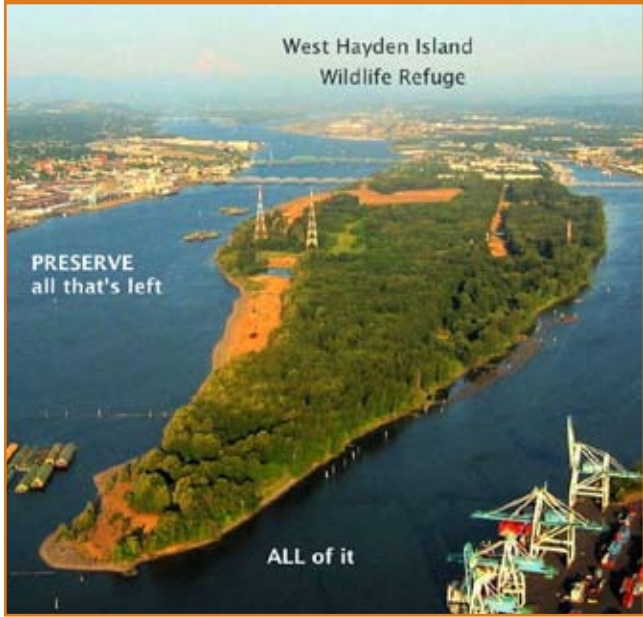




Black-throated
Gray Warbler

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Port of Vancouver viewed from West Hayden Island. While the Port of Portland argues that it needs more land to meet regional port facility demands, the Port of Vancouver is turning to hazardous oil trains to fill their long-vacant land. © Bob Sallinger

Stop the “Disposal”
of over 2,700 Acres of
the Elliott State Forest

by Bob Sallinger

Last year Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands and Center for Biological Diversity brought a lawsuit against the State of Oregon for illegal clear-cutting in federally listed Marbled Murrelet habitat on the Elliot, Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. As a result of that lawsuit, the district court found that our lawsuit was likely to be successful and placed an injunction on eleven timber sales. However rather than agreeing to adopt legal logging practices, instead the state is now considering SELLING OFF portions of OUR PUBLICLY OWNED State Forests.

The State Land Board, made up of Governor John Kitzhaber, Secretary Kate Brown, and Treasurer Ted Wheeler, is reviewing a reckless proposal to sell 2,714 acres of the Elliott State Forest. The loss of nearly 3,000 acres of public land is bad enough, but it could well be the beginning of efforts to sell off the Elliott’s entire 93,000 acres to private industry.

The right response to illegal clear-cutting is to establish environmentally responsible and legally valid management practices on our State Forests — not to sell them to private logging companies.



Marbled Murrelet chick
© Peter Halasz

The Elliott State Forest, located just east of Reedsport and Coos Bay, provides essential habitat for a host of imperiled fish and wildlife species and its forests store more carbon per acre than virtually any other place on earth, including tropical rainforests. The forest also purifies our water and air and provides quality recreation experiences. The state must recognize these values and halt the proposed sell-off.

Please write to the State Land Board before November 11th and tell them that you want them to abandon efforts to sell off portions of the Elliot State Forest, and that you want them to replace their illegal clear-cutting practices with management practices that protect our old-growth forests, our watersheds and our wildlife.

Thanks in advance for taking action today.

Send emails to the following addresses:
lorna.stafford@state.or.us
clara.taylor@state.or.us
oregon.sos@state.or.us
oregon.treasurer@state.or.us

More information at <http://audubonportland.org/issues/species/murrelet>.

Time to End the Era of Toxic Ports

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

The community could not have asked for a better example of what is wrong with our current Columbia River Port system than the front page of the July 22nd *Oregonian*.

On one side of the page, an article discussed how the Port of Vancouver is turning to oil trains to fill its long-vacant lands. They are doing this despite the strong objections of the local community, which is concerned about public safety, oil spills, and promoting fossil fuels. That fear has been heightened even further since an oil train exploded in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, killing at least 35 people and destroying a significant part of the town. Despite the fact that the investigation in Quebec is still ongoing, and ignoring the opposition of more than 100 people who showed up at a hearing on the evening of July 22nd, the Port of Vancouver Commission voted unanimously the following morning to approve the development.

Immediately to the right of that *Oregonian* article, another outlined the Port of Portland’s plans to rezone 300 acres of critical fish and wildlife habitat for industrial development

on West Hayden Island under the pretext that we have a deficit in developable port land on the Lower Columbia. Fierce public opposition to this development has held back the Port’s annexation efforts since the late 1990s. Over the last half year, hundreds of people including conservation groups, the adjacent community, the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, Yakama and Nez Perce Nations, and eight neighborhood associations have expressed their opposition to this development, which will destroy irreplaceable fish and wildlife habitat, triple air toxics to 55 times state benchmarks, destroy the health and livability of the local low-income community, and provide very limited local economic benefits. Despite the concerns of the community and the significant concerns expressed by four of the ten commissioners, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission voted 7-3 on July 8 to forward West Hayden Island for annexation to City Council.

Further undermining the credibility of this decision was that just prior to these votes, the community learned that the Columbia River Crossing had been formally declared

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Swift Watch

Portland Audubon volunteers will be present at Chapman Elementary School in Northwest Portland **throughout September** to inform and educate the public about the Vaux’s Swifts that roost in the school chimney each night during their fall migration. Go to audubonportland.org/local-birding/swiftwatch for the details.

New in 2013

Changes are taking place at this year’s Swift Watch that should make the event more enjoyable for everyone:

- While we encourage visitors to walk or use public transit, Swift Watch parking is available at Montgomery Park at 2701 NW Vaughn St, six blocks from Chapman School.
- Street parking near the event is in very short supply, so the City of Portland is increasing parking and traffic enforcement in the Chapman neighborhood.
- Portable bathrooms and additional trash cans will be provided — please use them!
- Portland park rangers will be onsite to ensure safety and enforce existing bans on alcohol and tobacco use.

Portland Audubon and the Friends of Swift Watch, a community stakeholder group, developed these changes so the event continues to be about the birds. We depend on you and other attendees to follow the rules and make Swift Watch a positive experience for all. Thanks for your help!

Vaux's Swift © Greg Gilson

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From the Executive Director



Meryl Redisch

Is a new Wildlife Care and Education Center in our future?

About 15 months ago, I shared with you some news that Portland Audubon received a significant bequest gift from the estate of JW and Martha Rosacker. Our Board of Directors wanted half of the funds invested and managed by an outside firm, and approved allocating the remainder to increasing program capacity in Conservation and exploring the feasibility of building a new Wildlife Care Center offsite of Cornell Road. I would like to update you about our progress with the hope that you will have an interest in helping us in the near future.

In order to answer the question of why a new Care Center was needed, we first had to determine the role(s) that the current Center serves within the organization and at the community level. Here is what we learned:

- The Wildlife Care Center, through its array of programs, research, and rehabilitation work, delivers on many of Portland Audubon's visionary and strategic goals. For example, the Care Center contributes to Portland Audubon's desire to engage existing supporters at a deeper level and to reach new and non-traditional audiences. We do this through the Living with Urban Wildlife programs, public releases of birds and raptors, and Education Bird presentations to people from all backgrounds and across the Portland metropolitan region.

- In addition, the collection of data over the years better informs us about some of the manmade hazards in the environment. We use this information to advocate for local and state-wide policies to reduce the threats to birds, other wildlife, and in some instances, humans. In this regard, the Care Center addresses Portland Audubon's visionary goal for enabling native bird populations to thrive.
- The Wildlife Care Center also popularizes the Audubon brand: Thousands of people come to the Center each year with orphaned or injured birds, and tens of thousands more receive information from us in some fashion. Whether it's an easy solution to a backyard problem or a complicated rescue, whenever a bird is involved, Audubon is the first place that people call.

It became apparent to the Board that the conservation, education, and rehabilitation work being done in the Care Center does contribute in a significant way to Portland Audubon's strategic and visionary goals and does rise to a level of organizational importance.

It also became very apparent to the Board that the Wildlife Care Center holds a deep, untapped potential to deliver on the Audubon Society of Portland's vision "**to build a region where people and native wildlife flourish together.**" However, as it stands today, it cannot. As part of answering the question of Why build a new Wildlife Care Center?, we gained a very good understanding about

the limitations that currently exist. With that knowledge, the Board unanimously agreed to hire a firm to develop an architectural program for a new Wildlife Care and Education facility. Complementary to the architectural process, we also hired a firm to perform a financial assessment to gauge support for a project of this size and scale. With all of the available information in hand, Portland Audubon's Board will be ready to make a decision about this project early next year.

Although many critical questions have already been answered, more remain, and that is what we are undertaking at this time. While a specific site has not been determined, we have looked at places inside Metro's urban growth boundary that may be a good fit. And other than a building that would incorporate bird-friendly, energy, and sustainability design practices, we don't know what it will look like or its size.

What we do know is this: Portland Audubon has been part of the fabric of the Portland metro region for over a century. Throughout that time, this independent chapter has won significant victories for native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. We have nurtured generations of people to know why birds matter and have empowered a community of people to advocate on their behalf. Many of you have been part of Portland Audubon's fabric for a long time, and I can't thank you enough for all of your support. I hope that if we determine that a new Wildlife Care and Education Center is the right investment to make, you will be right there with us.

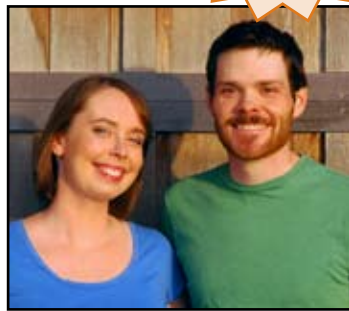
NATURE NIGHTS

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!

Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest: 85 Unforgettable Species with Sarah Swanson & Max Smith Tuesday, September 10 7pm Heron Hall

Ever wondered where to find particular species of birds in Oregon? Or wanted to know more about those birds than you can find in a field guide? **Sarah Swanson** and **Max Smith** provide the answers and celebrate Oregon's favorite birds with their book, newly published by Timber Press: ***Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest***, subtitled ***85 Unforgettable Species, Their Fascinating Lives, and How to Find Them***. Sarah and Max use a fresh, fun, and thoughtful way to group birds in their book, based on noteworthy traits in categories like big birds, colorful birds, and killer birds.



© Jerry Swanson

Portland Audubon's Nature Night lecture series kicks off the 2013–2014 season by welcoming Sarah and Max for a talk and book signing on Tuesday, September 10. Featuring amazing photographs, they will share stories about the natural history, behavior, and habitat of some of their favorite birds, as well as tales of experiences while scouting and researching for the book. They will highlight bird profiles including exactly where to find them in Oregon and Washington.

Sarah Swanson was Portland Audubon's Camp Director and Onsite Programs Coordinator from 2006 to 2011. She currently works for WaterWatch of Oregon, while biologist Max Smith is a contractor for the U.S. Forest Service studying riparian forest ecology. Expert birders, they have co-led the popular "The Murre the Merrier" Birdathon team for seven years, and often lead field trips for Portland Audubon.

New and experienced birders alike will enjoy this evening devoted to the pure joy of bird watching! To reserve a copy of the book, please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.

Northern Pygmy-Owls of Forest Park with John Deshler Tuesday, October 8 7pm Heron Hall

Few birds are more fascinating than Northern Pygmy-Owls, many of which live and nest right here in Portland's Forest Park. Northern Pygmy-Owls are a study in contrasts: tough, yet vulnerable; mysterious, yet daring. They avoid the darkness that other owls prefer, and boldly call from the tops of tall trees; yet they are devilishly hard to see from the ground, and their skill as "ventriloquists" make that call hard to pin down.

What are pygmy-owls really doing out there in the forest? How many owlets do breeding pairs produce, and how does that relate to habitat factors, timing of breeding, and diet? Are pygmy-owls diurnal or crepuscular? What do they have for breakfast and how is that different from lunch? How brief is the life of a pygmy-owl?

Join biologist and Northern Pygmy-Owl expert **John Deshler** as he explores the answers to these questions. John will use data as well as amazing photographs and video to illuminate the ecology of this captivating and often elusive forest denizen.

After earning his MS, John studied the breeding biology, habitat selection, and behavior of Northern Pygmy-Owls for six years, largely in Forest Park. He is the author of several manuscripts on pygmy-owl ecology, and he and several pygmy-owls have been featured on OPB-TV's *Oregon Field Guide* and in the *High County News* (which focuses on environmental issues and public policy in the western U.S.). In 2012 John authored the *Forest Park Wildlife Report* and coordinated the "Forest Park BioBlitz for Wildlife," both for Portland Parks & Recreation. He now works as a wildlife biologist for the Portland Water Bureau.

This will be an entertaining and informative evening of owl-lore!



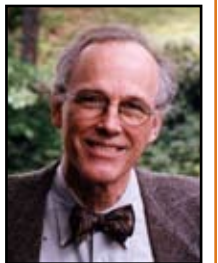
Northern
Pygmy-Owl male
© John Deshler



The Curious Case of the Endangered Snail Darter with Professor Zygmunt Plater

**Thursday, October 3 at 7:00pm
Reed College, Vollum Lecture Hall
FREE and open to the public**

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Endangered Species Act, one of the United States' strongest environmental laws, with a special talk by Law Professor **Zygmunt Plater** at Reed College on October 3rd.



Zygmunt Plater
© Suzi Camarata

The famous snail darter case — the Supreme Court's 1978 decision in *TVA v. Hill* — still stands as the most important milestone in the Endangered Species Act's four decades of conservation. Charged with high drama, it featured a rag-tag band of environmentalists squaring off against one of the most prolific dam-building agencies on the planet.

As a young law professor, Zyg Plater collected money in a hat to begin the fight against the Tennessee Valley Authority's scheme to build Tellico Dam — he was later fired for his efforts. The case was generally reported as "*a silly little fish stopping a huge hydroelectric dam*," but the true story is quite different.

Professor Plater will tell the amazing tale of how he and a handful of students and farmers carried their fight for the Little Tennessee River through the corridors of federal agencies, the U.S. Supreme Court, and finally to the President himself. It's a story that has impact and resonates today, with environmentalists' efforts to protect and restore endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.



Snail Darter in hand © Suzi Camarata

Please join us for this exciting and enlightening presentation — how an important case has helped shape the Endangered Species Act's destiny. Sponsored by the Walter Krause Economics Lecture Fund and the economics department at Reed College. Co-sponsored by the Animal Law Journal of Lewis and Clark Law School and the Audubon Society of Portland — with special appearances by the Portland Audubon education birds.

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

September 15 (Sun), 8:30am–11am Fernhill Wetlands, Forest Grove

Join leader **Tim Shelmerdine** as we walk the ponds at Fernhill Wetlands looking for shorebirds and discussing their identification. Meet at the parking lot. From the junction of Hwys 47 and 8 in Forest Grove, head south 0.7 mile and turn left onto Fern Hill Road. Proceed about 0.5 mile and turn left into the parking lot. Please bring a scope if you have one. Questions: Tim at 971-221-2534.

September 25 (Wed), 8:30am–11:30am Tualatin River NWR

Before the seasonal trails close, join **Barbara Allen** for a two-mile walk to look for migrating shorebirds, waterfowl, and other local birds. Meet at the refuge parking lot located just north of Sherwood off Hwy 99W. Questions: Barbara at 970-209-9209 or barbamaxzoe@yahoo.com.



September 25 (Wed), 8am–11am Kiwa Trail, Ridgefield NWR

Join **Ron Escano** on a walk on the Kiwa Trail looking for rails and bitterns. Meet at the Kiwa Trailhead parking lot on the River 'S' Auto Tour Route at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Washington. The trail is a flat 1.5-mile walk and closes October 1st, so last chance for this year. Questions: Ron at 503-771-3454; no signup needed.

October 17 (Thu), 8:30am–11:30am Sauvie Island

We will meet at the General Store near the bridge, where required Island parking permits are sold. If we can meet by 8:30am we will arrange carpooling to keep the number of cars down. **Registration is required**; please contact **Dudley Thomas** at dbthomas70@gmail.com or at 503-317-1663 before 6pm.



October 19 (Sat), 8am–Noon Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island



Join **Ron Escano** for a waterfowl and fall sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at the Eastside Check Station Parking Lot on the corner of Reeder & Rentenaar Rds. We will walk Rentenaar Rd and back (1.6 miles round trip). All vehicles need a Sauvie Island parking permit, for sale at General Store near the bridge. From the Sauvie Island bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles to the intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and continue north 9 miles to the Eastside Check Station and Rentenaar Rd on the left (allow 25 minutes to drive from the bridge to the check station). Questions: Ron at 503-771-3454; no signup needed.

October 20 (Sun), 9am–11am Dawson Creek Park, Hillsboro

Join **Max Smith** and **Sarah Swanson** for a walk through the brilliant fall foliage of Dawson Creek Park. We will observe the bustling of Acorn Woodpecker colonies and check the ponds for ducks, grebes, and other waterbirds. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Hillsboro Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Parkway in Hillsboro. Questions: Max at 503-720-9730.

October 26 (Sat), 7:30am–5pm Netarts Bay & Cape Meares

Join **Marsh Sly** for a trip to Netarts Bay, Oceanside, and Cape Meares. Meet at McDonald's in North Plains (Exit 57 off Hwy 26) at 7:30am, or at the Tillamook Safeway (NW corner of parking lot) at 9:30am. We will stop at Killin Marsh on the way to the coast. Bring rain gear, lunch, water. Questions: Marsh at marshsly1@gmail.com or 503-201-8119.



Three Arch Rocks at Oceanside, Oregon © Marilyn Stinnett



Audubon Night at Kruger's Farm Market 17100 NW Sauvie Island Rd, Portland Friday, September 20, 5:00pm – 10:00pm

Welcome the fall migration with fun for everyone at the 4th annual Howl at the Moon Harvest Night at Kruger's Farm Market!

Just \$10 per carload benefits Portland

Audubon AND gets you:

- Live Music by Jawbone Flats
- Trips through Kruger's Crazy Corn Maze
- Hay Rides
- Face Painting
- Harvest Bonfire
- Portland Audubon Activities
- Portland Audubon Education Birds

Rain or shine, help us celebrate the full moon and bring your friends and family for a fun-filled evening that benefits the Audubon Society of Portland. The farm stand will be open, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Please, no dogs!

Come howl at the moon with us! © Tom Schmid



BirdFest 2013

October 5–6 (Sat–Sun)
Ridgefield NWR, Washington

Come to **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**, just 25 minutes north of Portland, for a two-day celebration of nature! Walk on Audubon-led bird and plant tours, see **Portland Audubon's Education Birds** (schedule at ridgefieldfriends.org), and visit **Audubon's Nature Store** booth at the Birders' Marketplace. Reserve a spot on a tour to view Sandhill Cranes flying, or to kayak on a guided paddle tour. Visit an authentic replica of a plankhouse, see demonstrations on how Native Americans lived, and sample salmon at a traditional salmon bake. Watch your children have fun for free while learning about nature at the craft stations, storytelling tent, and children's bird walks. Go to **ridgefieldfriends.org** for all the details.



Fernhill Wetlands Birds & Brew Festival

Saturday, October 12, 8am–Noon

Fernhill Wetlands is in the midst of a massive makeover, and the changes are spectacular! Fernhill's 2nd annual Birds & Brew festivities will feature tours on the hour, one led by Portland Audubon urban naturalist Mike Houck. Start your day with a cup of specially blended private-label joe from BJ's Coffee Company and breakfast snacks from Maggie's Buns, owned by two local businesswomen who are donating proceeds from the event to the Friends of Fernhill Wetlands.



Mark your calendars for
this family-friendly
Halloween event!

Saturday, October 19, 2013
5:00pm – 8:30pm

\$12.50 covers registration and participation
for first member of your group,
\$10 per person for other members.
Recommended for kids 5–12

Come celebrate Halloween and learn all about the creatures of the night. Come face-to-face with Portland Audubon's Great Horned Owl, Northern Spotted Owl, Turkey Vulture, and Raven. **Trick-or-Treat with naturalists and enjoy a night walk to investigate what creatures haunt the sanctuary at night.** Event will go rain or shine.

Pre-registration is required. You can register online at audubonportland.org/about/events/halloween or call 503-292-6855 ext.108 for more information. Space is limited for event and walks, so register early!

International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!
Sat, September 7
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Heron Hall

Around the world vultures are facing hazards in the wild and their numbers are dwindling. As "Nature's Recyclers," they play an important role in reducing disease — and it's up to us to help save them.



Ruby the Turkey Vulture
© Tom Schmid

International Vulture Awareness Day is filled with fun and educational activities:

- Meet Ruby, Portland Audubon's Turkey Vulture, up close, along with the other Education Birds
- Compare your "wingspan" to that of an Andean Condor's silhouette
- Make a crafted vulture and mask
- Learn fun vulture facts
- Find out the differences between Old and New World vultures
- Discover why vultures are important
- Make a pledge to help vultures survive

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!

Conservation

Portland’s first-ever showcase of local “cat patios”:

Join us for Portland’s Catio Tour!

Sunday, September 8, Noon–4pm

What do cat-lovers and bird-lovers have in common? We want what’s best for the animals we love. When it comes to cats and birds, “what’s best” does not have to be mutually exclusive. Every cat deserves a safe home where it is loved, cared for, and kept free from hazards — while wildlife deserve a landscape free from high volumes of unnatural predators. Yet, right now, tens of thousands of stray and feral cats roam our urban landscape, vulnerable to a variety of risks and preying on native wildlife.

On Sunday, September 8, from noon to 4pm, 12 residents across the Portland metro area will showcase a variety of cat patios that are keeping cats safe at home. From fabulous to frugal, these “Catics” offer pet cats healthy, enriching time outdoors, while protecting them from hazards like cars, predators, and poisons.



Example of a Catio design. Catics are excellent for keeping cats safe at home while letting them get exercise and fresh air. © Karen Kraus



Premier Sponsor



The goal of this unique event, hosted in partnership with the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, is to educate you about how outdoor cat enclosures keep pet cats and wildlife more safe. We hope to inspire you to build one for your own cat!

A tour guidebook, including catio photos and construction information as well as directions to each catio, will be available to all registered participants prior to the event so you can plan your outing. Registration is required. Please register on the Feral Cat Coalition’s website at feralcats.com/Catio/catio_registration_submitform.html or contact Nikkie West at 503-292-6855.

Time to End the Era of Toxic Ports

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dead... not “zombie dead” but truly dead, in the words of a spokesperson for Mayor Charlie Hales. Development on West Hayden Island has always been predicated on building of the Columbia River Crossing, without which interchanges on Hayden Island will reach service level “F” by 2030, the lowest score available and one which the city defines as “traffic at a standstill.” In fact, Mayor Charlie Hales said many times during his mayoral campaign and as recently as his state of the city address that it would be irresponsible to move forward with annexation until we understand the implications of the CRC. Every significant study of development on West Hayden Island over the past four years, including the Public Health Impact Analysis, Cost/ Benefit Analysis, Environmental Mitigation Plans, and Transportation Plans, has included the CRC as an underlying assumption. Those studies have now been rendered fatally obsolete — the city is moving forward with annexing land for industrial development knowing that it has no viable way to access that facility.

Meanwhile downstream, other Columbia River ports are turning in desperation to coal trains and LNG to fill their vacant lands that have been standing idle for years, which join the Port of Vancouver’s oil trains to form an unholy trinity of hazardous energy exports that fly in the face of the Northwest’s commitment to renewable energy development. The City of Portland has steadfastly refused to substantively analyze how these Ports, some literally within view of one another, impact one another — and how creating more unneeded capacity in Portland could drive other local ports even further toward these desperate non-solutions.

Hovering in the air is the \$180 million dollar stench of the Columbia River Crossing, a project propelled forward for years, despite wide community opposition and basic common sense, by insider politics, overpaid consultants, and 1950s-style thinking. Even as that \$180M fiasco comes to an end, its most fundamental flaw — ignoring rather than addressing glaring problems — is perpetuated on West Hayden Island.

It has been more than a decade since interests as diverse as neighborhood associations, Audubon Society of Portland, and the *Portland Business Journal* called upon the Ports of Portland and Vancouver to move from destructive competitive models to a more collaborative model which would maximize use of the existing marine industrial land base, negate the need to destroy critical natural areas, and strengthen the regional economy. In the ensuing years,



Nesting Great Horned Owl on West Hayden Island — one of nearly 200 fish and wildlife species that call WHI home © David Jewel

nothing has changed — our public Ports continue to behave not as though they are united by a river, but rather as though they are separated by intergalactic space.

It is worth reviewing the *Portland Business Journal’s* words in an editorial titled “Having it Both Ways,” written back in March 2000, the last time the Port of Portland tried to annex West Hayden Island. They could just as well have been written today: *We’re having a hard time understanding the Port of Portland’s position on working with others to achieve a positive environmental goal... The Port insists that it has the right environmental stuff these days and should be entrusted with putting together a plan and coalition to fix the mess the river has become. Yet when it comes to preserving the natural habitat on West Hayden Island, the Port apparently can’t see across the river... This is what comes of a long tradition of ports competing with each other rather than working together. They compete (using tax dollars, of course) in the name of creating jobs for their region, but these ports seem to serve the same population. Hey, fellas, why not make a phone call? The savings could be huge.*

As part of the West Hayden Island study process, the City of Portland produced an incomplete and half-hearted analysis concluding that a regional approach was not possible because it is complicated, difficult, and the Ports are not interested. Notably, the Port of Vancouver refused requests to participate in the West Hayden Island process. These studies however defy basic common sense: How can we truly be looking at a deficit of Columbia River port acreage when Ports are turning to coal, oil, and LNG to fill long-vacant lands, when the Port of Portland’s own facilities sit half empty (Terminal 6 is on the brink of failure and cargo ships are about as common as sea serpents), when the Port cannot even tell the community what it intends to build on West Hayden Island or when it might be built, and when the unions are blockading local facilities and accusing the Port of substituting greed for jobs?

It is time to end the era of toxic ports and demand that public ports on the lower Columbia River collaborate to maximize efficient use of the existing marine industrial land base, avoid the need to destroy irreplaceable natural areas like West Hayden Island, and develop unified strategies to bring in sustainable tenants that support real jobs, healthy communities, and the long-term viability of our regional port system.



Close-up of Purple Martins and the new gourds at Smith and Bybee Lakes © Micah Meskel

Purple Martin Nest Gourds Installed at Smith and Bybee Lakes

by Bob Sallinger

Head out to Smith and Bybee Lakes, the largest urban wetlands in the United States, and you are likely to see a vast array of wildlife. Bald Eagles nest here and so do Western Painted Turtles. In the late summer you may see White Pelicans. In the fall look for Great Egrets and shorebirds by the thousands. Also look for Troy Clark. For more than twenty years Troy has been rambling, birding, and paddling the lakes and has emerged as its staunchest advocate. Troy founded the Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes, has represented Audubon on the Smith and Bybee Management Committee for nearly two decades, and also currently represents Audubon on the Columbia Slough Watershed Council.

A few years back when Troy retired from a career at the US Postal Service he requested that, rather than gifts, donations be made to Portland Audubon. Troy apparently made a lot of friends along his route because the donations were quite substantial! We in turn want to do something with the funds that would honor Troy. When I asked him if there was a project that he would like to see the funds dedicated toward, he hardly paused: “Well, it would be cool to put up some Purple Martin nest gourds at Smith and Bybee.”

Purple Martins are the largest member of the swallow family in North America. They were once common in the Willamette Valley, but now these cavity nesters are considered to be at risk due to loss of snags and competition from invasive species such as starlings.

Today these colonial nesters can most often be found nesting in white gourds. The history of martins using gourds dates back hundreds and perhaps thousands of years. Native Americans discovered that these birds could be attracted to villages by hanging hollowed gourds from branches. Anthropologists speculate that the utility of this endeavor could have been entertainment, insect reduction, or the fact that martins will sometimes drive other birds such as crows from the area.

The first set of gourds at Smith and Bybee went up earlier this year, and this spring all eight gourds were occupied by a bumper crop of Purple Martins. Next year, a second set of gourds will be added as well. Thanks to Troy for his years of dedication to Smith and Bybee Lakes and for providing new homes for some of the lake’s coolest inhabitants!



Troy Clark checks out the tenants of his Purple Martin colony © Micah Meskel

Audubon and Other Local Conservation Organizations Announce Opposition to Water-Sewer Initiative

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

You may have heard recently on the news about a proposed water-sewer initiative which would take control of the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Water Bureau away from the City of Portland and turn these bureaus over to an obscure new commission. Proponents of this initiative are about to begin collecting signatures to place this initiative on the 2014 ballot. We urge you NOT to sign the petitions.

Audubon strongly opposes this initiative. We believe that it will jeopardize the City's core environmental programs. The lead proponent of this initiative, Kent Craford, recently led a lawsuit, backed by large industrial water users, against the City which argued that some of our most important environmental programs are illegal. Specific programs at the Bureau of Environmental Services that came under attack in this lawsuit included the Superfund Cleanup program, greenspace acquisition, greenstreets, invasive species removal, the Grey to Green initiative (which includes the City's tree-planting programs), and river natural resource planning efforts. The lead lawyer on both the lawsuit and the initiative, John DeLorenzo, led successful efforts to oppose campaign finance reform in Oregon — and initiated unsuccessful legislation in Salem which the Oregonian described as the “boldest grab for water in recent Oregon history,” a failed effort that would have delivered Columbia River water to giant agricultural interests at bargain basement prices at the expense of salmon and the environment.

Meet Portland Audubon's New Avian Conservation Program Manager

by Bob Sallinger

Joe Liebezeit started as Portland Audubon's new Avian Conservation Program Manager in July. He previously worked 12 years for the Wildlife Conservation Society as a conservation biologist, where he examined the impacts of oil development and climate change on nesting birds in arctic Alaska. During his time with WCS, Joe worked to quantify how predator populations (e.g., Arctic Fox, gulls, ravens) that benefit from oil development activities were negatively impacting nesting shorebirds and songbirds. He worked with a diverse group of stakeholders, including agencies and industry, to develop best management and land-use practices to minimize these impacts.



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Most recently, in coordination with other NGOs including Audubon Alaska, Joe helped achieve a major conservation win by protecting more than 3.5 million acres in the Teshekpuk Lake region from oil and gas development activities. The Teshekpuk Lake region is one of the most important regions for nesting and migrating birds in the circumpolar arctic, supporting some of the highest breeding densities of shorebirds and staging waterfowl in the world.

Joe was born and raised in New Jersey and has more than 20 years' experience as a biologist and conservationist. Joe has participated in wildlife studies across the U.S., from Maine to Hawaii, as well as in arctic Russia and South Korea. He has lived in the Pacific Northwest for nearly 20 years and has been a Portland resident since 2005.

As the new Avian Conservation Program Manager, Joe will lead Portland Audubon's citizen science efforts and develop new projects on timely conservation issues. He will also engage in urban conservation efforts in Portland as well as increase Portland Audubon's role in key conservation issues across the state in areas like the Klamath Basin, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and vital coastal and marine habitats. With Joe's breadth of experience and involvement in high-profile conservation issues, he brings a wealth of knowledge and new expertise to Portland Audubon.

We believe that the concept at the core of this initiative, taking control of the City's water, sewer, and stormwater utilities away from the City and turning them over to an obscure board, is deeply flawed. It is ripe for takeover by the giant corporate interests that back this initiative, some of the very same interests that have polluted our rivers and fought our most important environmental programs. Audubon does not agree with everything the City does — we will continue to fight for policies and practices that protect our communities and our environment. However, we do not believe that transferring our most important environmental programs to a new commission that is less accountable, less accessible, less transparent, and more easily manipulated by big money interests is the right direction to go.

The following is a statement released by Audubon and ten other conservation and environmental justice advocates opposing this initiative:



Proponents of the water-sewer initiative claim misspending at Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services is responsible for high sewer rates. In fact the primary driver of our rates was the Big Pipe Project. The Big Pipe was the biggest public works project in Portland history, costing \$1.4 billion. BES brought the project in on time and on budget. It will go down as among the biggest environmental accomplishments in Portland history, removing raw sewage from our river. Other cities that delayed dealing with the same combined sewer overflow problems are now facing much more expensive projects than Portland. Photo of Big Pipe entrance © Bob Sallinger

Statement from Portland Conservation and Environmental Justice Advocates Opposing Water-Sewer Initiative July 24, 2013

As Portland area conservation and environmental justice advocates with long histories of both challenging and collaborating with the city to protect our natural resources and communities, we want to express our strong and unequivocal opposition to the recently proposed water-sewer commission initiative. The initiative would take control of the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Water Bureau from the Portland City Council and transfer them to an obscure board that will have less transparency and less accountability. This effort masquerades as a populist movement but is in fact a Trojan horse backed by industrial water users designed to lower their costs and defund the City's most important environmental programs. We strongly urge residents of Portland to not sign the petitions and to oppose this misguided initiative.

This effort will reduce accountability and transparency: Residents of Portland may not always agree with the decisions made by the Portland City Council, but the public is able to track and weigh in on important decisions through regular public hearings, strong disclosure rules, an extensive budget process, and ultimately through elections. Recent budget hearings attended by hundreds of people stand as a case in point. Special district boards by comparison are typically much more obscure, remote and faceless. Few people track the activities of special district boards, they receive virtually no media coverage, they meet relatively infrequently, and they are typically not included in media endorsement pages or in watchdog group scorecards. Creating a special district to run our public utilities is a recipe for takeover by special interests and less transparency and public oversight than exists today.

This effort will undermine Portland's most important environmental programs: This effort is backed by the industrial Water Users Coalition, a lobbying group supported by some of Portland's biggest and wealthiest industrial interests and it is being funded by a right wing Oregon fundraising machine. This group includes some of Portland's biggest polluters and many of these groups have worked in the past to roll back Portland's environmental protections. Their current lawsuit against the City of Portland directly attacks the City's core environmental programs such as watershed restoration and protection of our most important natural areas. It is disappointing that in their laudable efforts to protect Portland's reservoirs, some Mt Tabor reservoir advocates have aligned themselves with some of Portland's least civic-minded industries which seek to roll back years of environmental progress in Portland.

Attacks on Portland Bureau of Environmental Services are misguided: Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services has been doing an outstanding job for Portland. It recently completed “the big pipe,” the largest public works project in Portland history, on time and on budget. That project, which has removed raw sewage from our rivers, has resulted in higher rates. However, many U.S. cities that waited to address their combined sewer systems are now being forced to begin projects that will cost far more than Portland's project. Portland's effort was proactive, well managed and cost effective, and as a result, our river is far healthier today than it was a decade ago. At the same time, Portland has been leading the country in converting from pipe-based stormwater strategies to greener strategies such as planting trees, building greenstreets and protecting flood areas and stream corridors to address urban stormwater. These efforts have improved our environment, created jobs, increased neighborhood livability and saved the city tens of millions of dollars. Communities from all over the world are traveling to Portland to learn about the successes of our green stormwater strategies — something the main proponents of this district initiative would like to see abandoned.

We want accountability and transparency and we also want to see the City build upon, not abandon, its most important environmental programs. That is why we strongly oppose any effort to transfer our public utilities to an obscure board backed by big industrial interests.

Bob Sallinger Conservation Director Audubon Society of Portland	Travis Williams Executive Director Willamette Riverkeeper	Judy BlueHorse Skelton Indigenous Nations Studies faculty, Portland State University Native American Community Advisory Council member
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Scott Fogarty Executive Director Friends of Trees	Jeri Williams Equity Activist	Don Goldberg Senior Project Manager Trust for Public Lands
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Educational Trips

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



Eilean Donan Castle © Steve Robertson

Scotland!

April 28 – May 7, 2014

Join Portland Audubon on this 10-day trip to bird the ancient land of Scotland. This tour will take you from the Scottish forests, through the foothills and on to the scenic coast as we search for specialties of the region.

Our trip will begin in the northern town of Inverness, where we team up with one of Scotland's premier birders to assist us on our quest for the **Razorbill**, **Atlantic Puffin** and **Arctic Loon**. We'll also traverse the famous Highlands of Scotland as we search for the **Red Grouse**, a rare endemic subspecies of the Rock Ptarmigan.

The woodlands and estuaries surrounding Inverness will offer a nice introduction to the bird life of Scotland, and some of our first encounters may include **Buzzard**, **Eurasian Siskin**, **Treecreeper**, **Blackbird**, **Chaffinch** and the **European Robin**.

Next we head to the northwest with its impressive sea cliffs, dunes and woodlands of Handa Island. One of the largest seabird colonies on the British Isles is found here with over 175,000 birds. Nesting season will be just beginning when we arrive and we should see **Common Murre**, **Black-legged Kittiwake**, and the kleptoparasitic **Arctic Skua** (Parasitic Jaeger) and **Great Skua**. Nearby, we'll search for **Eurasian Oystercatcher** as well as both **Common** and **Arctic Terns**, **Eurasian Skylark**, **Stonechat** and **Wheatear**. A woodland copse may harbor **Willow Warbler** and **Chiffchaff**, while **Eurasian Golden-Plover** nest on the moors. With some luck we will see the majestic **White-tailed Eagle** when we visit the Isle of Skye.

Heading into the Highlands, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) preserve at Insh Marsh is host to an array of wetland birds. Some that we hope to find are the **Greylag Goose**, **Tufted Duck**, **Pochard**, **Common Redshank** and **Reed Bunting**. The Highland Forest and Heath in the vicinity provide habitat for **Crested Tit**, **Common Redstart**, and **Whinchat**, and with some luck we may catch a glimpse of a **Black Grouse**, **Capercaillie**, and the much-sought-after **Scottish Crossbill**.



Scottish Bagpiper
photo: Michal Osmenda

We'll have plenty of time for a bit of Scottish culture as well when we visit the impressive Eilean Donan Castle and the famous Castle of Sterling. We'll end our trip in Edinburgh, where we'll visit the Scottish Seabird Centre, after which you'll have free time to explore this enchanting city.

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director, and Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Group size: limited to 14 participants
Fee: \$2995 members / \$3295 non-members
Deposit: \$1500 required to secure your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation within Scotland, all **double-occupancy** lodging, meals except dinners, local guide fees and gratuities, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your Audubon leaders. **Not included:** Airfare to & from Scotland, and dinners.

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.

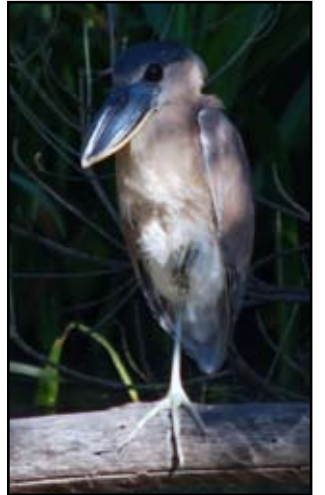
The Birds of Banderas Bay

Come birding with us along the Sayulita Coast!

March 9–16, 2014

The tropical Sayulita Coast lies just north of Puerto Vallarta and La Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Flags) in western Mexico. The diverse avifauna of the area's forests, fields, coast, and mountains has for many years attracted Portland Audubon board member **David Mandell** to visit the coastal village of San Francisco, home of the San Pancho Bird Observatory. Now David has offered to co-lead our first birding trip to this region he loves, and share its rich birding with Audubon members. The village's most comfortable hotel will be our base of operations from which we'll launch our daily explorations, and it's ideally located to provide opportunities to relax, enjoy the local coastal culture — and, oh yes, see lots of great birds!

The habitats surrounding San Francisco (known locally as San Pancho) are home to resident species such as **Pale-billed and Golden-cheeked Woodpeckers**, **Rufous-bellied Chachalaca**, **Cinnamon Hummingbird**, **Red-billed Pigeon**, and **Squirrel Cuckoo**. **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, **Mexican Parrotlet**, **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper**, and **Scrub Euphonia** are also found here.



Boat-billed Heron © Raul Chapa

On a short walk from our hotel you might encounter flocks of birds featuring **five species of orioles**, **Masked Tityra**, **Bat Falcon**, **Rufous-backed Robin**, **Rose-throated Becard**, and perhaps a **Citreoline Trogon** or a **Russet-crowned Motmot**. It is just a few blocks to the beach where, with the Pacific Ocean at your back, you can bird an unspoiled lagoon hosting **Roseate Spoonbill**, **Bare-throated Tiger Heron**, **Northern Jacana**, and **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**. This part of Mexico is also the winter home of many species we enjoy during the summer months, birds known to biologists as neotropical migrants. Don't be surprised to see "old friends" such as **Warbling Vireo**, **Swainson's Thrush**, **Yellow-breasted Chat**, **Black-throated Gray Warbler**, and **Black-headed Grosbeak**, alongside **Yellow-winged Cacique** and **Rufous-backed Robin**.



Russet-crowned Motmot
© Raul Chapa

We'll spend five nights in San Pancho, allowing us to thoroughly and comfortably explore the best birding areas within a day's drive, while always returning to our delightful lodgings in the heart of San Pancho to recap the day, enjoy delicious local cuisine, and relax. Luis Morales, the director of the San Pancho Bird Observatory, will join us one evening at dinner to give a presentation about the important conservation work they are doing in the community through education and scientific studies, including a bird-banding operation that we may observe in action. Luis will also join us on one of our most exciting outings while there, a boat trip through the mangrove-lined estuary at San Blas, home to **Limpkin**, **Common Black-Hawk**, **Snail Kite**, and **Laughing Falcon**. The mangroves could also yield **Rufous-necked Wood-Rail**, **Mangrove Cuckoo**, and the distinctive "Mangrove" subspecies of **Yellow Warbler**. We will also search for the roost sites of **Boat-billed Herons** and **Northern Potoo**. We will take a break from our boat ride to have lunch at *La Tovar*, a lovely shaded spot at the source of the river, before returning to the dock and birding our way back to San Pancho.

We wrap up our trip by heading inland to the historic and picturesque village of San Sebastian del Oeste, founded in 1605, where we spend two days and nights. The cool oak and pine forests above San Sebastian will provide a completely different offering of birds than we saw in San Pancho: **White-eared**, **Berylline**, and **Magnificent Hummingbirds**; **Crescent-chested**, **Grace's**, and **Red-faced Warblers**; **Painted** and **Slate-throated Redstarts**; **Red-headed**, **Hepatic**, and possibly **Flame-colored Tanagers**, to name just a few. In the morning, the beautiful song of the **Brown-backed Solitaire** will echo through the forest.

David Mandell has been making winter visits to San Pancho with his family for many years and has assisted the San Pancho Bird Observatory in its work. He is thrilled to co-lead the first Portland Audubon trip to the area and we are very excited to offer this opportunity. For more information and to register **contact Steve Engel** at **971-222-6119**.

Leaders: Steve Engel, David Mandell, and local guides

Group size: Limited to 14 participants

Fee: \$2495 members / \$2695 non-members **Deposit:** \$1200 required to secure your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation, 7 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, all breakfasts and lunches, some dinners, all entry fees, a donation to the San Pancho Bird Observatory, gratuities for local guides, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** Airfare to & from Portland.

International Birding Blog

You can enjoy David Mandell's interview with San Pancho Bird Observatory Director Luis Morales on our new international birding blog! Just go to **audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/international-trips/blog** for an insider's look at Audubon Ecotours, in-depth information about birds from around the world, and spectacular wildlife photos. Learn more about our expert-led excursions to some of the world's best birding spots!

HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. **Register and pay online:**Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.
OR: Contact Steve Engel via phone or email to be put on the roster. If class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then...
2. **Mail in your check:** Make payable to Audubon Society of Portland. Include with payment: class name, your name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.
3. **Credit card payment:** Call Steve Engel (971-222-6119) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover (3% fee charged).
- Contact Steve Engel, Adult Education Manager, at sengel@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

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

Harry Nehls on:
Swallows, Swifts & Hummingbirds

September 17 (Tue), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall

Join **Harry Nehls** for an introduction to some of the most agile fliers in the world of birds. Learn what characteristics swifts have in common with hummingbirds. Learn how to recognize a swallow from a swift and which species nest in Oregon.
Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free for active volunteers.

Beginning Birding I

September 23 (Mon), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
September 29 & October 6 (Sun), 8am–11am: Local Field Trips

Join **Laura Whittemore** for her ever-popular introduction to bird watching. You will learn about field gear such as binoculars and field guides, how to recognize birds by groups, and how to identify species by their field marks, behavior, and sound. This is the perfect class for you if you’ve ever wanted to “get started” in bird watching. This class is likely to fill quickly, so don’t hesitate to sign up!
Class & Field Trips (*limited to 14 participants*): \$45 members / \$60 non-members
Class-only option (*limited to 14 participants*): \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Hawk Identification

September 24 (Tue) 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
September 28 (Sat) 9am–5pm: Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)

Hawks, eagles, and falcons can be challenging to identify, particularly in flight. If you would like some help with this group, this class is for you! Hone your newly learned identification skills on a Saturday field trip to Bonney Butte, a hawk migration study site near Mt Hood. This location offers an opportunity to see migrating raptors that use the uplift provided by this site to propel them on their way to their wintering grounds. Instructor **Shawneen Finnegan** once lived in one of the most famous hawk-watching locations in North America (Cape May, New Jersey), where she observed thousands of hawks each fall.
Class & Field Trip: \$50 members / \$70 non-members (transportation is provided)
Field Trip is limited to 12 participants. A second van may be added if needed.
Class-only option: \$10 members / \$15 members

Animal Tracking

October 2 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall with Steve Engel
October 3 (Thu), time & location TBA: Field Trip with David Moskowitz

Register online; see Nature Store Highlights on page 9 for details.
The Woods in Autumn: Beauty of the Season
October 5 & 12 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall & Audubon Sanctuary

Autumn is a turning time, a time of preparation for the coming winter by insects, animals, and plants. Seeds, fruits, and soft colors inhabit the landscape. Come and learn to see in a different way and learn techniques to express your unique style in a journal format. Our pages will develop in surprising and wonderful ways as we observe the life around us in the Audubon Sanctuary, working with techniques like plant prints, handmade nature stamps, borders, and other embellishments. No art experience needed! **Jude Siegel** is the author of *A Pacific Northwest Nature Journal* and has taught her techniques for Nature Journaling for over 30 years. “*Jude is a wonderful, encouraging instructor who really helped me learn more about the subject.*” —Amy Doyle, student
Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members (plus materials)
Limited to 16 participants.

Beginning Birding 2

October 13, 20, 27 (Sun), 8am–Noon: Local Field Trips

Take your new birding skills to the next level with **Laura Whittemore**. This class is designed for those wanting more time in the field practicing and improving their birding abilities. Three morning field trips to local sites provide you opportunity to practice your ID skills under Laura’s patient tutelage, and to learn of great places to go birding in the future.
Fee: \$65 members / \$80 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.



Wilson's Warbler photo: Donna Dewhurst/USFWS

Borneo: Trip of a Lifetime!

by Barb Hill, Trip Participant

This spring, Audubon Society of Portland completed its first-ever trip to the fascinating island of Borneo. A group of 13 travelers had an outstanding opportunity to experience a wide variety of wildlife and ecosystems in this unique and intriguing country. Led by Steve Robertson and Dan van den Broek, with assistance from local guide Charlie Ryan, the group traveled across northern Borneo in the Malaysian State of Sabah, renowned for its rich biodiversity.

We started our journey with a stop at an orangutan rehabilitation center where the rare primates are seen moving freely in forested habitats. While here we gained a better understanding of the efforts to conserve and rehabilitate one of the iconic species of Borneo. The first field visits were at Mt Kinabalu National Park, with its 13,435-foot namesake at the center. As the highest mountain in the Southeast Asian tropics, it is a Mecca for natural diversity with habitats ranging from lowland tropical rainforests to subalpine. The Park has over 5,000 plants, including over 700 species of orchids and 375 species of birds. Many of the species are endemic to the Park, such as the Bornean Flowerpecker and the Mt Kinabalu Squirrel, both seen by the group.

We then traveled east to the Sepilok Forest region and the Rainforest Discovery Center, with its quarter-mile

of impressive canopy walkway and towers that allowed us to observe forest habitats and wildlife — including the magnificent Rhinoceros Hornbill and the soaring Giant Red Flying Tree Squirrel — from over 80 feet above the forest floor. A visit to the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Center allowed us to observe another of Borneo’s rare and unique species and the dedicated work to conserve and restore this species.

Next we experienced a great change in ecosystems during our stay on the Kinabatangan River at the Sukau Rainforest Lodge, with its great veranda overlooking the river. Multiple boat trips, at all times of the day and night, gave us opportunities to observe riparian associated birds, mammals, and reptiles such as Storm’s and Lesser Adjutant Storks, Crested Serpent Eagle, Water Monitor, and Salt Water Crocodile. The river was a hotspot for our observation of primates, which included Proboscis Monkey, Silver and Red Leaf-Monkeys, and Pig-tailed Macaque. Of the trip’s many memorable experiences, one that stands out is when the entire group enjoyed spectacular views of a group of Bornean Pygmy Elephants as they fed and frolicked nearby on the river bank.



Stork-billed Kingfisher photo: J.M.Garg



Photo of young Orangutan: Michael Catanzariti

How to Disappear into the Woods

October 19 (Sat), 10am–4pm: Outdoor location TBA

Ever wonder where all the animals are when you walk in the woods? They all know how to blend in and move silently when they want to. You can learn these skills as well, it just takes some practice. **Cader Olive** offers his experiences from the last 40 years of research, study, sneaking up on animals, and practical living in wild nature. Learn detailed exercises and practices that will change the way you move through nature.
Fee: \$45 members / \$60 non-members
Limited to 12 participants.

Nature Observation Skills

October 26 (Sat), 10am–4pm: Outdoor location TBA

Ever walk through the woods with someone who saw and heard things you didn’t notice? We all have our own ways of perceiving the world, but it’s possible to change them if we want to. In this class you will learn skills and exercises that will allow you to reach your full potential as a nature observer. We will work with seeing, hearing, smell, touch, and other senses you didn’t even know you had. **Cader Olive** will offer his experience from 40 years of study, research, sharing with others, and practical living in wild nature. Come prepared to see the world in new ways.
Fee: \$45 members / \$60 non-members
Limited to 12 participants.

The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists

November 16 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall

Are you convinced your drawing ability will never advance beyond the stick-figure level? Does your Killdeer look like a Great Blue Heron? With a little help, anyone can sketch birds. Come join nationally known bird artist **Shawneen Finnegan** as she helps demystify the art of drawing birds. You will become a better observer as you study the shapes and structures that distinguish different species. Heron Hall is a perfect place to hold this class, where we have access to photographs, birds coming to feeders, and mounted specimens. This one-day class is designed to help you improve your observation skills through sketching. No artistic ability needed.
Fee: \$45 members / \$60 non-members
Limited to 16 participants.

Our last location was deep in the tropical rainforest at Danum Valley Field Center — a renowned research center focusing on rainforest ecology, conservation and study. We went on field visits with researchers who shared their immense knowledge of the Danum Valley. We were able to spend extended days in pristine old-growth Dipterocarp Forest observing Borneo Falconet, Tiger Shrike, Bornean Bearded Pig, Leopard Cat, and many other species. The comical and special sighting of a Slow Loris, who truly was moving *slow*, was unforgettable.

In total the group saw 177 species of birds, 15 species of mammals, and 6 species of reptiles, in a range of habitats from high-elevation mountain to rivers and rainforest. Overall, Borneo has to rank on the top of any list for those who wish to see one of the world’s strongholds of wild natural beauty and unique biodiversity. *Look for the next trip in 2015.*

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

Bird migrations are for the most part not well understood, but more is learned every season. While it is difficult to fully observe the migratory movements of most birds, shorebirds are conspicuous and easily studied. There is much information on the movements of these birds that could be useful in examining the movements of other species.

Although most shorebirds are seen in close cohesive flocks, several studies have shown that each individual shorebird migrates independently, and more or less sets its own migratory pattern and schedule. They gather at feeding stations, and flock primarily for protection from predators. Flocks are not as cohesive as they may appear, and there is considerable interchange between individuals from one flock to another, and from one wintering spot to another. This may account for the great number of seemingly lost individuals found during each migration.

This could also explain many of the out-of-range birds regularly seen during migrations. Most migratory flocks are made up of several different species.

Sightings

The Sandy River Delta continues to be the local hotspot during the summer. This year three pairs of **Eastern Kingbirds** nested in the Delta after John Gatchet spotted the first one June 2. Dave Irons reported a probable immature **Indigo Bunting** there June 21. Adrian and Christopher Hinkle and Em Scattaregia visited the area several times this summer. On July 21 they recorded a **Grasshopper Sparrow**, and on June 19 a **Brewer's Sparrow** and an **Ash-throated Flycatcher**.

On July 5 at the Koll Wetlands in Beaverton, Dave Irons noted a **Brewer's Sparrow**. On June 13 Shawneen Finnegan observed an entirely unexpected **Ash-throated Flycatcher** in the trees at Westmoreland Park.

White-plumaged hummingbirds are always unusual, but there were three reported in the area this summer. On July 9 Stephanie Hazen reported one in Salem. Sara Switzer had one at her feeders in Sandy June 3, and Doug Rasmussen saw one in Tualatin June 30.

M. Jaqua reported a male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** July 4 along Skyline Road. A **Great-tailed Grackle** was spotted June 1 by Dan Friesz at Smith & Bybee Lakes in North Portland. Another remained in Banks for a few days during late June. Dan Nelson reported a male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** June 6 on Cooper Mountain in Beaverton.

Fall Migration Patterns of Shorebirds

Among shorebirds there is a tendency for at least partial separation of the sexes in migration and on wintering grounds. The movements away from the nesting areas in fall are for the most part staggered. Nonbreeding birds and those adults that failed to bring off young leave first, followed within a few days by one of the successful parent birds, usually the female. The other parent stays with the young for several days before migrating. The young birds follow several days later.

These staggered migratory movements were often thought rather unusual and confined only to shorebirds. But recent studies have shown that other species also stagger their movements, some more obviously than others. Consider the **Rufous Hummingbird**. The adult males leave the nesting areas during June, some moving to higher elevations while others move directly southward to the wintering areas. A couple of weeks later the females migrate, leaving the young alone. Later the young migrate.

Waterfowl fall movements, however, are more modified. Adult males move off their nesting sites to more remote molting areas, leaving the female caring for the young. Later the females leave the young to molt elsewhere. Although there is some separation of the sexes and young, most birds later join to migrate southward together.



Least Sandpipers © Marilyn Stinnett

Female sandpipers migrate farther south than the males, and the immature birds tend to remain farther north than the adults.

If this is true of other species as well, it is not surprising that most birds that elect to overwinter are immatures.

Volunteer of the Month: Carol Goldberg

by Wildlife Care Center staff

Not many folks would appreciate the nickname “Fecal Queen,” but this month’s Volunteer of the Month wears it proudly. **Carol Goldberg** says some individuals don’t even know her real name, but they sure know she’s the one that performs most of the parasite checks, also known as fecal exams, in the Wildlife Care Center — and that’s a large feat. All patients in the care center are tested for parasites, amounting to several every week when Carol comes into the care center for her shift.



Carol helps set up for the annual Night Flight Halloween event © Deanna Sawtelle

Looking for bugs is not new for Carol. She is a retired microbiologist and has had a love of parasites for as long as she can remember. When asked how she landed at Audubon, Carol reports that in 2005, while waiting in a car salesroom, she heard someone talking to someone on a cell phone about parasites. She struck up a conversation and found out the person was a volunteer at Audubon and suggested Carol take her microbiology skills and offer them there.

Staff veterinarian Deb Sheaffer remembers when Carol first showed up. Carol’s first words were “I can help you,” and that has certainly been the case. And Carol’s passion for parasites extends to teaching others. She’s happy — even excited — to bring other volunteers to the microscope and explain the mysteries of worms, fungal elements, bacteria, and the other wonders to be found under a microscope. This fall she has agreed to teach a class on parasite exams to Wildlife Care Center volunteers.

In addition to helping with the parasite investigations, Carol has contributed much more to the Wildlife Care Center. Committing to a four-hour shift per week for the past 8 years, Carol feeds and medicates patients, answers phone calls, and does her share of cleaning. Her dry sense of humor makes her a pleasure to work with. Lacy Campbell, WCC Operations Manager, shares views of the many volunteers who work with Carol: “She’s really fun to work with and can really brighten the day. How can you not appreciate someone who is passionate about poop?”

While Carol spends a lot of time in the Wildlife Care Center, she’s also a familiar face in other parts of Audubon. She has served on the Volunteer Council and the International Culture Awareness Committee. She also has volunteered for multiple events including the “Night Flight” Halloween Event, Birdathon, and Wild Arts Festival. Carol received Audubon’s Mamie Campbell Award in 2011 for her commitment, leadership, and multifaceted volunteer service to our organization. Since 2005 Carol has logged over 1900 volunteer hours at Audubon. We thank you, Carol!

Peregrine Palooza

Saturday, September 14
11am–2pm in Heron Hall

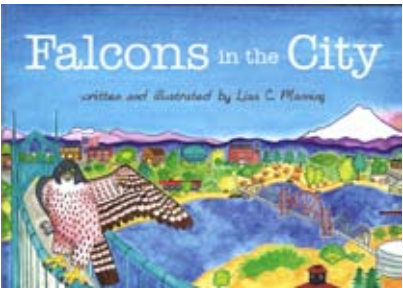
The Nature Store hosts “Peregrine Palooza” on Saturday, September 14 to honor the publication of **Falcons in the City** (Inkwater Press, \$14.95), written and illustrated by local artist and children’s author **Lisa C. Manning**. Financed by a Kickstarter campaign, Manning’s book is a colorful tale of Peregrines living on Portland’s Fremont Bridge. During this **free** family- and kid-oriented event we’ll celebrate both this book and Portland Audubon’s role in the recovery of Peregrine Falcons in our area. Conservation Director **Bob Sallinger** will tell tales of dangling off bridges and other adventures from his work as a tireless advocate for peregrine protection. Finnegan, our resident educational Peregrine Falcon, will be featured during the event, so you can see one of these amazing birds up close.

But wait! There’s more!

We’ll have some special activities and multimedia displays, and of course Lisa will read her book and be on hand to chat and sign your copy. Please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 for more information.



Finnegan the Peregrine Falcon © Jim Pollack



Varied Thrush photo: USFWS

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Portland Christmas Bird Count** will be held on **Saturday, January 4, 2014**. We will need both field counters and feeder watchers. Watch for details in the November/December issue of the *Warbler* and on our website.

Join us October 2 & 3 for three events celebrating wolves and animal tracking!

Animal Tracking: Class & Field Trip

October 2 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall with Steve Engel

October 3 (Thu), time & location TBA: Field Trip with David Moskowitz

Animal tracking is the art of observing everything in nature and then putting two and two together. If you don't come up with four, no worries — just keep observing until things make better sense. Whose track is whose can be figured out once you have observed all the information you need and know how to interpret it. The first week of October offers a great chance to interact with two expert trackers, one in the classroom on October 2, and one in the field on October 3. These opportunities are available as adult classes — register for them online (see right).

On October 2nd, **Steve Engel** will teach an evening class covering the basics of identifying individual animal tracks plus how to recognize common track patterns and what they mean. Through hands-on exercises you will learn tracking terminology and become familiar with family characteristics — which animals have four toes and which have five, different shapes of toe and heel pads, are there claws or no claws, and more. Steve has studied animal tracks for over 30 years and in the process has amassed a large collection of plaster casts of footprints which will be part of the class.

On October 3rd, join **David Moskowitz** outdoors and spend four hours seeing the landscape as a tracker sees it as we explore and search for tracks and sign of who lives there. Exact time and location to be announced, but you'll be back in plenty of time for David's evening presentation on ***Wolves in the Land of Salmon***.



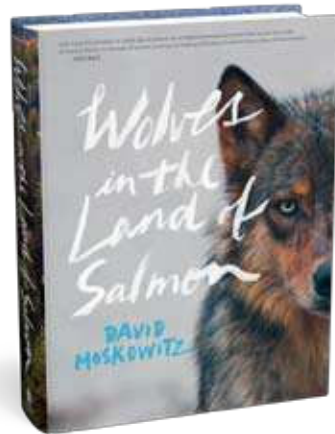
Grizzly Bear tracks, Alaska
photo: Steve Hillebrand/USFWS

To register for the Class (\$15 members / \$20 non-members), or the Class and Field Trip (\$55 members / \$75 non-members, *limited to 15 participants*), go to **audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes/animaltracking13**. For more information contact Steve Engel at 971-222-6119.

Explore Wolves in the Land of Salmon with David Moskowitz!

**Free Presentation:
Thursday, October 3
7:00pm in Heron Hall**

The Nature Store welcomes you to an evening with noted tracker, photographer, and wildlife authority **David Moskowitz** on **Thursday, October 3 at 7:00pm** in Heron Hall. The author of two popular titles, both from Timber Press, David is a gifted speaker on nature topics. His most recent book, and the focus of his presentation, is ***Wolves in the Land of Salmon***. Expect to be dazzled by his outstanding photography and fascinated by his description of the complex and intricate interactions between Pacific Northwest wolves and the landscape they live upon, as well as the oftentimes conflict-laden relationship between humans and these charismatic and mysterious carnivores.



The evening is **FREE** and open to the public. However, because we expect this to be a popular event, we are trying something new. You can **reserve** seating in Heron Hall if you **purchase** a copy of David's book ahead of time (\$29.95 list price, or \$26.95 for members). Each purchase guarantees seating for one or two people. You can make your purchase and reservation either **in person at the Nature Store** or by calling us at **503-292-9453**. Remaining seating will be available on a first-come basis, and books will also be available that evening. David will be happy to sign books for you after his presentation.

From the publisher: "***Wolves in the Land of Salmon*** is nature writing at its best. Vivid imagery and a sense of wonder bring the text alive and help the reader understand exactly what it means to be a wolf. David Moskowitz's training as a wildlife tracker gives him insider knowledge that he generously shares in hopes that with greater understanding comes new perspective."

About David Moskowitz

David Moskowitz, a professional wildlife tracker, photographer, and outdoor educator, has contributed to wildlife studies in the Pacific Northwest and in the Canadian and U.S. Rocky Mountains. He has tracked, documented, and photographed wolves in the wild in Oregon, Washington, Montana, British Columbia, and southern Alberta, studying den and rendezvous sites and assisting with efforts to detect the species in parts of the region where its current status is unknown.

David helped establish and co-manages the Cascades Citizen Wildlife Monitoring Project, and teaches wildlife tracking programs through the Wilderness Awareness School in Duvall, Washington. As an evaluator for Cybertracker Conservation, he provides certification of wildlife tracking skills as part of efforts to increase observer reliability and the use of this skill in research and conservation initiatives across North America. As an instructor and trainer for Outward Bound, he has explored many of the most remote parts of the Pacific Northwest.



© Emily Gibson

Along with his regular busy schedule of teaching, guest lectures, and research, during the summer of 2014 David will join three other conservation adventurers to embark on a 1200-mile overland journey on the Wolf OR-7 Expedition. Learn more at **<http://or7expedition.org>**, including how you can get involved and sign up for email updates from the expedition.

Sanctuaries Happenings

by **Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director**

REI Grant

Portland Audubon recently received a \$5,000 grant from REI to support our ongoing volunteer stewardship projects in the Sanctuaries. This is the second consecutive year REI has partnered with Portland Audubon to support projects in our Sanctuaries. This year's project will build on the success of last year's Collins Trail Reconstruction Project as well as the recently completed, Metro-funded Balch Creek and Cornell Corridor Invasive Plant Removal Project.

This year's stewardship project begins with the hard work of our two Sanctuaries TALON apprentices (**Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture**, our community program for youth ages 16 to 22). Our apprentices have been busy surveying and monitoring the restoration work we have completed over the past five years, identifying areas where invasive plant communities are still lingering, and mapping and inventorying to create a work plan for the coming year of volunteer restoration efforts.

These efforts will kick off with two work parties to get at some of these areas identified by our TALON apprentices:

- **Saturday, September 28** from 9am to noon we will host a work party in partnership with REI for National Public Lands Day.
- **Saturday, October 12** from 9am to noon we will host another work party as part of the Portland Parks Foundation's Parke Diem.

Please join us for these two work parties and help us get rid of those last lingering invasive plants in our Sanctuaries. We have accomplished so much in the past five years, with almost all of our major infestations of non-native plants now gone. It will take another few years of work and vigilance to make sure that these efforts are lasting.

TALON Apprentices

Sanctuaries TALON apprentices Leigh McKinney and Elijah Hoffman have been very busy this summer! After their ten Saturdays of training in the Spring with the larger TALON group, Leigh and Elijah have been busy working with me to study the native plant communities of our Sanctuaries and identify the most significant threats to the health of our forest Sanctuaries and the wildlife that inhabit the area.

Thanks to their work we now have a functional map and inventory of some remnant populations of invasive plants that have either survived or recolonized after our restoration projects of the previous five years. We have also completed an inventory of trail conditions for the Collins Trail and the Miller Trail of the Uthoff Sanctuary and have started to address some of



TALON apprentices building the second Collins Trail Boardwalk © Tom Costello

the remaining problem areas of these two trails. Most significantly, Leigh and Elijah are in the midst of completing the second Collins Trail Boardwalk, a project we were unable to complete as part of last year's flush of trail work on the Collins.

Tree Climb

On July 12, 13, and 15 we hosted the Tall Tree Tour in partnership with Ascending the Giants. This tour brought 88 participants 240-plus feet into the canopy of our urban forest. The guest speakers, Dr. Kathy Wolfe of University of Washington and Dr. Eric Forsman of Oregon State University and the U.S. Forest Service, accompanied participants into the canopy. Professional arborists and expert tree climbers from Ascending the Giants came from as far as Ashland (Ore.), Bellingham (Wash.), and Victoria, B.C. to make this event possible. Participants included local members as well as visitors from all over the country who were in town for the National Audubon Convention. We are looking into the possibility of making this a recurring event. Keep an eye out for next summer!



Our youngest participant this year enjoying the start of her 250-foot climb during the family-friendly Tall Tree Tour © Brian French

Mid-sized Binoculars have Found their Niche!

While most nature lovers enjoy the stunning visual images offered by full-sized binoculars, we have found a growing niche for the expanding range of mid-sized binos now on the market. While a full-sized binocular is typically one with an objective lens of 42mm, a standard mid-sized will have a smaller objective lens of around 30–32mm. Though the smaller lens doesn’t allow as much light to reach your eyes, so viewing is not quite as bright in low-light situations like dawn or dusk, there are some great benefits for downsizing!

First, with smaller objective lenses, binoculars are lighter and more compact. Another surprising benefit is that, even though they are smaller, many mid-size binoculars have a wider field of view than their full-sized counterparts. For example, a full-size 10x42 **Swarovski EL** has a 336-foot-wide field of view (FOV) at 1000 feet, while the mid-size model 10x32 has a much wider 360-foot-wide FOV. Some models even offer shorter close-focus distances, like the 8x32 **Vortex Viper** with an incredible 3-foot close focus which is superb for butterfly and insect observation (a full-size Viper 8x can only focus down to 5.1 feet). And



Zeiss Conquest HD 8x32



Vortex Viper HD 8x32

you can counter the loss of light due to smaller lenses by upgrading to binoculars featuring extra-low dispersion (ED) glass which offers brighter images than conventional optical glass.

So, give a new mid-sized a try!

Whether you are interested in having a lighter, more compact pair of optics for everyday use or are looking for a second pair to use as a light-weight travel or hiking companion, we have many exciting models for you to try. Our latest addition is the **Zen-ray ZRS**, which is available in an affordable 8x32model at \$229 (\$205 for members) or 10x32 at \$239 (\$215 for members). Also recently added to our selection is the **Zeiss Conquest HD 8x32** at \$999.99 (\$899.99 for members). And until September 30, with the purchase of any Conquest HD, you can get a free Federal Duck Stamp which will allow you a year of unlimited access to National Wildlife Refuges (like Ridgefield NWR) that have an entrance fee. Looking to the future, Leupold has plans to release new smaller versions of both their popular Acadia and Mojave models. We’ll keep you posted!

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!

Greg Abraham
Virginia Adams
Daniel Aden
Quince Affolter
Ron & Monica Aho
Frankie Alessio
Christina Amela
Meredith Amon
David Anderson
Shannah Anderson
Linda Armstrong
Rainy Aznoe
Wayne Baca
Delores & Arthur Baker
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Cindy Bansen
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Vanessa Hawk
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Joseph Holliday
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Norman Higginson
Justin Hocking
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Aron Larson
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Patrick Uhtoff
Nathan Ulrich
Jan Van Hoomissen
Susan Vanderbeek
Jean Vashaw
Paula Von Kuster
Jonathan & Beth Waldrip
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If you would like to join us or have 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:

- Roy Beaty for plants for the Sanctuary including 60 4" Camas, 23 1gal Camas, and 28 1gal Trillium
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- Thomas Hunsdorfer for a Canon Powershot 612 digital camera & carrying case
- Alan Locklear & Marie Valleroy for a new Paramount Electric Weed & Grass Trimmer
- Candy & John Plant for a Sunon incubator fan & 2 packages of dry erase markers for the Wildlife Care Center
- Paula Squire for 4 gallons of bleach for the Wildlife Care Center
- Jackie Wilson for a new *Birds of Oregon* field guide for the Education Program

Our Wish List

For East Portland Office:
10 Binoculars

For Development Department:
Medium-sized ergonomic office chair in good condition.

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.

For Sanctuary:
Loppers • Hand saws
Work gloves

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

Keep the Birds Around
Legacy Circle members will their property
to the Audubon Society of Portland

A visit to the Audubon Society of Portland nature sanctuary was one of their first dates. **Pat Curry** wanted to show **Eric Blatter** why she loves birds. As if on cue, a beautiful little Cedar Waxwing appeared, thrilling Pat and winning Eric over to birding in an instant. Thirty-five years later, after building their house on a bird-abundant lot and enjoying countless nature walks with Portland Audubon, the couple has decided to leave their property to Portland Audubon.

Pat and Eric have watched many generations of Rufous Hummingbirds, Violet-Green Swallows, and Black-Capped Chickadees fledge from nests near their country home. They worry about declines in bird populations.

“Everyone wants a part in some kind of legacy, to do some good in the world,” says Eric. The couple admires Portland Audubon’s local activism and advocacy for habitat, frequent bird walks and outings, and involvement of kids through education. “They are doing things right,” says Pat. “This is how I can do my little bit. I want them to continue to make a difference with it.”



Pat Curry and Eric Blatter © Katy Ehrlich

Pat is an accomplished gardener and retired registered nurse with a particular love for ravens, with their large beaks, talkative ways, and glossy feathers that *whoosh* when they fly. Eric is a burly and outgoing man with a soft spot for hummingbirds. “They’re only eight centimeters long, but they think they’re eight feet tall,” Eric claims. “They fly right up to you and say, ‘I’m bad. I’ll kick your butt.’”

The property and investments are willed to the Audubon Society of Portland, to be sold eventually. In the meantime, Pat describes a peaceful feeling about their decision. “It’s a natural for me,” she says. “It means, ‘keep the birds around!’”



Sandhill Crane feeding chick
photo: nigel

How to Leave a
Bequest to the
Audubon Society of
Portland

Estate gifts are an important part of Portland Audubon’s future. Membership dues, donations, program fees, and grants support us from day to day, while major gifts and bequests make it possible to take on more long-term and visionary projects. For example, a bequest from JW and Martha Rosacker is supporting exploratory planning for updating the Wildlife Care Center.

Estate planning is a personal process, involving thoughtful evaluation of family needs, values, and finances. Tax benefits vary according to the gift, which might come from sale of a home or real estate or from stock, a retirement account, or other asset. We can recommend an independent advisor to help you devise a plan that includes Portland Audubon, or you may work with an advisor or attorney of your choice.

When you notify us confidentially of a decision to leave a bequest to the Audubon Society of Portland, you are eligible to join our Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle celebrates estate gift donors with invitations to periodic gatherings, special events, and listing in our Annual Report Honor Roll. We welcome the opportunity to hear about your values and vision, and we will keep a confidential record of your intentions. For more information, or to arrange a discussion of how Portland Audubon might fit into your plans, please call Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 971-222-6117.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

If you are thinking of doing your estate planning, please join us for a brief seminar on wills, trusts, estate planning, estate taxes, and the tax aspects of charitable giving with Attorney Philip Jones, former member of the Audubon Society of Portland board of directors. Phil practices estate planning with the Portland law firm of Duffy Kekel LLP. This free seminar will be held on **Thursday, October 10 at 6 pm** in Heron Hall, and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. Please RSVP to Ann at **971-222-6117** or **atakamoto@audubonportland.org**. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us!

Support the Audubon Society
of Portland and protect birds
through workplace giving!

As fall approaches and we notice the change in the air and birds starting their long journeys south, we reflect upon the beauty of Oregon — we live *and* work in a wonderful place! Oregon’s livability is a top reason people choose to live here, and businesses are recognizing this!

The Audubon Society of Portland is a member of EarthShare Oregon, which engages private- and public-sector employees across the state to support nonprofits like ours. If you work for the State of Oregon, the federal government, Kaiser Permanente, PGE, or one of more than 100 employers, you can make regular donations from your paycheck — simply and without any guesswork, and all gifts are fully tax deductible.

If your workplace is not currently involved in an EarthShare giving campaign, establishing one is easy. EarthShare will work with your employer to set up a program that meets your company’s needs. For more information, please contact Jan Wilson at 503-223-9015 or **jan@earthshare-oregon.org**.

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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.**

For those who enjoy nature photography, there is a special weekend coming on **October 5th & 6th**. The Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge (TRNWR) is holding the 2nd annual “**Focus on Nature Festival**,” which offers



Bohemian Waxwing © Scott Carpenter, who will present a workshop at the “Focus on Nature” event.

17 exciting workshops to assist you in finding the best locations, taking the best images, getting the most from your camera equipment, working with digital images, and much more. The weekend kicks off with a Saturday morning workshop with Audubon favorite **Harry Nehls** on photographing

birds. Another highlight will be a Sunday morning digiscoping workshop with **Clay Taylor of Swarovski Optics**.

And as a warm-up for the weekend’s festival, Audubon Society of Portland will host **Clay Taylor** at a free lecture on **Friday, October 4th, at 7pm in Heron Hall at Audubon’s Nature Sanctuary**. Clay will give an overview of digiscoping and a close-up look at the current Swarovski spotting scopes, digiscoping camera attachments, and other equipment. He will also be on hand at the **Audubon Nature Store all day Saturday, October 5**, demonstrating Swarovski products and answering questions.

For details on registering for workshops at TRNWR, please visit **trphotosociety.org** or call the Refuge at 503-625-5944 ext.227. Additional information about Clay’s Audubon appearances can be directed to the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.



Clay Taylor (submitted photo)

Kestrel photo: Jim Cruce

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Birds!

Your tax-deductible vehicle donation helps protect birds across Oregon. It’s easy to rid yourself of that unwanted car or truck! Running or non-running, your vehicle can benefit you with a charitable tax deduction *AND* support Portland Audubon’s conservation and education programs. For information contact **Andie Armour** at **971-222-6129** or **aarmour@audubonportland.org**.



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Western Bluebirds © Shirley Binn

Volunteers Needed for Audubon’s Biggest Show!

Wild Arts Festival: November 23–24, 2013

The **Wild Arts Festival**, Audubon Society of Portland’s most elaborate production, is just around the corner. Last year’s Festival was a huge success, netting almost \$85,000 to support a wide variety of programs at Portland Audubon, and we expect to be even more successful in 2013, with some great new artists, a fabulous lineup of Northwest authors, and even more community sponsorships. WAF 2013 is scheduled for **Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th**... and the best way to get a backstage look at the event is by volunteering. It’s also a great way to connect with Audubon friends, old and new.

Volunteers are needed to set up Wild Arts on Friday, November 22nd, to run the event on Saturday and Sunday; and to strike the set on Sunday afternoon and evening. Over 200 volunteers are needed during the course of the weekend, for tasks as diverse as helping to check in volunteers; staffing the 6x6 exhibit; booth-sitting for artists; working the admission desk; helping with the Book Fair; and filling a couple dozen other slots. *Artists especially appreciate help with moving in on Friday and then out on Sunday*, as this is a service that’s seldom offered at other shows. If you’re interested in being a volunteer, check out the volunteer page on the Festival website, **wildartsfestival.org**, or check with our Festival volunteer coordinator Roberta Lampert at **wafvolunteers@gmail.com**.

Other Ways to Help

- Don’t have time to volunteer? Or maybe you would like to do more? No worries! Here are some other ways you can support the Wild Arts Festival:
- Consider sponsorship: visit **wildartsfestival.org/sponsors** to learn about our various levels of **sponsorship for businesses and individuals**, from “Eagle” or “Great Blue Heron” to the very affordable “40 Friends of Wild Arts.”
 - If you have access to weekend getaways, event tickets, gift certificates to intriguing restaurants or stores, items of interest to naturalists, etc., consider a **donation to the Silent Auction**. Contact Marilyn Scott at **mwestlinn@comcast.net** for more details.
 - Visit the **Wild Arts Facebook page**, where you can “like” us, and share your thoughts and Wild Arts experiences.
 - Last, but certainly not least... **mark your calendar**, and don’t forget to see the show!

Calendar at a Glance September

1–30	Daily	Evenings	Swift Watch at Chapman School (p.1)	17	Tue	7pm–9pm	Swallows, Swifts & Hummingbirds (p.7)
2	Mon	—	Labor Day: Admin closed, but Nature Store open!	19	Thu	7pm	Board Meeting
3	Tue	7:30pm	Birders’ Night, Heron Hall	20	Fri	5pm–10pm	Audubon Night at Kruger’s Farm Market (p.3)
7	Sat	11am–3pm	Vulture Awareness Day event (p.3)	23	Mon	7pm–9pm	Beginning Birding 1 class (p.7)
8	Sun	Noon–4pm	Catio Tour (p.4)	24	Tue	7pm–9pm	Hawk Identification class (p.7)
10	Tue	7pm	Nature Night: <i>Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest: 85 Unforgettable Species</i> (p.2)	25	Wed	8am–11am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
14	Sat	11am–2pm	Peregrine Palooza (p.9)	25	Wed	8:30–11:30am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
15	Sun	8:30–11am	Audubon Outing (p.3)	28	Sat	9am	Sanctuaries Work Party (p.8)
				28	Sat	9am–5pm	Hawk Identification field trip (p.7)
				29	Sun	8am–11am	Beginning Birding 1 field trips (p.7)

October

1	Tue	7:30pm	Birders’ Night, Heron Hall	10	Thu	6pm	Estate Planning Seminar (p.11)
2	Wed	7pm–9pm	Animal Tracking class (pp.7&9)	12	Sat	8am–Noon	Fernhill Wetlands Birds & Brew Festival (p.3)
3	Thu	TBA	Animal Tracking field trip (pp.7&9)	12	Sat	10am–4pm	The Woods in Autumn (p.7)
3	Thu	7pm	<i>Wolves in the Land of Salmon</i> with David Moskowitz (p.9)	13	Sun	8am–Noon	Beginning Birding 2 field trip (p.7)
3	Thu	7pm	“The Curious Case of the Endangered Snail Darter” at Reed College (p.3)	17	Thu	8:30–11:30am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
4	Fri	7pm	Swarovski optics presentation with Clay Taylor (p.11)	17	Thu	7pm	Board Meeting
5	Sat	Various	“Focus on Nature” photo workshops at Tualatin River NWR (p.11)	19	Sat	8am–Noon	Audubon Outing (p.3)
5	Sat	10am–6pm	Swarovski specialist Clay Taylor at Nature Store (p.11)	19	Sat	10am–4pm	How to Disappear into the Woods (p.7)
5	Sat	10am–4pm	The Woods in Autumn (p.7)	19	Sat	5pm–8:30pm	Night Flight Halloween Event (p.2)
5	Sat	Various	BirdFest at Ridgefield NWR (p.3)	20	Sun	8am–Noon	Beginning Birding 2 field trip (p.7)
6	Sun	Various	BirdFest at Ridgefield NWR (p.3)	20	Sun	9am–11am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
6	Sun	8am–11am	Beginning Birding 1 field trips (p.7)	26	Sat	7:30am–5pm	Audubon Outing (p.3)
6	Sun	Various	“Focus on Nature” photo workshops at Tualatin River NWR (p.11)	26	Sat	10am–4pm	Nature Observation Skills (p.7)
8	Tue	7pm	Nature Night: Northern Pygmy-Owls of Forest Park (p.2)	27	Sun	8am–Noon	Beginning Birding 2 field trip (p.7)


November

5	Tue	7:30pm	Birders’ Night, Heron Hall
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For the latest information, visit **audubonportland.org**.

Birders’ Night

Please 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.



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