

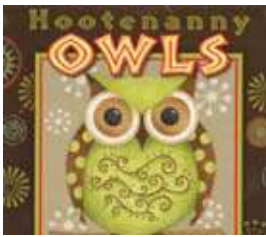
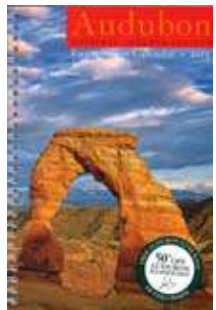


Black-throated Gray Warbler

Warbler

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Celebrate the Season at Portland Audubon's Nature Sanctuary and Nature Store

by Nancy Mattson, Store Manager

This year the Winter Solstice occurs on December 21st, but we'll be celebrating the entire month of December! We can't guarantee a wintry dusting of snow, but on the coldest days we'll have a fire in the Audubon House hearth. We'll bring in a few fresh-cut evergreen boughs, a traditional Winter Solstice symbol of hope for the New Year and the future return of warmth to the earth. We hope a December visit to our Interpretive Center, Wildlife Care Center, and Nature Store will also bring holiday warmth to your heart.

When you step through our welcoming front doors you'll find Audubon Volunteers on hand to provide you with trail maps, information about our Winter Kids Camps, and a kiosk filled with information on upcoming events. If you are already looking forward to the New Year, a huge selection of calendars and datebooks awaits you near the hearth in our Interpretive Center.

The adjacent Nature Store is fondly referred to as "The Book Store" by longtime members. And for good reason! You'll find over 1,200 titles of field guides and nature-related books for adults, and hundreds of titles for children. Bargain hunters will find a large rack of sale books with discounts up to 50% off.

In our Store, kids will be enticed by our colorful book selection and more; we have plush toys, animal hats and scarves, board and card games, coloring books, colored pencils, and puzzles. For kids heading outdoors we have walking sticks, compasses, headlamps, and ladybug bike bells. In the evening, they can take along a star chart. During the day a bug box with a magnifying lid or a pair of "beginner" binoculars (for 4 years and up) may be just the ticket.

For adults heading out the door, we have fingerless gloves for thumbing through a Field Guide, hats and caps, Audubon logo t-shirts and sweatshirts. Maybe you'll head out to put up one of our nest boxes built to Audubon specifications or to fill one of our great bird feeders with the many types of bird seed we sell, all processed and packaged in the Pacific Northwest, and NePo Suet made in NE Portland.

Holiday Gifts for Nature Lovers
If you are seeking holiday gifts, here are some lists of featured products. They've been selected with an eye to our goal of sourcing and selling items made of natural or recycled materials, produced locally, which arrive without excessive "packaging." Gifts which connect both the giver and receiver to the love of nature.



Ornaments

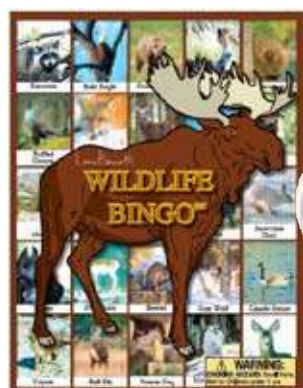
Some Great Locally Made Gifts:

- Portland Bee Balm lip protectant
- Joseph Brinton jewelry
- Autumn Fern shoulder bags
- Jenteal Bath Soaps
- Sauvie Island Coffee
- The Button Girl and Badge Bomb lapel buttons
- Maggie's Bath rubber ducky soaps
- Greeting cards from Helen Knaupp, Richard & Michele Dupraw, Alice Wanke Stephens, Terri Dill-Simpson
- Garden Artworks cedar nest boxes
- Plus many other gifts created by artisans throughout the Pacific Northwest

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Games



Mugs

Coffee

Holiday Store Hours

- Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm
- Sunday 10am-5pm
- Christmas Day Closed
- New Year's Day Closed

Snowed in? Many items can be ordered and shipped to you directly from the Nature Store. See the Nature Store pages on our website or call 503-292-9453.

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Audubon Outings

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

-  = Mostly weekday excursions
-  = Sign-up needed
-  = Fee involved

December 6 (Sat), 8am–11am Sauvie Island

\$

Join **Tim Shelmerdine** for a morning trip to Sauvie Island. We'll visit several spots, looking at many waterfowl species as well as raptors, gulls, and sparrows. Meet at parking area at end of Sauvie Island Bridge. We plan to carpool; drivers need a Sauvie Island day parking permit (please purchase at nearby store before meeting time). Questions? Call Tim at 971-221-2534.

December 10 (Wed), 9am–11am Dawson Creek Outing



Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Richard & Caroline Arnold** for a walk through Dawson Creek Park. December is great for seeing lots of wintering ducks including Hooded Merganser and Wood Duck. Meet at north end of Main

Library parking lot at 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro. Questions? Call Caroline at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2606.

December 13 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

\$

Join **Ron Escano** to scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for White-throated Sparrows. Meet 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms. From I-5 north, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain thru Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to the park (possible \$3 fee). Questions? Call Ron at 503-771-3454.

Portland Audubon included in Willamette Week's Give!Guide for a fifth year!

Nearly one month into the 2014 Give!Guide, we are still excited to promote this fun vehicle for year-end philanthropy! The Give!Guide is a holiday season fundraiser that serves as a unique vehicle for generating donations for a collection of Portland-area nonprofit organizations.

The goals of the Give!Guide are:

- to encourage people age 18–35 to get involved in philanthropy,
- to attract new donors and/or volunteers to these causes, and
- to provide publicity and exposure to a variety of local nonprofits.

The organizations included in the Give!Guide represent a cross section of nonprofits across the following sectors: Animals, Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Social Action, Wellness, and Youth.

Last year the Give!Guide raised \$2,452,333 for 129 local nonprofits. Donate and you'll be rewarded with all sorts of good will, as well as great incentives like discounts from local merchants, gift bags, the chance to win \$1,000 (for donors 35 and under), and much more — check out the entire list at www.giveguide.org.

This year we are offering our own incentives, including a calendar of unique events and coupons from our

business partners Backyard Bird Shop and Sauvie Island Coffee Company for folks that donate \$50 or more. An extra special incentive is provided by our good friends at Backyard Bird Shop, who will match the first \$1,000 of donations!

NEW this year, Portland Audubon is thrilled to partner with Adventures Without Limits, and we are celebrating with a GIG Holiday Happy Hour at Basecamp Brewing Company. On **Thur, Dec 18**, join us **4:30pm–7:30pm** for Happy Hour specials on locally brewed beer and food (available until 6:00pm), along with Special Guest Speakers and a drawing for great goodies!

Adventures Without Limits helps people of all ages and abilities get outdoors to enjoy and understand the incredible natural environment of Oregon that the Audubon Society of Portland is working hard to protect.

Donations are accepted from the Give!Guide's publication date (Nov 5) until midnight on Saturday, Dec 31. Make your contributions online at www.giveguide.org. Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the "Environment" category, and spread the word!

Follow us on Facebook for announcements and incentives at [facebook.com/portlandaudubon](https://www.facebook.com/portlandaudubon).



SAVE THE DATE

Audubon Kids Day Saturday, January 10 10am–3pm | Free Event

Come join Audubon staff as we host a day just for kids. We'll have activities and projects based on many of our most popular Summer Camp programs, including Animal Tracking, Archery, and many other nature-based Art Activities. Come join the fun!



Pre-registration is required for the Archery demonstration and is highly recommended. Registration opens Tues, Dec 16 at 9am on our website, or call 971-222-6120.

Get a jump on Summer Camp registration: Audubon Kids Day participants can register for our Summer Camp programs.

Executive Director Search

The Audubon Society of Portland is actively engaged in an Executive Director search process. We welcome your help in getting the word out and encouraging qualified candidates to consider this opportunity. Please visit our website for more information at audubonportland.org/about/jobs.

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!



Great Horned Owl fledglings © Scott Carpenter



Short-eared Owl © Scott Carpenter

Prowling for Owls! with Scott Carpenter Tuesday, December 9 7pm Heron Hall

Owls have fascinated us since prehistoric times, representing various things to various cultures — from symbols of wisdom, protection, and good fortune, to omens of doom. Despite our collective captivity, many people have limited firsthand experience with owls. In general, owls are secretive; most species are nocturnal, making them relatively hard to find. But by learning a bit about their behavior and breeding biology, you can greatly increase your odds of seeing owls, even in the daytime.



Photo © Tammy Carpenter

Join local birder and photographer **Scott Carpenter** as he shares his insights into finding and enjoying owls in the Pacific Northwest. With the goal of empowering you with enough information to observe owls on your own, Scott will share tools and strategies he uses for locating the 15 species of owls that occur in Oregon.

Scott is a self-taught bird photographer based in Portland. He began his obsession with birds in kindergarten in the 1970s. After decades of fast-paced birding and listing, he began using photography as a way to better understand the subjects of his fascination. He now spends as much time as possible capturing images showing the behavior and beauty of birds in the wild. See more of Scott's work at scottcarpenterphotography.com, and join us just in time for the beginning of owling season.

Save the date!

Jesse D'Elia talks about his book *California Condors in the Pacific Northwest* at Nature Night on **Tuesday, January 13, 2015.**

Holiday Open House at the Audubon Nature Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10am–6pm
Sunday, Dec. 7, 10am–5pm

Join us for our free annual Holiday Open House as we kick off the solstice season. A warm, welcoming fire in our cozy Audubon House hearth will beckon winter revelers. Delicious treats and warm beverages will chase away the winter chill. Take a short hike in the Nature Sanctuary, and visit with the Education Birds!



© Tammi Miller

All Weekend Enjoy:

Sauvie Island Coffee, Spiced Tea & Hot Cocoa, plus holiday food treats.

Special Saturday Events:

- **Free Children's Storytime at 12:30pm (repeats at 1:30pm):** In the Interpretive Center, we'll gather under the sanctuary windows where Audubon Volunteers will read special seasonal favorites as well as engage kids with a fun interactive activity. This is an entertaining event that the whole family can share.
- **Free Children's Movies:** In Heron Hall, we'll be screening *Lost in the Woods*, *Stranger in the Woods*, *First Snow in the Woods*, and *Bearly Alike*, which are the creative children's DVDs from Sisbro Studios, local creators of high quality nature movies for the young and young at heart. The kids can enjoy a movie while you shop — plus, you can pick up DVD copies in the store to keep little ones occupied at home on these wintery days.

Special Sunday Events:

- **Meet an Artist who Climbs the Biggest Trees!** In our Interpretive Center from 12pm–4pm, Brian French of *Ascending the Giants* will be on hand to discuss the important work done by his nonprofit association to document the largest trees of each species. He'll also share his tree-inspired artwork.
- **Free Afternoon Music:** In Heron Hall from 12pm–4pm, you'll enjoy the toe-tapping tunes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association. These talented musicians gather at Portland Audubon on the first Sunday of every month from October through May.

Portland Audubon Measures Seabird Health in the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve/Protected Area

by Joe Liebezeit and Paul Engelmeyer, Portland Audubon Staff

This past summer the Audubon Society of Portland initiated a new citizen science project in Oregon's largest marine reserve/protected area at Cape Perpetua targeted on the local seabird population. As part of this effort we assembled a diverse partnership including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon State University (OSU), Sea Lion Caves (a local business), and others. The goal of the project is two-fold, including 1) a "science goal" to build a baseline of information that will increase our knowledge of seabird health in the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve/Marine Protected Area (MR/MPA) in comparison with other seabird colonies, and 2) an "outreach goal" to promote recognition of Oregon's marine reserves through local community participation, outreach, and education.

To accomplish the science goal we are monitoring the "breeding success" (ability of adults to successfully produce chicks) of Brandt's and Pelagic Cormorants that nest on rocky cliffs along the coast. These species are the most common nesters in the Cape Perpetua area and depend on forage fish and other prey items in nearshore waters. The Cape Perpetua MR/MPA includes a "seabird protection area" which specifically protects forage fish species including Pacific Herring, anchovies, and Pacific sand lance. These small fish are a critical link in the ocean ecosystem providing a primary food source for many top predators like salmon, marine mammals, and seabirds. Scientific research has shown that when seabird populations are not doing well, the decline of their forage fish prey is often a primary cause. Of course, seabird populations are also influenced by a number of other factors including changing ocean current patterns, predators, and human disturbance.

We are partnering with OSU's Dr. Rob Suryan's seabird team to compare our findings to a site at Yaquina Head outside of the marine reserve system. We hope this effort will help us assess how effective the marine reserves are in supporting the

local marine food web, from the bird perspective. This complements work by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the lead agency tasked with managing the marine reserves, as they are focusing ecological monitoring on seabed habitats and associated invertebrate and fish communities. Ultimately we hope that the new marine reserve protections will support healthy fish populations supplying seabirds with ample food to produce more and healthier chicks.

Nineteen dedicated volunteers participated in this citizen science effort contributing 178 volunteer hours. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service intern, Amelia O'Connor, took the lead in coordinating the volunteers. A typical monitoring session included peering into a subset of nests in each of six colonies with spotting scopes and recording nesting behavior, number of eggs per nest, and later in the season, number of chicks present. As you can imagine this work requires a lot of patience but the reward is witnessing the spectacle of a seabird colony from the raising of a new generation of seabirds (with awfully cute chicks) to the activities of avian nest predators which can sometimes wreak havoc in a seabird nesting colony.

In this project we have the unique opportunity to reach many of the 150,000 visitors that go to Sea Lion Caves and to nearby Heceta Head Lighthouse annually. Sea Lion Caves is the largest sea cave in the U.S. and is home to hundreds of sea lions as well as crevice-nesting seabirds including the Pigeon Guillemot and Rhinoceros Auklet. Sea Lion Caves management has provided our volunteers access to the caves to monitor abundance of these seabirds nesting in the caves that would otherwise be difficult to observe. We also monitor birds from the trail leading up to the popular Heceta Head Lighthouse as well as from a popular scenic highway stop on route 101, offering our volunteers ample opportunities



Pigeon Guillemot
© Amelia O'Connor



Citizen Scientists near Heceta Head © Amelia O'Connor

to outreach to the public about marine reserves and seabird conservation. This past season, we engaged with hundreds of visitors as we conducted the seabird surveys.

In 2023 Oregon's marine reserve system will be evaluated by our state government and a decision will be made to further support the marine reserve program. Reserve effectiveness will be evaluated both in terms of ecosystem function as well as enhancing the local coastal economies. The jury is out on Oregon's marine reserves but the overwhelming evidence from around the world is that marine reserves do work (see audubonportland.org/files/habitat/marine-reserves). Audubon Society of Portland is now part of a consortium of partners called the Oregon Marine Reserves Partnership (oregonmarinereserves.org) with a vision of a "durable and ecologically sustainable system of marine reserves and protected areas for the Oregon coast." Being part of this consortium bolsters our ability to effectively implement and maintain the marine reserves. The seabird project highlighted here is just one piece of the puzzle to meet this vision.

For a detailed report on the findings from the first year of this project, visit audubonportland.org/issues/citizen-science. We especially thank the volunteers who participated — it could not have been done without you! We plan to continue with this effort in the coming year. Please contact Joe Liebezeit (jliebezeit@audubonportland.org) if you are interested in volunteering on this project.

Wildlife Care Center

A Time for Reflection and Thanks

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

It can get really busy here at the Wildlife Care Center. As you know, we treat over 3,000 animals per year and respond to over 10,000 wildlife-related inquiries. But did you know that we only have 2 permanent staff members? In order for the Wildlife Care Center to operate on a daily basis we rely on over 150 volunteers who put in over 22,000 hours this past year alone! Those hours actually account for over half of all volunteer hours throughout the whole organization and are equivalent to 10 full-time staff.

Some of our volunteers have been here for just a few weeks and some have been working in the Wildlife Care Center for over 30 years! The dedication and support from our volunteers is the only way we could do what we do.

To give an example of the many amazing things our volunteers do, I will turn to a story from this year. One day during the busy summer months we received a phone call from someone who was lucky enough to have a Great Blue Heron rookery on their property. They were calling because they found a heron on the ground that they assume had been abandoned by its parents. While it is normal for most fledgling birds to be found on the ground (their parents will still take care of them), with herons the parents will generally

not feed them. One of our volunteers, Ginnie Ross, who is trained in wild animal capture and restraint, gathered her gear together and went out and met the community member.

By then the whole neighborhood was out wondering what was going to happen to this bird. Ginnie brought the bird back and Deb Sheaffer, our veterinarian, examined it. The bird was thin and weak from not eating. It had emerged from the nest early and had been abandoned. We kept the bird for treatment and to finish raising it. Concerned neighbors called almost every day to check on the status of the bird. Within a couple of weeks the bird was flying and killing live prey well. We found a great spot to release it close to the rookery, and Ginnie released it with members from the neighborhood.

The Wildlife Care Center also depends on other volunteers in the community as well. We have a number of volunteers throughout the community ranging from specialized veterinarians to whole organizations that help us do the important work we do.



Our Education Birds and a turtle, with some of their volunteer 'handlers' ©WCC

A short list of community supporters are:

- DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital for after-hours intake
- Multnomah County Animal Services
- Portland Community College Veterinary Technology program for microscopes for training
- Ophthalmologist Dr. Susan Kirschner from Animal Eye Doctor
- Terrie Corcoran and Schein Medical Supply Company
- Oregon Humane Society Technical Animal Rescue Team (OHSTAR)
- The Portland chapter of American Association of Zookeepers (AAZK) for organizing Comedy Night this year and raising funds for us

It really does take everyone working together to help us save the things that matter most. And we couldn't do it without all of our Wildlife Care Center volunteers — Thank You!

Brooke Abbruzzese	Shelley Callahan	Jennifer Famulare	Bill Helsley	Briana King	Carol Mitchell	Devon Rehse	Chris Shiprack	Rochelle Teeny
Marilyn Abend	Claire Carter	Judy Fiestal	Michelle Heywood	Lei Kotynski	Charlie Monroe	Shelley Reynolds	Wendy Shoemaker	Bob Thompson
Matt Baird	Tanya Cecka	Ryan Fitz	Kris Hickman	Mariha Kuechmann	Annika Mortensen	Josie Reznik	Bonnie Shoffner	Chris Timpa
Sam Baldwin	Joe Chapman	Amy Frank	David Hohl	Dana Kuiper	Leslie Mundt	Azita Roshani	Mandy Sims	Dawn Treanor
Annie Barklis	Liz Clune	Nancy Fraser	Shawna Horn	Chelsea Lincoln	Dinna Murie	Ginnie Ross	Chris Sirakowski	Scott Ulrich
Stephanie Bartlett	Hannah Cohen	Carol Fuller	Phil Hubert	Bruce Lind	Susan Nolte	Christine Ross	Mary Slocum	Cecile Valastro
Margaret Bell	Lara Cosanella	Patsy Gelb	Adelia Hwang	Bobbie Lucas	Jeanette O'Reilly	Lyn Rosten	Kristin Smith	Alison Walsh
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Tom Berkemeier	Susan Dale	Jan Gilbertson	Julie Isaacson	Jenna Lundmark	Claire Peterson	Scott Salzwedel	Kiersten Sorensen	Dolores Weisbaum
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Molly Bluhm	Barbara deManincur	Robbin Gray	Dawn Jansen	Colleen McDaniel	Candy Plant	Teresa Schechtel	Ann Spencer	Zibbs West
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Amber Breeding	Martin Dick	Gary Gross	Zoe Johnson	Hannah Meganck	Barbara Ports	Bob Schmitt	Dorion Stanger	Deb Whitcomb
Brandi Brelsford	Katy Ehrlich	Julie Grunes	Susan Jones-Lovejoy	Pam Meyers	Tom Potts	Jean Schoonover	Susan Stone	Anne Woodbury
April Brown (Jakobosky)	Kent Ellsworth	Stephanie Gustafson	McKenzie Joslyn-Snyder	Rick Meyers	Erika Prestwich	Jesse Serna	Trudi Stone	Eileen Wynkoop
Brandon Bunke	Carolyn Emrick	Leslie Harvey	Emily Kauffman	Susan Miles	Sharon Ralston	Tara Seutter	Lynn Sweeney	
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Comprehensive Plan Update: Community Turns Out in Force to Demand Strong Protections for Our Environment

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

The Comprehensive Plan is the foundational land use plan for the Portland: It guides future growth, development, and public investment and provides a roadmap for what our city will look like in future decades. Portland has been engaged in a multi-year effort to update our decades-old Comprehensive Plan. That effort is now reaching its final stages. A draft Plan was released in July. The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission held four public hearings during October and November and more hearings are scheduled for after New Year. Later in 2015, the plan will head to City Council for more hearings and adoption.

By far the most controversial aspects of this plan are policies which would sacrifice the health of our communities and our environment in order to find new lands for industrial development. Over the last 3 months hundreds of people have testified and written letters opposing policies in the draft Plan which include resurrecting a proposal to develop 300 acres on West Hayden Island, converting significant acreage at golf courses along the Columbia Slough to industrial use, and severely limiting the City's ability to protect natural resources on industrial lands along the Willamette and Columbia Rivers.

Why is the City considering these policies? Under Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 9, cities are supposed to maintain

a 20-year supply of industrial land. However, Portland is a landlocked city surrounded by other cities and has run out of undeveloped industrial parcels on which to expand. Analysis conducted by the City and Metro, based in large part on information provided by self-interested industrial landowners, has determined that Portland needs approximately 670 acres of new industrial land. As a result much of the Comprehensive Plan Update process has focused on a desperate search to find these 670 acres.

That outpouring of concern is having an impact! On November 18, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission instructed planning staff to bring back an alternative proposal that does not include West Hayden Island as part of the industrial lands inventory and which reconsiders how the City approaches industrial lands. This is an important step forward but there is no guarantee the City will choose this alternate pathway. We will need your help in the coming months to ensure that the City adopts a plan that protects our rivers, natural areas, and open space. What does that look like?

- The City should inform the State that it has run out of adequate undeveloped land to meet industrial land forecasts and therefore will develop other strategies to meet jobs supply objectives.

- The City should develop an aggressive strategy to force industrial polluters to clean up brownfields. The City should set a target of 80% clean-up of Portland's brownfields over the next 20 years.
- The City should put in place regulatory and non-regulatory programs to increase use intensification on the existing industrial land base.
- The City should put in place strong protections to prevent the rezoning of existing industrial lands except in extraordinary cases.
- The City should ensure that whenever land is rezoned for industrial development, strong mechanisms are in place to ensure the significant numbers of jobs are actually delivered.
- The City should avoid policies in the Comprehensive Plan which limit the City's ability to protect natural resources on industrial lands through both regulatory and non-regulatory mechanisms.
- The City and State should take a hard look at strategies to promote real collaboration and cooperation and potentially unification of the Columbia River Ports in order to maximize efficient use of land and promote a sustainable regional Port economy.

In the coming months there will be many additional opportunities for input. Please contact Conservation Director Bob Sallinger at bsallinger@audubonportland.org or go to audubonportland.org/issues/habitat/urban/comp-plan for more information.

The Portland Christmas Bird Count wants YOU...

by Wink Gross, Portland CBC Compiler

...to count birds on Saturday, Jan 3, 2015! Whether spending an entire day in the field or even just an hour watching your bird feeder, you can contribute significantly to our knowledge of bird life in the Portland area — even if you're a beginning birder. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is the longest running "citizen science project" in North America. The results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the 115 years it has been conducted. Please help out this year!

Begun in 1900 as an alternative to the traditional wanton slaughter of anything that flew during Christmas Day "side hunts," **hundreds of Christmas Bird Counts are now conducted throughout the Western Hemisphere**, and they continue to contribute valuable scientific data to the longest existing record of bird population trends. Naturally, everyone likes the idea of contributing to science, but the real reason they've exploded in popularity? They're so much fun!

All over the Americas, birders will be participating in **one-day counts between Dec 14, 2014 and Jan 5, 2015**. This winter, our **89th Portland Count will be held on Saturday, Jan 3**. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year a record 262 field observers and 153 feeder watchers found 123 species. Those 415 participants made the Portland CBC the largest in the U.S. and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. Please join us this year!

The best way to participate in the Christmas Bird Count is as a field observer. It's a great way for birders of all levels to enjoy a day outdoors and sharpen their birding skills. You will also have the opportunity to meet others who share your interest in birds, and you'll discover some good local spots to find birds. And you will contribute to scientific knowledge. In fact, the Christmas Bird Count is an excellent way for the amateur birder to advance ornithology: **The data are sent to the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University, where over the years Christmas Bird Count records have been used to study changes in bird populations and wintering ranges.** A quite amazing bibliography of Christmas Bird Count research and the entire historical record of all Christmas Bird Counts may be found at birds.audubon.org/data-research.

Each Christmas Bird Count attempts to count all the birds in a 15-mile-diameter circle on one given day. In addition to the Portland Count, roughly 50 other Counts will be conducted in Oregon and SW Washington during the 3 weeks surrounding the holidays. A list of Counts in NW Oregon and SW Washington can be found at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc — and it'll be updated regularly as Counts are added, so check often!

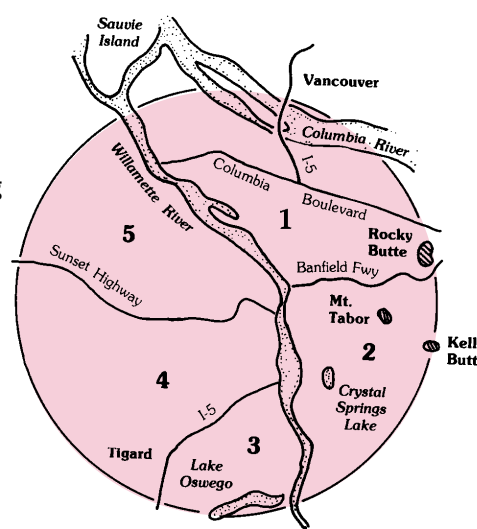
The other, also important, way to participate is as a **Feeder Watcher**. The feeder you watch **must be within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle** (please check your location on the detailed Google map at tinyurl.com/26pmpmf; zoom out to view the entire circle, shaded in blue.) — but even if you can

Area Leaders for Portland Count (Saturday, Jan 3, 2015)

Area 5: Northwest Hills/ Forest Park
Eric Scheuering
971-222-6119 or 503-381-0846
escheuering@audubonportland.org

Area 4: Beaverton
Lori Hennings
503-797-1940
or 503-329-5003
lori.hennings@oregonmetro.gov

Area 3: Lake Oswego
Lynn Herring
503-442-8973



Area 1: Columbia Riparian
Tony DeFalco
503-224-2064
waxwing7@gmail.com

Area 2: Southeast Portland
Dan Strong
971-717-1538
dancbcpdx@gmail.com

Here are just a few other Oregon counts — see audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc for a link to many more.

Dec 14 (Sun) — Lyle, WA
Bob Hansen: bobhansen@gorge.net

Dec 20 (Sat) — Tillamook Bay
Owen Schmidt: 503-789-4854
oschmidt@att.net

Dec 21 (Sun) — Sauvie Island
Oregon side: Karen Bachman: 503-802-2057, pppahooie@comcast.net
Washington side: Scott Carpenter: 503-753-1267, slcarpenter@gmail.com

Dec 14 (Sun) — Columbia Estuary
Mike Patterson: 503-325-1365
celata@pacifier.com

Dec 21 (Sun) — Forest Grove
Stefan Schlick: greenfant@hotmail.com

Jan 1 (Thur) — Santiam Pass
Stephen Shunk: 541-408-1753
steve@paradisebirding.com

For up-to-date Christmas Bird Count info, see audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc.

watch for only an hour, your observations will be helpful. Last year, one of the best birds found on the Portland CBC was a **Mountain Chickadee** spotted by an alert Feeder Watcher in Lake Oswego.

Want to participate as a field observer in the Portland Christmas Bird Count? Look at the map of the Portland CBC circle on this page and pick an area you would like to help cover. (It need not be where you reside.) **Contact the area leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on January 3.** The area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am–5pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can't decide which area? Contact me, Wink Gross, at winkg@hevanet.com or 503-226-3842.

Need to brush up your identification skills? Eric Scheuering, Portland Audubon's Adult Education Programs Manager, is offering a special class in field identification of birds expected on the Count. See the "Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review" class announcement on page 5.

Want to be a Feeder Watcher? Check your location first at tinyurl.com/26pmpmf (zoom out to view the entire circle, shaded in blue) to be sure the feeder you'll watch is **within the**

15-mile-diameter circle, and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc. Remember, only birds seen on **January 3** "count"!

Can't do the Portland Count on January 3? Check out the other Counts around the state (see audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc). Pick one that suits your schedule, and contact the compiler directly. Check this site often as it will be frequently updated.

What to bring: Binoculars, of course! Be prepared for a day outdoors in Oregon in the winter. That means warm clothes, rainwear, and waterproof shoes. The Counts are generally held as scheduled, rain or shine. **Bring a bag lunch and snacks.** Last but not least, bring an enthusiastic attitude and a **willingness to search quietly and patiently for birds.** All Christmas Bird Counts are free.

Almost every Christmas Count turns up an unusual bird, and often it's a beginner who first spots it. Last year, in addition to the Mountain Chickadee and Snow Geese, we found American Dipper (winning Karen Harris the "Eagle-Eye Award"), Gray Jay, and Red-breasted Merganser. Perhaps **YOU** will be the person who finds the bird that makes everyone say, "Wow! We never expected that!"

Educational Trips

See full descriptions at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult.

Southern California February 16–22, 2015

Fee: \$1295 members

Leader: Kirk Hardie

Contact: Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119

Birds & Wildlife of Brazil

1 SPACE REMAINS!

April 10–26, 2015

Fee: \$3695 members

Leader: Steve Robertson and local guides

Contact: Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119



Hyacinth Macaw
© Ana Cotta

ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER

June 7–18, 2015

(Barrow Extension:

June 18–21, 2015)

Fee: \$3995 members (Barrow: \$1195 members)

Leaders: Eric Scheuering and Joe Liebezeit

Contact: Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119



Elegant Trogon. Photo:
Dominic Sherony

Southeastern Arizona

August 16–23, 2015

Fee: \$1995 members

Leader: Dan van den Broek

Contact: Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105

Adult Classes

See full descriptions and register at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult.

Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners:

Mallards to Wood Ducks (Laura Whittemore)

Dec 4 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: **Class in Heron Hall**

Dec 7 & 14 (Sun), 9am–Noon: **Local Field Trips**

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants: \$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review (Eric Scheuering)

Dec 10 (Wed), 7pm–8:30pm: **Class in Heron Hall**

-or- Dec 18 (Thur), 7pm–8:30pm: **Class at Manor House, Leach Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Ave.**

Fee: Free for all! No pre-registration required.

The Art of Illustrating Insects (Stacey “Zebith” Thalden)

Jan 7, 14, & 21 (Wed), 6:30pm–9pm: **Class in Heron Hall**

Fee (includes \$15 for supplies): \$75 members / \$95 non-members

Limited to 18 participants; 10 minimum.

Winter Gull I.D. (John Rakestraw)

Jan 17 (Sat), 10am–Noon: **Class in Heron Hall;**

then Noon–3pm: **Local Field Trip**

Class with Field Trip, limited to 14 participants: \$30 members / \$45 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Nature Journaling the Winter (Jude Siegel)

January 24 & 31 (Sat), 10am–3pm: **Class in Heron Hall**

Fee: \$75 members / \$95 non-members

Limited to 16 participants.

Beginning Birding I (Laura Whittemore)

Jan 29 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: **Class in Heron Hall**

Feb 1 & 8 (Sun), 9am–Noon: **Local Field Trips**

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants: \$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Winter Break Classes 2014

Register online at www.audubonportland.org — or call Ian Abraham at 971-222-6120.
All classes run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY, DEC. 22	TUESDAY, DEC. 23	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24
<p>Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears Grades: 1–2 Have you ever wondered how the smallest birds handle the winter weather? Would you choose to have feathers or fur to survive harsh conditions? Journey within the Audubon Sanctuary as we explore the amazing and unique adaptations that animals use to cope with the harsh winter weather. We'll scour the woods for animal burrows and dens, track animals we can trail, and end the day working with the Audubon specimens that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Friends of a Feather... Grades: 3–4 ...flock together! Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful, colorful birds that call Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary home. Spend time learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends and build your own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your own yard! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Wolves! #1 Grades: 5–8 Come experience the thrilling world of Wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. We're sure to have a howlin' good time! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member</p>	<p>Junior Wildlife Vet 101 #1 Grades: 1–2 Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Jr. Raptor Road Trip Grades: 3–4 Grab your binoculars, we'll bring the scopes and treats! Join us for a road trip through Sauvie Island as we trace the path of the annual Raptor Road Trip hosted by Portland Audubon and Metro. Our trip explores all of the Road Trip's sites in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter in the Portland area. Learn the route and all the cool things that raptors have to teach us so you can lead your family on the official Raptor Road Trip on February 7, 2015! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member</p> <p>FIRE! Grades: 5–8 Are you fascinated by fire? Would you like to learn how to safely utilize this essential wilderness skill? Spend a day at Portland Audubon diving into the art of fire making. We will learn how to build fires from forest materials, coax flames from friction fire kits, and explore ancient fire-building techniques that have been used for thousands of years. Come join us for an adventure into the fascinating world of fire! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p>	<p>Expedition: Winter Gnomes Grades: 1–3 Step into the world of the fabled Gnomes of the Pacific Northwest as we explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for the elusive woodland Gnomes, build homes to attract these little creatures, and make your very own Gnome hat. Equipped with magnifying glasses, Gnome Detectors, and field guides, you will search Audubon's Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes and learn how these fantastic woodland creatures cope with the difficulties of the winter season. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Junior Wildlife Vet 102 Grades: 4–5 Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p>
THURSDAY, DEC. 25–FRIDAY, DEC. 26 NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY		
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31		
<p>Winter Wildlife Art Grades: 1–2 Search for some amazing animals that live in our forest Sanctuary in winter. Develop your observations of winter wildlife and forest habitat into imaginative drawings, animal masks, and clay sculptures. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Bounty of Bats Grades: 3–4 Experience these mysterious mammals of the night from a new perspective as we study bats from all over the world. We will have hands-on experience with specimens of some of the more common bats of Oregon, play bat games, and learn more about the myths and legends that these flying mammals have inspired. Don't forget, we will hike around Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary and check the two recently hung bat houses for any new inhabitants! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Gorge-ous Photography Grades: 5–8 Join Audubon educators on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland! Discuss the basics of composure, lighting, subject, and color as you sip hot cocoa and snap pictures of jaw-dropping panoramas, icy waterfalls, mossy canyons, delicate leaves, and much more. Be sure to bring along a camera – this one-day camp will cover just the basics of photography but all skill levels are welcome to join! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member</p>	<p>Creatures of the Night Grades: 1–3 Do you ever wonder what animals roam the Audubon Sanctuary at night? Hike along the trails of our own Wildlife Sanctuary searching for tracks and sign of these nocturnal animals. Learn about these nighttime hunters and create a colorful art project based on your observations. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Elk Extravaganza Grades: 4–8 Jump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve. Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the Coast Range. Learn all about these animals as well as the other cool critters we will see along the way! Participate in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member</p>	<p>Junior Wildlife Vet 101 #2 Grades: 1–3 Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p>Wolves! #2 Grades: 4–8 Come experience the thrilling world of Wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. We're sure to have a howlin' good time! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member</p>
THURSDAY, JAN. 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY		
FRIDAY, JAN. 2		
<p>Snowshoe & Hot Cocoa Adventure Grades: 4–8 Join Education Director Steve Robertson and Naturalist-Educators Tim Donner and Laura Newton on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mount Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon as we search for tracks of Snowshoe Hare, Bobcat, and Coyote. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Your instructors are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to team up for the most epic snowball fight of the century! Fee includes snowshoe rental. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Drop Off (8:45am) and Pick Up (5:00pm) at Upper Macleay Park Instructors: Steve Robertson, Tim Donner, and Laura Newton</p>		

Nature Store Highlights

by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

The shelves in the Nature Store are chockfull of wonderful nature-themed titles. Whether you are looking for field guides, nature-inspired literature, how-to books for artists or gardeners, or children's storybooks, we have it covered. We are happy to do special orders, or ship your items as needed. Please give us a call at 503-292-9453 with any questions. Some of our featured titles for this holiday season are listed below.

Inspire Creativity!

Keri Smith creates wonderful interactive tools for journal keeping, including her recent book, *Wreck This Journal Everywhere* (Perigee, \$10.00). We'll have a variety of her other titles on hand as well.

Illustration School: Let's Draw! by Sachiko Umoto (Quarry, \$19.99) is a fun combination of drawing instruction and a sketch pad. It's suitable for adults and older children.

Eloise Renouf has a series of inspirational sketchbooks that can help you visualize how to create drawings. There are both small-format books, like *Draw 500 Things from Nature* (Quarry, \$12.99) or a larger format, such as *20 Ways to Draw a Tree and 44 Other Nifty Things from Nature* (Quarry, \$19.99).

Are you a bird photographer? Look for either *Backyard Bird Photography* by Mathew Tekulsky (Skyhorse Publishing, \$14.95) or J. Chris Hansen's *Secrets of Backyard Bird Photography* (Rocky Nook, \$24.95) for lots of tips and tricks to entice birds to your yard and get quality pictures in the process. There are even tips for the special challenge posed by hummingbirds.



Calls to Action!

Naomi Klein is a powerful intellectual force. Her new book, *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs the Climate* (Simon & Schuster, \$30.00) is sure to be thought-provoking and discussion-stimulating.

The Adventure Gap by James Edward Mills (Mountaineers, \$19.95) takes on the topic of racial diversity in the outdoor recreation field, and why our natural areas belong to all of us.

Just for Fun!

Children and Other Wild Animals is new from Brian Doyle (Oregon State University Press, \$18.95) and is full of delightful essays about human and non-human creatures, with Doyle's usual humor and insights.

Mary Oliver is the Nature Store's favorite poet, and her newest work, *Blue Horses* (Penguin Press, \$24.95), is full of lovely moments inspired by the nature world.

A Conspiracy of Ravens (Bodleian Library, \$17.50) is a compendium of collective nouns for birds, with illustrations by the 18th century woodcut artist and naturalist Thomas Bewick (for whom the Bewick's Wren was named).

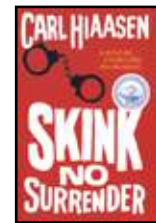
Especially for Kids!

Circle, Square, Moose! by Kelly Bingham and Paul O. Zelinsky (Greenwillow, \$17.99) continues the wacky adventures of patient, organized Zebra and his anarchic friend Moose. It's a book about shapes, about friendship, and so much more!



Wild by Emily Hughes (Flying Eye, \$16.95) is a lovely parable about nature and the wild child in all of us.

A poem by William Stafford is beautifully illustrated by Angelina Marino-Heidel in *Everyone Out Here Knows: A Big Foot Tale* (Arnica Creative Services, \$15.00).



Carl Hiaasen is a popular author for both kids and adults. We have a **limited** number of **signed** copies of his latest Young Adult book, *Skink — No Surrender* (Knopf, \$18.99). Please call us to confirm availability at 503-292-9453.

For the holiday season, please consider a special package price we are offering for the three books in the *Wildwood* series by Colin Meloy and Carson Ellis. If you can purchase the three hardcover editions together, you pay \$40.00, a 25% savings off the list price!

Welcome, New Members!

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

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| Debra Adrian | Sam Jackson |
| Bronwyn Allabastro | Kristin Jamerson |
| Michael & Cathleen Amen | Theresa LaFavor & Brenda Olson |
| Tess Anderson | Neil & Marci Laird |
| Juli Anderson & Jeanette Leon | Carolyn Lamborghini |
| Dixie Antle | Jon Leland |
| Sheila & Seymour Barth | Jill Leve & Mindy Bishop |
| Jennifer Baurer | Drinda Lombardi |
| Al Belais | Sarah Lowe |
| Lisa Berkson-Platt | Barbara Lucas |
| Denise Bertinazzi & Germana Sonnier | Joy Marsalla |
| Judy & Marvin Blount | Lindsey Maser |
| Lisa Bock & Vinca Swanson | Therese Myers |
| Richard & Judy Bond | Jason & Andrea Nicholas |
| Nadine Bowers | Kim Norris |
| James Breithaupt | Dan Nottage & Jill Kirk |
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| Sara Cobean | James Ouregaard |
| Shaun Coldwell | Marc & Lindsay Parks |
| John Commeree | Allen Pearce |
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| Mariah Nightfire Currey | Hilary Pfeifer |
| Bertha Davis | The Quinteros Family |
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| Jennifer Dransfeldt | Sherry & Steve Salomon |
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| Kristina Friday | Natalie & Brendan Stammer |
| Michele Kolet Gamble | Valerie Tobin |
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| Melissa & Jay Jaacks & Family | |

If you would like to become a member, go to audubonportland.org/support/membership to join online or to download a form to print and mail. Or contact Pam Meyers at pmeyers@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 ext.130.

Nikon Nature Store Workshop

Optics 101: Taking the Fast Track to Selecting Birding Binos with Mike Freiberg, Nikon Sports Optics
Sat, Dec 13, 10:30am–11:30am in Heron Hall

Birding is a hobby/passion that requires the use of binoculars on a regular basis. So it is ultra-important that each birder identify those attributes most important to them when selecting the perfect binocular. It's easy to get lost in the plethora of "things to think about" when shopping for binoculars. Luckily, **Mike Freiberg** has spent his entire career in the optics industry focusing on birding optics and knows how to make those sometimes confusing "optics specs" fun and easy to understand. During our workshop he will cover all the basics while showing us how to identify and analyze those design attributes most vital for taking our birding skills to the next level.



Photo: Michael Retter

Whether you are looking for new optics for yourself or as a gift for a fellow nature lover, this fascinating look at current binocular technology will allow you to easily select just the right model. Please join Mike for a lively morning workshop, and be sure to bring along your questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Nikon's Give-the-Ultimate-Gift Holiday Sale, Nov 27–Dec 24

Bonus: This workshop coincides with Nikon's holiday season **Monarch Binocular Sale!** Monarch 3, 5 & 7 full-sized and Monarch 7 mid-sized binoculars will have **discounts of \$50–\$80!** Plus: If you are looking for compact travel binos, **Nikon Aculon 8x21, 10x21, and 10x25** will also have special holiday discounts which bring **member prices below \$50** on all models!

Members Receive a 10% Discount at the Nature Store!

New Opticron Travelscopes!

Thinking of hitting the road or flying south for a winter adventure? Would you love to take a sighting scope along, but worry about the size or weight? You can solve both problems with either of the two new travelscopes recently introduced by Opticron, makers of our popular Oregon binoculars.

The new scopes are called the **Opticron MM3**. It's not a very exciting name, but when we asked what MM stood for the answer was "The Mighty Mite!" And that's a very good name for these hardworking super-compact scopes. The smallest is the 50mm with a zoom range of 12–36x and close focus of 8.2 ft. It weighs a mere 21 oz (less than many full sized binos!) and is just over 11" long. The member price is \$685.



Opticron Oregon LE 8x32



Opticron Travelscope 50mm



Opticron Travelscope 60mm

The 60mm version has a zoom range of 15–45x, close focus of 11.5 ft, weighs under 26 oz, and is about 13" long. The member price is \$819. Both have ED "extra low dispersion glass," fully armored bodies, and an accurate 8:1 dual focusing system. Smartphone digiscoping adapters for both scopes are currently available for iPhone 4/4S/5/5S and Samsung S3/S4, making highly magnified digital photography a 'snap'!

Special note: The Nikon Monarch and Aculon Binocular Sale runs through Christmas Eve. For details see the **Nikon Workshop article above.**

Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for 34 professionally framed wildlife photos
- Alan Locklear & Marie Valleroy for a DVD/CD player with remote
- Nike, Inc Corporate Division for office furniture
- Portland Community College Veterinary Technician Program for the loan of microscopes for a Wildlife Care Center Volunteer training class
- West Hills QFC #202 for 2 beautifully decorated half-sheet cakes for the Portland Audubon Veteran's Day event

Our Wish List

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| For All Departments: | For Sanctuary: |
| Ergonomic Office Chairs | Loppers |
| For Wildlife Care Center: | Hand saws |
| Science Diet Kitten Growth | Work gloves |
| Bleach | |
| Dawn Dishwashing Detergent | |
| Exam gloves (latex or latex-free) | |
| Paper lunch bags | |

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.

Give a GREEN Gift this Holiday Season!

Protect birds, wildlife, and our shared habitats by giving gifts that give back!

Sponsor a Wild Thing

Our Wildlife Care Center provides a permanent home for eight non-releasable native birds. Each of these birds is unable to survive in the wild. **Wild Thing Sponsorship — or giving a sponsorship as a gift** — is a great way to learn about these incredible creatures, while at the same time helping us meet their food, medical, and housing needs!

These birds act as ambassadors for their species and for Portland Audubon, in classrooms and at events. Your "Wild Thing" sponsorship or gift sponsorship of one or more of these birds will also provide care for the sick, injured, and orphaned native animals that come to our Care Center for treatment.

With your tax-deductible adoption, as a Wild Thing Sponsor you or your gift recipient will receive:

- A beautiful color photo of your bird
- A collectible Wild Thing button featuring your bird
- A genuine Wild Thing Sponsor Certificate
- A personal history of your sponsored bird
- General information on the species
- Information about helping injured wildlife
- Recognition on our Wild Thing sponsor board in the Wildlife Care Center

Sponsor a Wild Thing — and give the gift of sponsorship to a fellow nature lover — online at bit.ly/plAfrV or at our Nature Store.

Meet a few of our Education Birds...



Aristophanes, the Common Raven

Aristophanes was taken from his nest and raised by humans. As a result, he became imprinted upon people and never learned to act like a raven. Because of his lack of survival skills, he is unreleasable.

Aristophanes, the Common Raven © Tammi Miller



Hazel, the Northern Spotted Owl

Hazel was found starving on the ground in the Mt. Hood National Forest with injuries to both eyes and damage to her primary feathers. After more than a year of effort in the WCC, it was clear that Hazel would never regain the ability to fly.

Hazel, the Northern Spotted Owl © Don Baccus



Ruby, the Turkey Vulture

Ruby was found imprinted onto humans, probably illegally taken from the nest as a chick. As a result, she cannot be returned to the wild, where she would likely fall prey to predators, be hurt by humans, or be taken in as a pet.

Ruby, the Turkey Vulture © Tammi Miller

Find out more about our Education Birds at audubonportland.org/wcc/edbids.

Do You Know Someone Else who Loves Birds?

Give them the gift of a community of bird lovers! A **gift of membership to the Audubon Society of Portland** at any level protects native birds and their habitats, and comes with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, trips, and in our Nature Store.

You know how membership makes you feel, so if you know someone who values birds for birds' sake, treat them to membership in Oregon's oldest conservation organization! You can purchase online at bit.ly/odVKB3 or at our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

Give the Gift of Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Introductory | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Goldfinch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Warbler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Owl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Great Blue Heron |

I would like to give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to:

This gift is for me.
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

The GIFT MEMBERSHIP is from:

Name: _____
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 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

We will send a card to the new member notifying them of your gift.

Payment Method

- My check, payable to Audubon Society of Portland, is enclosed.
 Please charge my:
 MasterCard Visa Discover
 Card #: _____
 Expiration Date: _____

Give the Gift of Backyard Habitat!

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your nature-loving friends and family? Perhaps you're in search of a gift that's an eco-friendly alternative and will keep on giving for years to come? If so, consider giving the gift of habitat, by purchasing **gift certificates for enrollment in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP)**.

This \$25 gift certificate covers the cost of BHCP participation. As a program participant, your loved one will receive a one-hour Site Assessment of their yard, a follow-up Site Report that outlines specific recommendations for enhancing their backyard habitat, educational resources, incentives and coupons, and access to our discounted native plant sales.

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program supports small lot landowners (under 1 acre) in **Portland, Lake Oswego, Gresham, and Fairview** to create attractive, native landscapes that will attract birds to your yard and support our region's rich ecological legacy. Right in



our own backyards, we all have a great opportunity to deepen our connection to nature while enhancing crucial habitat for our birds and other wildlife. For more about the program see www.backyardhabitats.org.



To order a BHCP Gift Certificate to have sent to you (or the gift recipient), please call the Portland Audubon Nature Store at 503-292-9453. Or if you have general questions about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, please contact the program manager, Nikkie West, at 503-292-6855 ext.126 or nwest@audubonportland.org.

Give the Gift of a Living Tree!

Honor someone with a **Gift Tree** from Portland Audubon and Friends of Trees, and help us build a healthy forest. For your donation of \$35, a young native tree will be planted in honor of your friend or family member, and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the person you choose. You will be invited to plant your Gift Tree at one of two annual Gift Tree plantings. (Due to the sensitive nature of the site, we cannot label the trees.) You can purchase online at bit.ly/aONUXr or at our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

_____ # Gift Tree(s) @ \$35 ea. = \$_____ Total

Your information:

Donor Name: _____
 Address: _____
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Gift Notification:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____



Kestrel photo: Jim Cruce

Cars for 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 **Ann Takamoto** at 971-222-6117 or atakamoto@audubonportland.org.

Celebrate the Season

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Some Great "Green Gifts" Created from Recycled Materials:

Parasol Recycled Glass Hummingbird Feeders
Green Solutions Recycled Plastic Feeders (made in USA)
Songbird Essentials Feeders and Suet Cages, including starling proof!
Milan Peterka's barnwood nest boxes
Owl Pellet Dissection Kits (guess who recycled those pellets!)

Some Great Natural Gifts:

Lucuma gourd ornaments
Tom Floral seed, grass, and cone ornaments
dZi and Kathmandu felt purses and ornaments
Liberty Graphics, Marushka, and Atlas cotton tees & sweatshirts
Timberwoods bird ornaments made with woods sustainably harvested from their own Wisconsin woodlot
Always Azul and Pam & Mack pottery mugs



Night Lights

Specific to the Season

You'll find a wide selection of **holiday cards, wrapping paper, ornaments, and décor items.** Flour-sack towels, mug warmers, coasters, hot pads, and doormats make winter entertaining festive. **Our selection of treats** from Chukar Cherries, Moonstruck Chocolates, Endangered Species Chocolates, Willamette Valley Confectionary, Rose City Pepperheads, and Lyfonda Farm is sure to please relatives and visitors alike. **Sauvie Island Coffee's fresh-roasted beans** in robust dark Midnight Sumatra, medium-bodied Raptor Roast, and rich Espresso Nectar (regular or decaf) are the perfect accompaniment. Enjoy a sample at our annual **Holiday Open House on Sat-Sun, Dec 6-7** (details on page 2).

The Nature Store is guaranteed to provide a fun and festive shopping experience that is a world away from the hectic pace of shopping malls. Take a holiday trip with friends and family to Audubon's Nature Sanctuary to reconnect with nature and celebrate the Winter Solstice. We are looking forward to your visit!

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

In Memory

Marc Tringali
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Ginsberg
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You can honor a special person with a gift to Audubon Society of Portland. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature. You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at www.audubonportland.org or by calling 971-222-6130. A songbird card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

December

2	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
4	Thur	7pm	Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners class (p.5)
6	Sat	8am	Audubon Outing (p.2)
6	Sat	8am	Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration (p.5)
6	Sat	10am-6pm	Nature Store Open House (p.2)
7	Sun	10am-5pm	Nature Store Open House (p.2)
7	Sun	9am	Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners field trip (p.5)
9	Tues	10am	Hearing for Elliot State Forest in Salem (p.4)
9	Tues	7pm	Nature Night: Prowling for Owls! (p.2)
10	Wed	9am	Audubon Outing (p.2)
10	Wed	7pm	Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review (p.5)
13	Sat	8am	Audubon Outing (p.2)
14	Sun	9am	Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners field trip (p.5)
18	Thur	4:30-7:30pm	GIG Happy Hour at Base Camp Brewing (see website)
18	Thur	7pm	Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review at <i>Leach Garden</i> (p.5)
20	Sat	12:30 & 1:30	Storytime for Kids
22-24	Mon-Wed		Winter Break Classes for Kids (p.5)
25	Sat	—	Christmas Holiday: Admin & Nature Store closed
29-31	Mon-Wed		Winter Break Classes for Kids (p.5)
31	Wed	To Midnight	Give! Guide donations accepted (p.2)
January			
1	Thur	—	Happy New Year! Admin & Nature Store closed
2	Fri	Various	Winter Break Classes for Kids (p.5)
3	Sat	Various	Portland Christmas Bird Count (p.4)
6	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall



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Inspiring people to love and protect nature since 1902

Audubon Society of Portland promotes the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native birds and other wildlife and their habitats. We focus on our local community and the Pacific Northwest.

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9am to 5pm, Mon. – Fri.

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Dawn to dusk every day

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

WILDLIFE

CARE CENTER

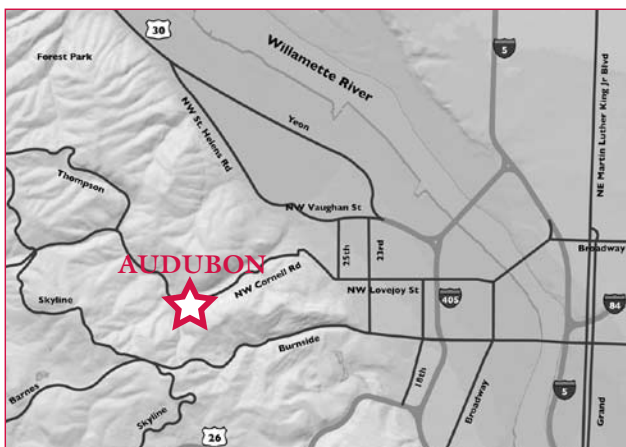
503-292-0304
9am to 5pm every day

INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store

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