake Meadows. Meet **Denny Graham** and **Kathy van der Horst** at the Olive Garden Restaurant on SE Sunnyside Rd across from Clackamas Town Center. Bring lunch, sunscreen, insect repellent, and scope if you have one. **Registration is required** with Denny at 503-659-1245 or Kathy at 503-233-7143.



Song Sparrow
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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.

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 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 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 programming at thprd.org.

Tuesdays May 21 & June 4 only

Leach Garden with Ron Escano

Meet in Leach Botanical Garden Administrative Annex parking lot at 6550 SE 122nd Ave (NOT at the Garden Manor House). Directions: Go south on SE 122nd from Foster Rd for about a block and turn left into driveway of white building (looks like a house) just before 122nd veers right and down the hill. More at leachgarden.org.

Wednesdays 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 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 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

Planning and Sustainability Commission to Decide on West Hayden Island in May

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

On May 7th the Planning and Sustainability Commission will vote on a recommendation to Portland City Council on the future of West Hayden Island. Please attend the hearing and let the Planning Commission know that the community wants West Hayden Island permanently protected as a natural area.

What: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission Hearing on West Hayden Island

When: 5:00pm–9:00pm on Tuesday, May 7th

Where: 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 2500A, Portland

We give the Planning and Sustainability Commission credit for reinstating a more thoughtful and coherent process after the community repelled an effort to force through a decision in the final days of 2012. The schedule since the New Year has been reasonable and the Planning and Sustainability Commission has held a series of thoughtful public work sessions. Regardless of the outcome, we believe the community was well served by the PSC’s decision to institute a more functional public process.

However, we continue to believe that developing West Hayden Island will be bad for our community, bad for our environment, and bad for our economy. We’re still working through the just-released revised planning code, comprehensive plan amendments, and intergovernmental agreements at the time the *Warbler* is going to press. However, the following are key concerns that we have already identified:

- The proposed mitigation to address direct impacts to the environment and the community is insufficient and highly uncertain — our already degraded urban waterways and most vulnerable communities will be further degraded by this project;



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The future of West Hayden Island: Eagles... or parking lots....

- The Port continues to try to reduce the proposed mitigation package even further, arguing that the City needs to reduce the cost by tens of millions of dollars — but if the Port has its way, those dollars will come at the further expense of the health of our community and our environment;
- The Port worked to successfully pass legislation in Salem in 2011 (SB 766) that would potentially cut the public out of future decisions involving West Hayden Island after if it is rezoned for industrial development;
- The Port is working currently in Salem to pass legislation (SB 246) which would potentially put the taxpayer on the hook to cover industrial site development costs including environmental mitigation, water and sewer, transportation infrastructure, and site grading — costs that could exceed \$100 million on West Hayden Island;
- The Port has rejected provisions that would tie public investment to job targets — they want our money, but they refuse to guarantee even a minimum number of jobs;
- The Port has steadfastly refused to make real efforts to work with other Ports along the Columbia River to maximize the efficiency of the existing land base: Why are we building new Port facilities on irreplaceable wildlife areas when other nearby Ports are turning to coal to fill their vacant land?

- Hundreds of acres of industrial brownfields sit vacant and unproductive in Portland while property owners, including the Port, perpetually postpone cleaning them up. Our focus should be on converting contaminated sites to productive use, not allowing industrial polluters to ignore their obligations and develop in natural areas.

West Hayden Island is one of Portland’s most important natural areas. Its 826 acres of bottomland hardwood forest, wetlands, meadows, floodplains, and shallow water habitat near the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers provide irreplaceable habitat for federally listed salmon and imperiled bird, bat, and amphibian species. It is an amazing place where you can see nesting Bald Eagles and rapidly disappearing species like Pileated Woodpeckers and Western Meadowlarks. It deserves to be permanently protected.

To stay up to date on WHI developments, “friend” our **Save West Hayden Island** Facebook page.



Beach at West Hayden Island, with Port of Vancouver structures in the background © Bob Sallinger

Legislative Update

by Bob Sallinger

Audubon Society of Portland has been busy at work in the state legislature trying to provide strong protections for Oregon’s wildlife. There are literally dozens of bills in the legislature this session that impact the environment. The following is a quick update on some of our 2013 priorities:

Wild Bird Conservation Act (WBCA): Are you willing to give a nickel for the birds? The Wild Bird Conservation Act would put a 5-cent-per-pound surcharge on bird seed to fund wild bird conservation in Oregon. This would generate \$1–\$2 million per year. Hunters and fishers have been paying a tax on hunting and fishing equipment for nearly a century to fund conservation of hunted and fished species. The WBCA would provide critical funding to conserve Oregon’s most imperiled bird species. This is a top priority of Audubon in 2013 and has been endorsed by more than 2 dozen conservation groups as well as hunting and fishing groups.

Trapping Reform: Oregon has some of the worst trapping regulations in the United States. This session Audubon and Humane Society of the United States introduced legislation that would have brought much-needed reforms to protect both wild animals and pets. Sadly the bill will not even get a hearing. Over the past decade both the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission and the legislature have consistently failed to reform trapping. If the people of Oregon want responsible trapping regulations, it will probably need to happen at the ballot box, and we will be exploring a ballot initiative in the coming year.

Raccoon No-Feed Ordinance: Every year hundreds, perhaps thousands of raccoons are killed after becoming habituated to human food handouts. These animals become habituated to these handouts, lose their instinctual fear of humans, and become threats to people, pets, and



Raccoon in leg-hold trap © Oregon Humane Society

property. Every major wildlife agency in the United States discourages feeding animals such as raccoons, coyotes, and bears. This legislation would allow fines to be assessed in situations where people deliberately persist in putting out food for raccoons and cause a public nuisance. The bill has bipartisan support and has already passed the Senate.

Opposing Corporate Welfare: SB 246, promoted by the Port of Portland, the Portland Business Alliance, and others, would put the taxpayers on the hook for covering the costs of preparing industrial sites for development including costs associated with environmental mitigation, brownfield clean-up, Superfund, property acquisition, water and sewer, transportation infrastructure, and grading. It turns the principle of “polluter pays” on its head and externalizes the costs of impacts to the environment. They pollute... we pay... that’s wrong. The Oregon Conservation Network has listed this bill as a “Major Threat.”

Audubon Welcomes Micah Meskel as Conservation Assistant

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

We are pleased to welcome **Micah Meskel** as Audubon’s new Conservation Assistant. Micah began volunteering with Audubon at the Wildlife Care Center in 2010, and since that time has also served in a variety of temporary staff roles within Audubon’s conservation and care center programs. Many of you have probably met Micah already, possibly when you brought an animal to the Care Center or came to testify at a hearing.



Photo: Tinsley Hunsdorfer

Micah was born and raised in Portland, leaving town only briefly to attend the University of Oregon where he graduated in 2008 with a degree in Economics. Away from work, Micah enjoys anything that involves the outdoors, whether it’s kayaking on the Willamette, biking and running around town, hiking in the region’s vast wilderness, or gardening in his back yard. One constant in all of these outdoor activities is that his eye is always to the sky, keeping track of all birds in his sight.

Micah’s focus will be on supporting and organizing Audubon’s activist networks, giving us more capacity to protect our environment and our communities.

Portland Harbor Superfund: Critical Decisions Ahead

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to issue a final record of decision on the Portland Harbor Superfund Site in 2014. This decision will determine the clean-up requirements for 11 miles of river extending from near the confluence with the Columbia to south of the Fremont Bridge. The health of our river for people and wildlife lies in the balance. It is critical that the community become actively engaged.

Over the past year, the EPA has twice issued very strong rebukes to river industrial interests for producing reports that understate the risks involved. Under Superfund law, it is the responsible parties, not the government, that are responsible for developing studies and reports that define the scope of the contamination, the public risks, and the clean-up options. The EPA makes the final decision as to how to move forward based on these reports.

Last June, the EPA strongly criticized a Health Risk Impact Analysis produced by the Port of Portland, City of

Portland, and 11 other industrial landowners for containing “several instances of incorrect or misleading information” about the human risks from the contamination. In April 2013, the EPA fined these groups \$125,500 for producing a report of “unacceptable quality.” Earlier this year, the EPA took over writing a “Feasibility Study” describing a range of clean-up options from these same groups after finding that the study underestimated the benefits of higher cost options and overestimated the benefits of lower cost options.



Spring Chinook Salmon
photo: Riccardo Rossi

It is not all bad news, however. In April, the City and several landowners announced that they would be working together to develop a preliminary design plan to clean up river mile 11, one of the most contaminated sites on the river, just above the Fremont Bridge. Kudos to the EPA, former Mayor Adams, and current Mayor Hales for pushing forward on this proactive strategy.

The Portland Harbor Superfund will be a top priority for Portland Audubon over the next couple of years. We will need your help to ensure a clean and healthy river.

Please “friend” the **Willamette River Portland Harbor Superfund Clean-up Facebook page** jointly sponsored by Audubon and Willamette Riverkeeper to stay up to date. Also please join Audubon and Riverkeeper on the **Upstream Migration Paddle on June 8th** to learn more about these issues (see paddle trip information in box at right).



Peregrine Falcon watches from St Johns Bridge at the southern end of the upstream paddle © Bob Sallinger

June 8 (Sat), Time tba Upstream Migration Canoe Paddle

Join **Audubon Society of Portland, Willamette Riverkeeper**, and **Urban Greenspaces Institute** on a canoe paddle from Kelley Point Park to Cathedral Park as we follow the migration path of the spring Chinook salmon. *Shuttles will be available* to return participants to Kelley Point Park after the paddle. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the fish and wildlife that utilize the confluence area. It is also an opportunity to learn about river issues such as the Superfund designation and proposed development on West Hayden Island. Most of all, it’s a chance to have fun and celebrate *OUR RIVER!* Registration information and other details will be posted on the Audubon and Riverkeeper websites by May 10.

World Environment Day Goal for Portland Audubon: 50 Backyard Habitat Certifications!

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat
Program Coordinator

World Environment Day is coming to Portland — that’s right, the United Nations has selected Portland, Oregon as this year’s North American World Environment Day host. According to the Deputy Director of the United Nations Environment Programme [UNEP], Elisabeth Guilbaud-Cox:



“Portland has been selected because we at UNEP would like to put the spotlight on the city’s environmental achievements, which are reflected in the fact that this city is repeatedly ranked among the top ten green cities in the United States. In our research, Portland is often rated the number one green city in North America, an impressive accomplishment by any standard.”

Through World Environment Day (unep.org/wed/about), the United Nations Environment Programme aims to personalize environmental issues and enable everyone to realize their power to become agents for change in support of sustainable and equitable development.



Portland is making more than just a day of it; activities will be held during the entire window of time between Earth Day on April 22nd and World Environment Day on June 5th. For more information on what is being scheduled citywide, see portlandoregon.gov/wed.

What is Audubon doing to recognize this important event? In honor of the big day, **we’re aiming to certify 50 backyards** between Earth Day and World Environment Day! This will be a monumental achievement and will take the help of many Backyard Habitat Certification Program participants and volunteers. So get out your shovels and gardening gloves, growl and show your teeth at those pesky invasive plants, and let’s start enhancing backyard habitats through our neighborhoods! If building a backyard habitat oasis is something you’ve been interested in doing, join the momentum and help us reach our goal by signing up today to get your yard certified!

Contact Nikkie West at nwest@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 for more information.

Wildlife Care Center

Wildlife Care Center Saves Poisoned Bald Eagle

by Lacy Campbell, WCC
Operations Manager



WCC’s Lacy Campbell helps launch a juvenile Bald Eagle back into the wild.
Photo:Tinsley Hunsdorfer

It was a Friday like any other when I received a call from an officer with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) who had received a call from a concerned property owner in Winlock, Washington. This person had noticed an eagle on the ground in their llama pen, not flying, and listing to the side. The bird was described as dull and wouldn’t react when people or other animals were within a couple feet of it. It sounded to me like this bird needed to come in for an exam so we could figure out why it wasn’t flying. Because of the animal’s large size and potential to inflict injury, we never ask untrained people to try to handle eagles no matter how injured they seem. Bald Eagles have 400 pounds per square inch of crushing capacity in their feet, and that is nothing to take lightly. So I packed up my handling gear, net, carrier, and a volunteer, and drove the 74 miles to rescue this Bald Eagle.

Our staff veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, met me at Audubon (on her birthday, no less!) and did a full exam, took digital x-rays, drew blood, and gave fluids. She was looking for any reason why this bird would be on the ground. Some common injuries we see are fractured wings, trauma from being hit by a car, lead poisoning from ingesting spent lead shot, secondary rodenticide poisoning, or fights with other eagles. The only thing we found on this bird was a puncture on the bottom of the foot — not much to go on. The bird recovered quickly and by the next day it was acting like a normal feisty juvenile Bald Eagle. We did a test flight and the bird flew perfectly. What was going on?

Next we tested the bird for lead toxicity. Scavengers like some raptors (Bald Eagles included), vultures, and ravens will eat dead and dying animals that have been shot with lead bullets, or the internal viscera from big game that has been shot with lead bullets. Acids in the stomach will break down the lead and digest it, causing high levels of lead in

the blood. High enough levels will kill an animal: it only takes a couple of small pellets to kill a bird the size of an eagle. The clinical signs look similar to what we were seeing, but luckily this bird had low lead levels in the blood.

Another possibility was toxicity from what are called second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides. Raptors become poisoned from eating an animal that has eaten the initial poison. Unfortunately this poison doesn’t just kill the targeted animal (usually mice or rats); it will kill anything that eats it and anything that eats the debilitated or dead toxic animals.



WCC Operations Manager Lacy Campbell with juvenile Bald Eagle after a successful flight test © WCC

The mystery was finally solved the following day when we heard of another facility in Washington that had 6 other Bald Eagles from the same area. They had a surprising story. The eagles had been seen feasting on 2 horses that had been euthanized with Euthasol, a barbiturate that in high doses humanely kills animals but in lower doses acts as a sedative. Euthasol doesn’t break down in carcasses and is toxic to animals that eat the tainted meat. The eagles had eaten enough of the meat to heavily sedate them; if they had eaten any more they would have been killed. The treatment provided

at Audubon and the Washington facility gave them time to recover and flushed the substance out of the system. We released this bird in front of a large crowd on the property it was found after only being in our care for 5 days.

This story had a happy ending. All 7 of the eagles that were poisoned were released back to the wild, the tainted horses were disposed of immediately, and these cases are currently under investigation with USFWS. Even though this bird was able to be released, there are still a lot of other dangers like lead poisoning which it will need to watch out for. As the bird flew out of my arms and into the rest of its life, I wished it good luck, and also to watch out for those easy meals.

Educational Trips

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

JAMAICA

January 10–19, 2014

Escape the cold, dark days of winter and join Portland Audubon on this 10-day excursion into the heart of the Caribbean and onto the island of Jamaica.

Beaches of endless white sand... warm, turquoise-blue water... unforgettable sunsets and the hot, tropical sun are not all that await you in this island paradise: Jamaica is also home to **no less than 28 endemic species of birds**, making it a paradise for birders as well.



Jamaican Tody
photo: Dominic Sherony

We begin our trek in **Montego Bay**, where we'll team up with the trip co-leader and president of BirdLife Jamaica, Ricardo Miller. We'll then travel to a nearby bird sanctuary that specializes in providing visitors with up-close views of some of the island's most interesting inhabitants. The **Red-tailed Streamertails**, **Grassquits**, and a host of other species will come to the feeders, so close you'll be tempted to reach out and touch them. We'll then travel south where we'll spend our first night in the coastal town of Negril, famous for its 7-mile stretch of beach. You'll have time to stroll on the sandy beach and swim in the warm, gentle surf before we head out early the next morning on our circumnavigation of the island.



Red-billed
Streamertail.
Photo: Dominic
Sherony

After leaving Negril, we team up with Dr. Ann Hayes-Sutton, the author of *A Photographic Guide to the Birds of Jamaica*, and head toward her historic estate called Marshall's Pen, birding local hotspots like the Royal Palm Reserve and the Great Black Morass along the way. We'll spend 2 nights and days in Ann's company, birding local areas in search of endemics like the **Jamaican Lizard Cuckoo**, **Chestnut-bellied Cuckoo**, and **Jamaican Owl**, to name just a few. We'll search the Portland Ridge area for the **Bahama Mockingbird** and **Jamaican Crow** on our way to the Blue Mountains on the eastern side of the island. We'll spend 3 nights amidst the stunning scenery of Jamaica's highlands, keeping an eye out for montane endemics like the **Blue Mountain Vireo** and **Crested Quail-Dove**.

From the Blue Mountains we head to the northeast coast, where we'll spend 2 nights and days enjoying one of the most beautiful beaches Jamaica has to offer. We'll stay in private cabins nestled in along the rocky shoreline, and our hotel has its own beautiful sandy cove for its guests, allowing us to swim and relax between outings. From here we are strategically located to bird the famous Ecclesdown Road, one of the best birding "roads" in the world, where we should be able to "clean up" on any of the endemics we may have missed, including the unique, and extremely cute, **Jamaican Tody**.

You'll be sure to have time to shop for souvenirs or swim in the Caribbean one last time while in Ocho Rios, the town where we'll stay our last night before heading back to Montego Bay to fly home. We've designed this trip to give you a chance to escape the wet winter, while adding a host of new birds to your repertoire. 28 is an impressive number of endemics for any island, and we can just about guarantee to get them all! **Contact Steve Robertson at 971-222-6118.**

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director, and local guides
Group size: 14 participants + leaders
Fee: \$2695 members / \$2895 non-members
Deposit: \$1250 secures your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation, 9 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, meals *except some dinners*, all guide fees, park fees, and planned group activities.
Not included: Airfare to & from Portland, and some dinners.



PERU

October 4–18, 2013

Visit 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.

If you would like more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact **Dan van den Broek** at 971-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Leader: Dan van den Broek
Group size: 14 participants
Fee: \$4195 members / \$4495 non-members
Deposit: \$2100 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 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.

STEENS MOUNTAIN & ALVORD DESERT

October 9–13, 2013

Steens Mountain is one of Oregon's most spectacular natural areas. Rising to almost 10,000 feet in the southeast corner of the state, it presides over alkali desert, oceans of sagebrush, and the wildlife-rich marshlands of the Malheur basin. From our base in Frenchglen we'll spend 3 full days exploring this diverse landscape by van and on foot as we venture around all sides and on top of the mountain itself. On past trips we've seen approximately 80 species of birds including **Townsend's Solitaire**, **Mountain Bluebird**, **American Pipit**, **Horned Lark**, **Northern Goshawk**, **Golden Eagle**, and **Prairie Falcon**. We search for and often spot Bighorn Sheep along the high peaks of the mountain, sometimes distant and sometimes near. Coyotes and Mule Deer are often sighted, and you never know when a Porcupine is going to waddle into view. Conditions permitting we will visit the **Alvord Desert** and venture out to **Borax Lake**, home of the unique and endangered Borax Lake Chub. **Contact Steve Engel at 971-222-6119.**

Leader: Steve Engel
Group size: 14 participants
Fee: \$795 members / \$895 non-members
Deposit: \$400 secures your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation, 4 nights **double-occupancy** lodging at the Frenchglen Hotel, meals *except dinners*, all entrance fees, and the services of your experienced leader.

Australia With Tasmania Extension

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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: 14 participants

India February 18 – March 6, 2014

Leaders: Steve Robertson and Dan van den Broek
Group size: 12 participants
Fee: to be determined
Contact Steve Robertson at 971-222-6118.

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

Identifying Spring Shorebirds

May 3 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class, Heron Hall

May 4 (Sat), 7am–5pm: Field Trip, 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, currently full) 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

Wildflowers of the Coast Range

May 4 (Sat), 8am–5pm and/or

June 8 (Sat), 8am–5pm

Join local naturalist and Audubon volunteer **Marsh Sly** on **1 or 2 hikes** to Saddle Mountain in the Coast Range. The trail ascends 2.5 miles to the summit and is steep and difficult in spots, with a 1600-foot rise in elevation. It is recommended for experienced and fit hikers wearing proper footwear and clothing. Weather conditions can change rapidly, bringing wind and rain year round and snow in winter. Portions of the trail can be slick in wet conditions. Weather permitting, you can see the Pacific Ocean and Columbia River Bar at Astoria. The mountain’s top was a refuge for plant species during the Ice Age; the flora that remains is a unique treasure, found nowhere else in the region.

Fee per Outing: \$20 members / \$30 non-members / \$10 active volunteers

Note: Each date is a separate registration; be sure to select the correct date.

Limited to 12 participants.

Day Camps with Audubon and Lake Oswego Community Schools

The Audubon Society of Portland is partnering with Lake Oswego Community Schools for several fun weeklong day camps that will be happening this summer!

For students entering 2nd or 3rd grade

July 8–12: Audubon Nature Camp: Jr. Wildlife Vet

Come join us on field trips to local animal rehabilitation facilities and learn what you can do to help the wildlife living in your own neighborhood.

July 15–19: Audubon Nature Camp: Wild Art Adventure

Come join us for this weeklong camp as we create wildly wonderful art inspired by your observations of the amazing birds, mammals, reptiles, and plants discovered as we search ponds, creeks, and forest habitats in and near Lake Oswego.

For students entering 4th or 5th grade:

July 8–12: Audubon Nature Camp: Fire, Sticks & Stones

Do you know how to build a waterproof shelter out of nothing but sticks, leaves, and other material you can find outdoors? Can you make a campfire without using any matches? If knowing these skills interests you, then join us for a week of learning real survival skills and what it takes to feel at home in the woods.

July 15–19: Audubon Nature Camp: Wild in the City

Explore the unique and surprising greenspaces that can be found in and around Lake Oswego. This camper-directed week is sure to amaze and impress even the savviest of urban naturalist travelers!

To register for these camps, please contact **Lake Oswego Community School** at 503-534-2302 ext.1 or go to losdcommunityschool.com and click on Summer 2013 Programs, then Math/Science/Engineering Programs. Questions: **Tim Donner** at 971-222-6135 or tdonner@audubonportland.org.

Crows and Blackbirds with Harry Nehls

May 21 (Tues), 7pm–9pm

Join local birding expert **Harry Nehls** and delve into the world of Corvids and Icterids. Crows represent the former and Blackbirds as a group are represented by orioles, cowbirds, and Red-winged and other blackbirds. An interesting mix of characters for sure! Harry’s decades of birding experience are sure to include some fascinating insights and stories about these birds.

Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free for active volunteers.

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

June is still a time of bird song, but there are lots of other sounds being made as well. Many birds are in nesting and family mode, so the pattern of singing may be different, the songs different, the reasons different! Learn about these sounds with **Laura Whittemore**, then we’ll go out and listen for all the contact calls, begging chick calls, etc.

Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.

Bird’s-Eye View of Bugs

July 21 (Sun), 10am–2pm: Class in Heron Hall and Outside

Ever wondered what all those birds are doing as they flit through the tops of trees, climb tree trunks, and kick around in the leaves? Many birds are all about finding invertebrates to eat and feed their young. **Cader Olive** will put you in the bird’s world for a day. Learn about the many kinds of invertebrates in different habitats, and how the birds and bugs interact in trying to eat and not be eaten. You’ll never see a bird or a tree the same way again.

Fee: \$20 members / \$30 non-members / \$10 active volunteers

Audubon Summer Camps 2013

There are still some openings in Audubon Summer Camps. Go to audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/camps/summer/summercalendar for more information.

Adventure Belize!

August 1–10 (Thur–Sat)

For students age 13–17

Portland Audubon is again leading 18 teens, ages 13-17, to **Belize** for a 10-day natural history trip of a lifetime. This trip will take students to the **2nd-largest coral reef in the world**, to at least 2 distinct **Mayan sites** (Altun Ha and Lamani), and to the Cockscomb **Jaguar Preserve**. We’ll also spend a night at the Banana Bank Lodge, spend 3 nights in Crooked Tree, visit the Community **Baboon Sanctuary**, and spend 3 nights in the small fishing village of Placencia.

Belize is unique, one of the most fascinating countries in the world. No other country of its size offers visitors such an array of experiences or such a vast assortment of biological wonders. Participants will create their own journals to record animal encounters, **track jaguar on a night hike**, and **search for monkeys and tapirs**. This will be Portland Audubon’s 3rd Teen Adventure to Belize. Come join Audubon as we **snorkel, hike, learn**, and relax on this Belize Adventure!

Lead Instructors: **Steve Robertson**, Education Director (srobertson@audubonportland.org) and **Tim Donner**, Naturalist-Educator
Fee: \$2,395 members / \$2,695 non-members (*includes airfare to/from Belize-Portland, meals, lodging, and more*)



Belize Beach © Steve Robertson

Adult Classes

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–9pm 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.

High Seas & Low Tides

June 23–28 (Sun–Fri)

For students entering 6th–8th grade

Have you ever wanted to be a Marine Biologist? Have you ever wanted to go **crabbing or deep-sea fishing and then eat your catch**? Do all this and more when you join Portland Audubon’s experienced naturalists on this unforgettable exploration of the sea.



© Portland Audubon

You’ll also have the opportunity to observe an incredible array of **marine mammals**. Witness the massive **Elephant Seal** as the males fight for control of the beach. See the true “**lions of the sea**,” the **Steller’s and California Sea Lions**, as they bask and frolic on the sand. And we may even encounter one or more species of **whales** when we venture out to sea to go **deep-sea fishing**, hopefully bringing home our catch to dine on for supper. We’ll keep a log of the species we encounter and be sure to journal each day to remember every moment of this week of non-stop, oceanic **FUN!**

Lead Instructor: **Steve Robertson**, Education Director (srobertson@audubonportland.org)
Fee: \$395 members / \$415 non-members (*includes transportation and food; you bring your own camping gear*)

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

The pleasing song and colorful plumage of the **Black-headed Grosbeak** is a welcome presence to the summer woodlands. Although rather secretive, blending well with sun-dappled leaves, the male gives itself away by loudly singing and calling its distinctive call notes. Both males and females sing, but the female song is shorter and quieter than the male.

The Black-headed Grosbeak is a tropical bird that migrates northward in spring to nest and raise its young in local woodlands, then quickly returns to the tropics when the young are fledged. It is present in our area primarily from late April to late September.

The adult males migrate northward about a week before the females to set up and defend territories. Young males arrive about 2 weeks after the adult males to seek out untended territories and females that need a mate. Nesting takes place primarily during June.

Sightings

The woodlands, lying dormant all winter, come alive during March and begin new growth. Birds become more active and conspicuous. By mid-month **Purple Finches** suddenly are everywhere loudly singing their pleasing song. As the migrants return they join the activities, and spring is in full bloom.

The early spring migration this year was not overly spectacular, but the birds were right on schedule and were fairly conspicuous. The only anomaly noted was the appearance of large flocks of **Eared Grebes** in the Willamette Valley. The largest flocks occurred at the valley's south end, though good numbers were also seen in the Portland area.

On March 31 Steve Nord found a group of 15 **Eared Grebes** at Tualatin River NWR and 10 at Fernhill Wetlands. On April 3 Dave Irons noted 40 at the Tualatin Refuge. On April 4 the Fernhill group had increased to 21.

On February 21 Carole Hallet reported a group of 4 **Vaux's Swifts** flying over Southwest Portland. Sue Bliss noted a **Black-headed Grosbeak** March 17 in Hillsboro and Jennifer Jako saw one in Northwest Portland March 26. These were very early reports for typical migrants and might indicate these birds overwintered north of their regular wintering areas.

Mountain Chickadees continued to visit Portland-area feeders through March. John Notis reported one in Dayton March 10; Martha Taylor saw one in the Milwaukie area March 16; Garrett Gregor reported one in St Johns March 25; and on February 10 Christopher and Adrian Hinkle found one on Sauvie Island. They also saw a **Tree Sparrow** on the

Black-headed Grosbeaks Zestfully Declare Nesting Season

The nest is a flimsy pile of twigs and leaves just large enough to hold the 2–3 eggs. Both parents incubate the eggs so the incubation period is rather short. As the young grow and get a few feathers, they leave the nest to creep around the twigs and branches of the tree. Although out of the nest they cannot fly for another 2 weeks. The parents seek them out to feed them through the period.

By July singing is reduced and it becomes much harder to locate and see the males. By late July the males are on their way south, leaving the females to care for the young. By late August the females are gone. The young birds remain for another month before migrating southward.

On November 16 last fall Anne Sahalas in Northwest Portland noticed an immature Black-headed Grosbeak coming to her feeders long after all the other grosbeaks had left. It utilized the feeders throughout the winter and into this spring.



Female Black-headed Grosbeak photo: Dave Menke/USFWS

During that period it molted its feathers from the female-like brownish plumage into the more colorful first winter plumage, then into the mostly male-like first summer plumage. It takes a couple of years for the young grosbeaks to acquire the full adult plumage.

Slow maturing young males retain quite a bit of the female-type pattern into the first summer, while the more advanced birds molt into almost full adult plumages. Birds showing mostly adult plumages often attempt to nest the first summer. First summer females also may attempt to nest, but the eggs may be small or infertile.

island that day. There was a report of a **Common Redpoll** photographed at a feeder in Aurora on February 13.

There were few swallow reports during the winter. They returned on schedule with most arriving during the last week of March. Rob Conway reported the first **Rufous Hummingbird** in the Portland area March 3. They then became regular, but most dribbled in through the month.



Purple Martin photo: JJ Cadiz

Say's Phoebes made a good showing this spring with one on Powell Butte the first 2 weeks of March. Andy Frank saw one in North Portland March 20, and Lee Cain found one on Sauvie Island March 29.

An immature **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** was seen and photographed March 22–30 by Hanneke Holderbach on Sexton Mountain in Beaverton. Immature Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers can be easily identified as they hold their juvenile plumage into the spring of the next year, while juvenile **Red-breasted and Red-naped Sapsuckers** are in adult plumage by the first fall.

On April 4 Christopher and Adrian Hinkle visited the area around the Troutdale Airport that was so productive last fall. They found the **Wrentit** along the river and a **Brewer's Sparrow** and flyover **Long-billed Curlew** near the airport. This sounds like a good area to regularly check this fall.

Volunteer of the Month: Pat Crane

always smiling, rain or shine

by Education Department Staff

After moving to Portland from Virginia in 2006, **Pat Crane** has volunteered in the Education Department since 2007. Her primary role has been leading Sanctuary Tours for students kindergarten through 5th grade. Sanctuary Tours are considered Portland Audubon's "gateway program," and Pat has been a wonderful educator, leading many children on their first formal experience with environmental education and their first "academic" walk in the woods.



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Since her arrival Pat has been a beacon of positive energy, not only for her student groups, but for the Education Department's staff and volunteers. Whether it's 70 degrees and cloudless, or wet, dark, and dreary, the smile on Pat's face as she's leading tours never falters. Her kind and gentle teaching style is a big hit with her students and helps make her one of our most effective Sanctuary Tour leaders.

Pat's commitment to Portland Audubon's educational goals is evident in the myriad of other programs she has helped us with. Her work on full-day school field trips has been invaluable, leading kids in their bird watching endeavors at the Oregon Coast and in search of cave crickets in the Ape Caves on Mt St Helens. She has been a Swift Watch Night Captain for many years, helping to educate the public on the wonders of the Vaux's Swift Migration, and has been a Birder-Naturalist for multiple Raptor Road Trips, a Peregrine Watch Monitor on Elk Rock Island, and a tour leader for the Intergenerational Road Scholar Program.

Thank you, Pat, for all of the hours you have given Portland Audubon and for your enduring positive attitude and cheering smile!

Calendar at a Glance

May

1–31 **Mon–Fri...** 7am **Bird Song Walks (p.3)**
2 **Thu...** 8am Audubon Outing (p.3)
3 **Fri...** 7pm Shorebirds class (p.7)
4–26 — **Various...** **Birdathon trips (p.12)**
4 **Sat...** 7am Shorebirds field trip (p.7)
4 **Sat...** 8am Wildflowers class (p.7)
7 **Tue...** 9am Audubon Outing (p.3)
7 **Tue...** 7:30pm Birders' Night, Heron Hall
8 **Wed...** 10am William Finley photo exhibit opens (p.2)
8 **Wed...** 7pm **Nature Night: Fighting Fish and Wrangling Windmills with Bob Sallinger (p.2)**
11 **Sat...** 9am–3pm **Festival of the Birds, Sellwood Park (p.2)**
14 **Tue...** 7pm Author event: **David Muench's National Parks (p.9)**
15 **Wed...** 7am Audubon Outing (p.3)
15 **Wed...** 7pm Author event: **Rebecca Lerner, Dandelion Hunter (p.9)**
16 **Thu...** 7pm Board Meeting
18 **Sat...** 1pm **reeds** performance (p.9)
19 **Sun...** 1pm **reeds** performance (p.9)
21 **Tue...** 7pm Crows & Blackbirds class (p.7)
21 **Tue...** by 8pm Ballots due:Vote Yes on 26-152
23 **Thu...** 7pm Author event: **Laura O. Foster, revised Portland Hill Walks (p.9)**
24 **Fri...** 7am Audubon Outing (p.3)
27 **Mon...** — Memorial Day: **Admin closed, Nature Store open**
30–6/9 — **Various...** **Great Blue Heron Week (p.1)**

June

3 **Mon...** 7pm Birding By Ear class (p.7)
4 **Tue...** 7am Bird Song Walk (p.3)
4 **Tue...** 7:30pm Birders' Night, Heron Hall
4 **Tue...** 8am Malheur NWR trip begins (p.3)
5 **Wed...** Various World Environment Day (p.5)
5 **Wed...** 7am Audubon Outing (p.3)
8 **Sat...** **TBA...** **Upstream Migration Paddle (p.5)**
8 **Sat...** 8am Wildflowers class (p.7)
8 **Sat...** 9am Audubon Outing (p.3)
8 **Sat...** **Various...** **Leupold Field Day: workshops & field testing (p.11)**
9 **Sun...** 7am Birding By Ear field trip (p.7)
9 **Sun...** 8am Audubon Outing (p.3)
11 **Tue...** 7pm **Nature Night: Grant McOmie Presents Grant's Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures (p.2)**
12 **Wed...** 8am Audubon Outing (p.3)
12 **Wed...** — Birding Tahoe trip begins (p.6)
16 **Sun...** 7am Birding By Ear field trip (p.7)
17 **Mon...** 7pm Birding By Ear class (p.7)
18 **Tue...** 8am Audubon Outing (p.3)
20 **Thu...** 7:30am Audubon Outing (p.3)
20 **Thu...** 7pm Board Meeting
23 **Sun...** 7am Birding By Ear field trip (p.7)
24–28 **Mon–Fri...** **Various...** **Summer Camps for Kids (website)**
26 **Wed...** 7pm ... Understanding Bird Song class (p.7)
29 **Sat...** 7am Understanding Bird Song field trip (p.7)

July

1–3 **Mon–Wed Various** **Summer Camps for Kids (website)**
2 **Tue...** 7:30pm Birders' Night, Heron Hall
3 **Wed...** 7pm ... Understanding Bird Song class (p.7)
4 **Thu...** — Independence Day: **Admin & Nature Store closed**
5 **Fri...** **Various...** **Summer Camps for Kids (website)**

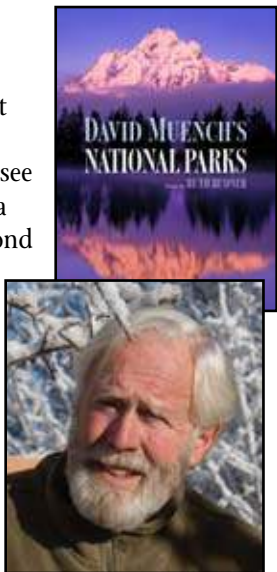
Birders' Night

Join us on the first Tuesday of the month at **7:30pm** in Heron Hall for Birders' Night, a gathering of local birders sharing recent sightings, a slideshow, and discussion.

More Author Events at Portland Audubon!

David Muench’s National Parks featured at Heron Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 14th

Please note that Nature Night has moved to a special new time for May (Wed, May 8; see page 2), but we’re still serving up a nature evening for you on the second Tuesday, May 14th. The Nature Store welcomes nationally known landscape and nature photographer **David Muench** for a free public presentation of his gorgeous new book **David Muench’s National Parks** (Graphic Arts Books, \$29.99). Contact us at 503-292-9453 if you would like to reserve a copy of the book.



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Blogger Richard Wong lists Muench among the 10 best nature photographers of all time, in the company of such luminaries as Ansel Adams, Eliot Porter, and Galen Rowell. Wong writes:
Like Ansel Adams did with black and white landscape photography a generation prior, Muench is synonymous with color landscape photography.... You would walk into any library or bookstore in America in the past 40 years and be hard-pressed to not see his books or calendars even if you don’t know his name.

Muench is the primary photographer for more than 50 books and his work appears in many magazines, posters, and private collections. In his new book, Muench captures 54 National Parks in 25 states, each representing a unique ecosystem or world heritage site. The book includes photographic notes and essays by outdoor writer Ruth Rudner. Rudner’s moving essays coupled with Muench’s visual celebration of our public lands bring to life the landscapes and features of these national treasures. For a sneak preview of the beautiful images you have in store, please visit his website at davidmuenchphotography.com.

The Dandelion Hunter comes to Heron Hall Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm

The Nature Store welcomes Portland journalist **Rebecca Lerner**, author of the newly published book **Dandelion Hunter: Foraging the Urban Wilderness** (Lyons Press, \$16.95), for a free public presentation and book signing as she speaks about her adventures learning to thrive while living off the land in her Portland neighborhood. After an initial challenge to eat nothing but foraged foods for a week goes awry, the vegetarian Lerner dives into an intensive 4-year study of local flora, both natives and weeds, to learn how to connect with our ancestors’ often-forgotten knowledge of the useful plants. As Lerner writes in the book’s Foreword:

Every wild plant has a gift to offer. Plants are food and medicine, paint pigments, twine, soap, incense, tinder, insulation, beauty products — and the list goes on, because before there was “an app for that,” there was a plant for that.

Combining serious research with wacky excursions and encounters with charmingly individualistic Portlanders, Lerner’s book is both a delightful and thoughtful read. Her Audubon presentation will touch on the role of foragers in the control of invasive species. If you would like to reserve a signed copy of the book, please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.

...this may be the funniest herbal adventure you’ll ever read, as [Lerner] overcomes her naiveté with good humor and embraces the weedy wildness right outside her door.
—Publisher’s Weekly



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Save the date!

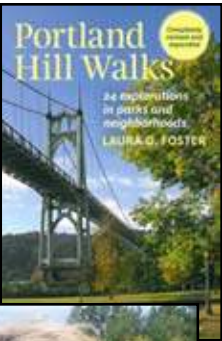
Local outdoor reporter **Grant McOmie** will present his newly published **Grant’s Getaways: 101 Oregon Adventures** on **June 11 at 7pm** (see page 2).

Laura O. Foster Book Signing & Hike Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm

Longtime Audubon favorite **Laura O. Foster** will be presenting the newly revised edition of her popular **Portland Hill Walks: 24 Explorations in Parks and Neighborhoods** (Timber Press, \$19.95) in a special walk-and-talk event starting at 6:00pm on May 23rd. Meet Laura at the Nature Store, then set out on a guided walk along part of one of her featured routes in the book. **This special event will be limited to 20 participants, and pre-registration is requested;** your \$20 registration fee includes a copy of the book! Please call the Nature Store to register or if you have questions at 503-292-9453. The walk will go on rain or shine.

Laura O. Foster has written 5 popular titles including walking guides and local history. She describes her books: “I write the books that I want to read — about the paths, quiet streets, and stairs away from obvious and oft-written tourist sites. My books answer my own questions about the city’s geology, horticultural heritage, architecture, and the vestigia of times past. They’re written for that certain tribe of people who delight in the back story behind the urban scene.”

Join Laura for a delightful and informative stroll in and near the Audubon Sanctuary. See you on the trail!



Submitted photo

Innovative Performance Piece & Upcoming Tree Climb

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

I am excited to announce a couple of very cool events coming to the Portland Audubon Sanctuaries: special nature-related performances of music and dance, and an old-growth tree climb.

reeds Performance on May 18 & 19 at 1pm

On Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19 (1:00pm both days), we will host performances of **reeds**, a music and dance piece based on bird songs and the seasonal rhythms of the forest. To summarize oboe player Catherine Lee about the performance:



reeds performance © Greg Locke

reeds is a site-specific collaborative work inspired by the soundscape of Portland, Oregon which was composed by Emily Doolittle and is performed by dancer Tracy Broyles, clarinetist Jennifer Woodall, bassoonist Alexandra Eastley, and oboist Catherine Lee.

The 36-minute score for **reeds** was originally composed to reflect the sounds heard around Oxen Pond, Newfoundland throughout the course of a year. Intricacies of many environmental sounds, such as bird song, are difficult for humans to hear and appreciate due to pitch, speed, and volume. By slowing down and amplifying certain aspects, Doolittle translates these sounds into instrumental songs that reveal new perspectives. The birds featured in the score for **reeds** are also in residence in Oregon and reflect our Portland soundscape.

Lee states, “**reeds** follows the changing soundscape of the year: Beginning with the distant song of a Hermit Thrush, we evolve into a cacophonous chorus of summer songbirds and then follow the year’s changes — exploring sounds of water birds, migrating geese, predators, the almost-silent stillness of winter, noisy year-round residents like corvids, and melodic spring peepers — before returning to the thrush at the end. The performers’ movements draw inspiration from the music and the site, and demonstrate the existing variety and possibilities of movement in nature. The cumulative effect of **reeds** is one of a shifting magnifying glass that allows us to focus in on unexpectedly beautiful sounds and movements we might ordinarily overlook.”

Since **reeds** is a “moving” performance, be prepared to walk a short distance. In case of rain, the group will perform in Heron Hall. Each performance will begin with a short talk by the composer. **We strongly suggest reserving your spot in advance**, as space is limited to 20 adults per show. Tickets are priced on a sliding scale of \$10–\$15 per adult, with accompanying child for free. To reserve your place, visit audubonportland.org/about/events/reeds-may18 (or audubonportland.org/about/events/reeds-may19), or contact Tom Costello at 503-292-6855 or tcostello@audubonportland.org.

Old-Growth Climb on Saturday, July 13, 9am–4pm

Here is your chance to Take Flight and get a bird’s-eye view of a Pacific Northwest forest. Portland Audubon’s 150-acre nature sanctuary is home to several old-growth Douglas fir trees that are approximately 300 years old. You will get

Experts assisting climbers © Tinsley Hunsdorfer



to ascend these living giants with the help of our friends at **Ascending the Giants**. You’ll have a unique opportunity to reach the canopy level, approximately 230 feet above the ground of an old-growth Doug fir, using ropes and a harness. PhD Ornithologist Dr. David Anderson and PhD Biologist Dr. Eric Forsman will ascend into the canopy with climb participants and discuss the ecological significance of old-growth forest and some of the unique characteristics of the interface between “natural” forest and urban forest.

The old-growth tree climb is open to participants of all physical levels and abilities. The climbing area is accessed by a quarter-mile hike with approximately 100 feet of elevation loss/gain. The trail can be steep, slick, or muddy at times and is not ADA accessible. The tree climb does not require climbing experience, technical knowledge, personal gear, or particular physical ability or conditioning. Climbing professionals will rig the trees in advance; participants will need only to put on a harness and a helmet and be ready for the ride of a lifetime. Counterweights and pulley systems will be used to bring participants into the canopy.

This is a truly unique opportunity to see old-growth trees and our urban forest from a perspective very few ever get to experience. The tree climb also includes a tour of the Portland Audubon Sanctuaries and facilities with Sanctuaries Director Tom Costello, during which we’ll visit various restoration sites and discuss the successes and challenges of maintaining a healthy urban forest. The cost is \$100 per participant; **to register, go to audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/climb**, or contact Tom at 503-292-6855 or tcostello@audubonportland.org. For more information on Ascending the Giants, visit ascendingthegiants.com.

When Kids & Teens Inspire Us

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sentence: “**I recognize that Orcas are special, and if I had one story to tell them....**” The goal was for them to write as much as they could in the 15 minutes given. The following piece was written in the San Juan Islands just hours after a sighting of about 22 Orcas moving through the Salish Sea. We thank Reed for being willing to share his journal entry.

An Orca’s Tale

Written by Reed Wester-Ebbinghaus
7th Grader on San Juan Island Adventure, July 2012

I recognize that Orcas are special, and if I had one story to tell them... it would be that of the history of humanity, a story very appropriate to tell due to their likeness to men. I would tell tales of how humans had created powerful empires but were still always at the mercy of the seas. I would explain the story of the city of Atlantis and of how it was so suddenly destroyed the night the seas rushed in and reclaimed the land and the lives of many men. I would even tell of how merely a few drops of water can destroy the greatest human machine. They would laugh at the tale of the Titanic, for many humans could not survive the frigid waters Orcas call home. After hearing the story of humans, many would perhaps pity the landlubbers for their ignorance and inaccessibility of the great waters, and would gawk in disbelief if I told them of my experience in the sea (which I previously believed to be a lot!).

Although the cetaceans would certainly ridicule the flaws of men, they would still relate, because they themselves have had pitiful experiences on solid ground, for as many human families had lost members to sea leading vessels, as had Orca pods incorrectly reading sonar and attempting to catch prey on land. They would certainly not laugh at the tale of the practices of humanity today — pollution, coral bleaching, poaching, and urbanization. The story of oiled seas, stripped ecosystems, and



Photo: Gavrilá Piper

acidic waters would imminently spell danger and worry across their minds as all hope would seem lost. “But do not fear,” I would explain. I would then tell the tale of conservation, the tale of beached whales rescued, that of bays being cleaned of litter, and those of constructed wildlife refuges. I would tell of the crowd of activists ready to bring the world to a better future, one step at a time. This is the story of hope, and the main tale I would tell to the cetaceans, the tale that all Orca-kind would pass on for generations.

Summer Camps come in all shapes and sizes. Parents wade through the many exceptional offerings that Portland-area camps have and are constantly looking for the right fit for their child. At Portland Audubon, if we cannot deliver a program of the highest quality, with the lowest ratio of instructor to camper (1 to 6), then we will not do it. Portland Audubon’s focus on these goals not only keeps Audubon campers connected to the natural world in real and meaningful ways, but also helps us to create a continuum that has campers who have become Counselors... who have become Interns... who are now Environmental Educators... and who inspire kids to love and protect nature.

Be sure to **see page 7** for the **NEW Lake Oswego Nature Day Camps** and our “Adventure Belize!” and “High Seas & Low Tides” camps.

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!

Nancy Adamou	Erika Dedini	Helen Hwa	Kerri Melda	Ashleigh Schulwitz
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Roydon Ades	Ken & Felice Denis	Kelly Jacobson	Susan Michalak	Don Schwartz
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Christine Babic	Aleksandra Donnelly	Emily Jones	Patricia Miller	Hannah Sharp
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Timothy Bell	Irene Elmer	Diane Kendall	Shara Myers	Donna Smith
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Lauren Bull &	Margaret Fitzgerald	Matthew Knoedelseder	Tammy Olson	Nancy Taber
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If you would like to join us or have any questions about membership, please contact Pam Meyers at pmeyers@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

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Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for a large assortment of wildlife photographs including 152 8x10", 96 11x14", and 2 professionally framed 30x40" photographs
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- Carol Enyart for 2 large storage bins for the organization of the Archive Room at Audubon House
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- Alan Locklear & Marie Valleroy for 2 large jugs of bleach for the Wildlife Care Center
- Phyllis Thorne for bird food for the Wildlife Care Center including: 4 boxes of suet; 1 bag of corn on cobs; two 80-oz bags of peanuts; two 25-lb bags of mixed seed; and two 15-lb cartons of thistle

Our Wish List

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| For East Portland Office:
10 Binoculars | For Sanctuary:
Loppers
Hand saws
Work gloves |
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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

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.

Great Local Products from the Nature Store

Our shade-grown organic coffee just got better! It's now certified! Portland Audubon's official roaster, **Sauvie Island Coffee**, is now featuring a delicious **Rain Forest Alliance Certified** dark roast from Bali. And their Guatemalan medium roast now carries the **Smithsonian Bird-Friendly** stamp of approval. Both roasts are available in whole bean or ground selections. Feel doubly good as you enjoy rich, flavorful, locally roasted coffee while helping to protect the tree canopy in the winter homes of our migratory birds!

New field gear is here! Spring style comes with the addition of 2 durable, lightweight nylon "Annie" bags from **Ellington**. Both feature quilted detailing and sturdy gunmetal hardware. The **Annie Field Bag** has a strap that adjusts to shoulder or crossbody length. The compact **Annie Crossbody Bag** is equally at home on the birding trail or an urban adventure. Ellington is a group of dedicated people working out of "a little building in Portland," ready to change the world "one bag at a time"!



Annie Field Bag

A little TLC! Sun, wind, rain! We have a couple of new products that offer a bit of TLC protection for nature lovers. Local beekeepers Brad & Anika have put their hives to work producing **Portland Bee Balm**, a beeswax-based lip balm that they make by hand using **only organic ingredients**. The most important ingredient is beeswax but there's a sweet addition: a bit of honey, exclusively from their own hard-working bees in Southeast Portland.

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.**

New Leupold HD binoculars! The **BX-4 McKinley HD** is a high definition full-sized binocular designed to challenge the best. Like the Swarovski EL, these new optics feature an **extra field-flattening lens and ED glass** to guarantee the most vivid colors and razor-sharp focus you can find across the entire visual field. A big bonus is the exceptionally wide field of view: 425 feet at 1000 yards with the 8x42 model and 336 feet with the 10x42.



Leupold BX-4 McKinley HD

And rebates on other popular models! From **May 1 through June 30**, Leupold is offering a **\$30 rebate on the Acadia 8x42 or 10x42 binocular**. The Acadia combines economy with great performance in a lightweight, durable binocular. Get a **\$50 rebate on the Leupold Mojave 8x42 or 10x42 binocular**. The Mojave has a sleek modern open-bridge design to fit comfortably in your hand, even when wearing gloves! With upgraded glass and a cold mirror prism coating, it is bright and crisp even on dark days.

And a free gift! Purchase a Leupold binocular or scope on **Leupold Field Day (June 8)** and receive an embroidered Western Meadowlark cap or Leupold Binocular Harness free from Leupold! See box for details about this special event.

Facilities Rental

Picture Your Next Meeting or Event Surrounded by Nature!

"The Audubon Society facility is a great, nearby getaway for our offsite meeting. Everyone attending appreciated the quiet, peaceful setting which helped us disconnect from our day-to-day frantic environment. We were able to focus and get to work right away. The staff were very friendly and helpful, and I know we'll return."
—Tara Taylor, VP Marketing & Planning, Oregon Public Broadcasting



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Treat your staff to a true retreat just minutes from downtown:

- Increase productivity — meetings held in natural environments are less tiring and more effective than those held in conventional settings.
- Intimate areas both indoors and out for break-out sessions and team-building exercises.
- Enjoy breaks outside in the fresh air; stretch your legs (and minds) on our trails.

Reservations

Your rental fees directly support Portland Audubon, a 501c(3) organization. For more information on our rental facilities, or to check on availability, please call Tom Costello at 503-292-6855 ext.106.

To make your reservation, please complete the Heron Hall Reservation Form and Rental Agreement and return with payment at audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/rental.

Facility Details

Heron Hall is 31x31 feet. It accommodates 75 people if organized auditorium style, and 50 people if organized banquet style. Rental includes:

- Tables and chairs, 42-inch flat-screen monitor, and 10x12 projector screen.
- Kitchen with small refrigerator, microwave, coffee urn, dishes, cups, silverware.
- Nature library and natural history display.
- Use of our sanctuary and trails.
- Wi-Fi access.

Rental Fees

- \$50 per hour — two-hour minimum.
- \$25 non-refundable deposit.
- Certificate of insurance naming Audubon Society of Portland as additional insured required at time of deposit.
- Business members receive special discounts. To become a business member, call 503-292-6855 and speak to our Development Director.

The JW and Martha Rosacker Estate Legacy

Martha and JW Rosacker always valued Oregon's natural environment. They roamed through Oregon's wild places, kept multiple bird feeders stocked in their West Hills yard, and contributed regularly to the Audubon Society of Portland. Thanks to a substantial gift from the Rosacker estate, Portland Audubon is now conducting a feasibility study to help the Board make decisions about the future of the Wildlife Care Center.

JW and Martha moved to Portland in 1949 and soon bought the comfortable West Hills home and leafy yard they enjoyed for the rest of their lives. JW practiced law and Martha served as executive director of the Boys and Girls Aid Society, matching more than 600 children with adoptive homes. After JW passed away in 2008, and Martha in 2010, Portland Audubon received a bequest of more than \$700,000 from the Rosacker estate.

"Martha loved birds and Audubon," recalled family friend Michael Kern, "and at Christmas, she was likely to give away 100 pounds of bird seed and bird feeders she bought from the Nature Store." Kern also recalled how JW was taken prisoner after his B-25 bomber was shot down over France on his first flying mission in World War II. JW carried earth in the daredevil "Tom, Dick, and Harry" tunneling scheme later chronicled in the 1963 blockbuster film *The Great Escape*.



Great Horned Owl with chicks photo: Ken Bosma

The Rosackers left unrestricted funding to several of their favorite nonprofit organizations, including the Boys and Girls Aid Society, OMSI, OPB, The Nature Conservancy, Loaves and Fishes Centers, and the Audubon Society of Portland. Following a policy established by Portland Audubon and its Board of Directors, bequests are managed by professional financial advisors for conservative growth.

Board and staff at Portland Audubon have been considering how to maintain, upgrade, or rebuild the Wildlife Care Center. Rosacker estate funds have made it possible to engage consultants to study the feasibility of various options, for consideration later this year.

The Board and staff of Portland Audubon honor JW and Martha Rosacker for their very generous gift, which helps the organization to weigh an important decision carefully and leaves a legacy for protecting birds and habitat for generations to come.

Leupold Field Day at the Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary

Saturday, June 8

Free Workshops and Open Field Viewing

Please join us for a special day with the experts from Oregon's premier nature observation optics manufacturer, Leupold & Stevens.

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| 10:30–11:00am | Binocular workshop |
| 11:00–11:30am | Spotting Scope workshop |
| 11am–3:30pm | Binocular & Scope field testing in the Audubon Sanctuary |

In the workshops, Leupold & Stevens' technical experts will answer all your questions about optics selection.

In the field, we'll have a viewing site set up at Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary where you'll have the opportunity to test our great Leupold products to see how they really work



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in the field. Audubon's Education Birds will be on hand so you can focus on real-life subjects in a natural setting.

And a bonus: Participants who purchase Leupold binoculars or scopes at the event will receive a Leupold cap embroidered with Oregon's State Bird, the Western Meadowlark, or a Leupold Binocular Harness!

Birdathon 2013
Our flock rallies each spring to raise money to protect birds!

Join us, count birds, collect pledges — be a part of the Audubon Society of Portland’s most important fundraising event of the year. Birdathon is that time when all Portland Audubon members come together to help fill the virtual bird feeder. Because Birds Matter, every single dollar we raise matters — that’s why it’s important for each and every Portland Auduboner to participate. Please, join a Birdathon team, make a Birdathon pledge to someone already on a team, or simply make a Birdathon donation. Together, Audubon members will have a positive impact on birds and wildlife here in Oregon.

Half-Day Trips

A Song in the Morning
Wednesday, April 24, 7:00am–9:00am
Mt Tabor with Gerard Lillie & Tom McNamara.

Whittemore’s Whatzits
Sunday, May 5, 8:00am–Noon
Steigerwald Lake NWR with Laura Whittemore.

Bicycling Birdos
Saturday, May 11, 10:45am–2:00pm
A family-friendly birding by bicycle excursion with Barb Grover.

Metro Merlins
Sunday, May 12, 7:30am–1:30pm
Experience the excitement of spring migration at Portland hotspots with seasoned birder Tim Shelmerdine.

Great Big Sit
Saturday, May 25, 8:00am–Noon
The perfect Birdathon experience for beginning birders!

Full-Day Trips

Mult Madness:
Saturday, May 4, 6:00am–7:00pm
A tour of great birding hotspots right here in Multnomah County with Wink Gross & Andy Frank.

You can get involved in Birdathon 2013 by:
Visiting: Click on the Birdathon link at the bottom of the page at audubonportland.org.
Pledging: Donate online at Birdathon.audubonportland.org or use the pledge envelope included in this Warbler.
Participating: Join a team or fly solo — there are birding trips for any level of birder. See available trips below.



All Birdathon participants are invited to the 33rd annual Birdathon Banquet! Enjoy great food, beer, wine, live music, prizes, and more at this special event:
June 21 (Friday), 6pm–8:30pm
NW Natural Hospitality Room
220 NW 2nd Ave. & Davis St.
RSVP to 503-292-6855 by June 14.

The Joy of Birding
Saturday, May 4, 6:30am–9:30pm
A fantastic trip for both beginners and experienced birders, with Paul Sullivan & Carol Karlen.

The Bus Passerines
Saturday, May 4, 7:00am–7:00pm
Bird-a-thoning by public transportation with Steve Engel, Audubon’s Adult Education Programs Manager.

Soggy Bottom Birders
Saturday, May 4, 9:00am–4:00pm
An exclusive birding tour of wetlands with Ian Abraham & Tim Donner.

Bird Photography with Scott Carpenter

The Photographin’ Fools:
May 4 (weather permitting), 6:00am–8:00pm

The Wandering Wildlife Photographers:
May 18 (weather permitting), 6:00am–8:00pm

Raven Maniacs
Friday, May 10, 6:30am–6:30pm
Steve Robertson & Steve Engel take you on a complete day of birding the city to the sea.

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The Paddy Wagon
Saturday, May 11, 6:00am–7:00pm
From Portland to Tillamook with Patty Newland.

Magpies: Join one or both days!
Wednesday, May 15, 7:00am–4:30pm
Thursday, May 16, 7:00am–4:30pm
Slower paced, informative trips with expert leaders Denny Graham & Dwight Sangrey.

Gonzo Trips: 2+ days

Feathers of Color
Saturday, May 4 – Sunday, May 5
Tony DeFalco, Gladys Ruiz & Koto Kishida lead a 2-day, laid-back tour specifically for birders of color and their friends and family!

The Wild Turkeys
Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19
The ultimate Gonzo Birdathon experience led by Mike Houck, Ron Carley & other notorious birders.

The Roadrunners
Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19
A unique, human-powered, carbon-neutral birding experience, a 25-mile “birding-by-bike” ride brought to you by Barb Grover (of Splendid Cycles) & Micah Meskel.

Cream of the Crop
Saturday, May 18 – Sunday, May 19
Join Gary Slone for this special bird-quest through the Willamette Valley and out to the coast.

Lager Head Shrikes
Friday, May 24 – Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)
Dan van den Broek & Mark Greenfield and alumni of Audubon’s School of Birding lead a 3-day, 2-night trip to the Klamath Basin in south-central Oregon.

Questions? Please go to Birdathon.audubon.org or contact Mark Fitzsimons, Birdathon Coordinator, at mark.birdathon@gmail.com.

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