



Black-throated Gray Warbler

Warbler

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A Bald Eagle rehabilitated by Portland Audubon takes flight in Kelley Point Park ©Tom Schmid

West Hayden Island Bald Eagle Returns to the Sky

by Tinsley Hunsdorfer, Community/Social Media Manager

On May 25, the Audubon Society of Portland released a rehabilitated female Bald Eagle at Kelley Point Park, just across the river from the bird's home on West Hayden Island. With a crowd of 350 well-wishers looking on, executive director Meryl Redisch opened a panel on the eagle's carrying container — the raptor sprinted out, took to the air, and flew strongly to a tree 500 feet away.

The eagle quickly drew the attention of local wildlife. Crows began to mob her, an Osprey circled and called overhead, and a second female eagle flew in for a close look and eventually landed on a branch just a few feet away — all normal responses to a new predator in their midst. The displays occurred for quite some time before the eagle took to the air again and disappeared back into the wild.

"It was amazing to see so many people come out to the release and show their support for this bird," said Lacy Campbell, Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center operations manager. "Saving this eagle was truly a community effort."

Audubon originally admitted the eagle to its Wildlife Care Center in November 2013 after the bird was found injured on West Hayden Island. Audubon Society of Portland conservation director Bob Sallinger hiked two miles round-trip to retrieve the 11-pound raptor, and his return trek was made entirely after nightfall — quite an undertaking when walking with an eagle in hand.

An exam revealed the bird had puncture wounds on her feet and nerve damage to her right wing, all likely the result

of a recent territorial dispute with another eagle. Further examination revealed the eagle had suffered a variety of other injuries throughout her life. She carried a pellet in her chest from an old gunshot injury and had evidence of an old bone fracture to her left wing.

Of greatest concern was a significant injury to her right eye that had left the bird with only partial vision. Eagles with significant eye injuries are usually not released back into the wild — the conventional wisdom is that eagles cannot survive in the wild without full use of both eyes. However, veterinary ophthalmologist Susan Kirschner confirmed the eagle's eye injury was old and that the bird had in fact been surviving with the injury for quite some time.

Even more intriguing was the evidence provided by Hayden Island resident David Redthunder, who has been photographing the nesting eagles on West Hayden Island for several years. After reviewing dozens of David's photos, we were able to find one from 2012 where we could clearly see the injured eye. The bird had not only survived two years in the wild with the injured eye, but she also had likely nested and raised young!

"It's remarkable how much this bird has survived," said Portland Audubon veterinarian Deb Sheaffer. "Not only did she arrive with evidence of multiple past injuries, but treating her right wing proved to be no easy feat."

It took nearly six months for the eagle to regain full use of her right wing. She then spent several weeks in Audubon's 100-foot-long flight cage to build up her strength, and she was also flown on a creance, an old falconry technique in which a bird is allowed to fly out in the open on the end of a 200-foot-long line attached to its legs. By the end of May, the eagle was ready for release.

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Meryl Migrates

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Perhaps the highest tribute you can pay to a departing leader is that you did not want them to leave. When Meryl Redisch announced that she was leaving the Audubon Society of Portland to spend more time with her partner Scott Lukens, the first thought that went through my head was "Not now, we are about to do some great things. How can you go now?"

And it is true... Portland Audubon is poised to do some great things. There is discussion of building a new Wildlife Care Center, expanding our statewide conservation presence, expanding our education programming, broadening and diversifying our membership, banning lead shot, and restoring condors to the Oregon skies. It is a long and ambitious list. It will be an exciting ride.

Meryl told me later, "You and your wife have been together since you were young. I'm sure you have had many adventures. Scott and I found each other much later. We want to have our adventures now." It is said that clinging is the source of all suffering. At a time when many people would cling, Meryl is letting go. She has already accomplished great things.

Eleven years have gone by quickly. I remember when we interviewed Meryl. Portland Audubon was in a transitional period. We wanted a leader who could give the organization direction and confidence, but we also wanted somebody who could grow it organically, who could relate to its grassroots culture, who would grow with us. What I remember most from that interview was the unbridled enthusiasm.

Her first interview was a phone interview and she used our questions like a launching pad, spinning out long answers that tied people to place. Lacking the visual cues of a face to face, it was sometimes hard to reel her back in. "Ummm, sorry — I'm really excited!" she would tell us after we would gently cut her off. There were more experienced candidates and there were more polished candidates, but Meryl was a sparkplug.

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Meryl Redisch

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From the Board President

Stewardship

by David Mandell, Board President

Stewardship. It is an important principle of conservation and one I've been thinking a lot about lately. Stewardship is about our duty and responsibility to protect and care for the things that are of value. It is also about the commitment we have to future generations and the world that they will inherit. It's about preserving key urban natural areas such as West Hayden Island so they remain a permanent part of Portland's landscape. It's about protecting important migratory stopovers in the Klamath Basin and Malheur so that someday my son Oscar will be able to point up to the skies and show his children skeins of geese crossing the Portland skyline on a gray November afternoon. And it's about passing along the understanding of and passion for the natural world so that the next generation will carry on the legacy of stewardship.

I've been thinking about stewardship because of the transition that the Audubon Society of Portland is currently going through. For the last 11 years, Portland Audubon has been blessed by having at its helm a person who has done so much to protect and preserve what we most cherish and value about this organization. Meryl Redisch has demonstrated that stewardship requires a willingness

to innovate and take risks. Under her leadership, Portland Audubon has continued to notch up significant victories for conservation, has reached new audiences through creative programs like TALON, and has grown its financial resources tremendously, so that as we look to the future we can imagine taking on new projects, such as potentially building a new Wildlife Care and Education Center.

Stewardship will also be an important theme as we interview candidates over the next month for Portland Audubon's next Executive Director. The tremendous interest we have seen in this position from across the country is testament to Portland Audubon's reputation as a leader in conservation advocacy and education, and gives me great confidence that the right person to carry this organization forward is waiting for us. I look forward to having the opportunity later this summer to introduce Portland Audubon's next leader and steward who will continue our fierce commitment to conservation advocacy, expand our educational programming to new audiences, and ensure that our financial resources continue to grow so that we are able to pass along a strong, vibrant, and beloved Audubon Society of Portland to the next generation.



Meryl Redisch (left) with Dave Marshall and his wife Georgia at the Audubon Pond © Dave Best



Meryl presenting at an early Connection Green Alliance (now The Intertwine Alliance) gathering at Metro © Mike Houck



Meryl being shown the ropes by Spotted Owl expert Eric Forsman in the Audubon Sanctuary. Photos © Kathy Wolf

Meryl Migrates

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We chose well. I won't attempt to catalogue accomplishments here. Suffice it to say that we have had eleven years of stability, growth, and accomplishment. Even at the height of the recession, when virtually every other organization was retracting, the Audubon Society of Portland continued to grow. Meryl always understood that the strength of Audubon was its connection to the community. She built on that every day and it sustained us in good times and bad.

We had adventures, too. Meryl was never afraid to take risks. The stability she engendered in the organization gave it confidence to do big things, to add new and aggressive programs that reached out to the furthest corners of the state and into the most inner-city neighborhoods.

Funny thing about Meryl... To this day she insists that she is not an activist. "You and Houck are activists; I'm not," she will tell me. Sometimes when I bring her particularly volatile situations she will tell me, "You know I hate it when you do these things." Somewhere along the road I think she stopped meaning it. Somewhere along the road she also started saying, "If it is about birds we need to be there." She leaves a remarkable legacy of activism on ocean conservation and helping create Oregon's first marine reserves, a legacy that will stand side by side with Audubon legacy more than a century ago of fighting to establish the first wildlife refuges in the west.



Combining work and one of her favorite pastimes, Meryl rode on the policy makers bike ride in 2008 © Mike Houck

And then there are the trees! Harkening back to her early days as a ranger in Central Park and a prior life serving as the Executive Director of Tree Utah, Meryl never stopped speaking for the trees. No matter what the context, Meryl could always be counted on to ask, "What about the trees?" I did not attend ocean meetings with her, but I suspect she probably asked, "What about the kelp forests?"

If Audubon were Oz, we would give Meryl a bullhorn. She was always an activist. She just never knew it. So now as Meryl clicks her heels and says, "There is no place like home," we wish her and Scott lots of further adventures and we thank her for her eleven years of service to our community.

West Hayden Island Bald Eagle Continued from front cover

Back in the wild once more, the eagle will continue to face challenges. A vision-impaired eagle is at a disadvantage, and the bird's home on West Hayden Island is under threat. The Port of Portland has tried for years to convert much of the 800+ acre natural area on West Hayden Island into parking lots and marine industrial terminals. In early 2014, facing intense opposition from the community, the port backed away from its annexation efforts, but long-term protection for the area's floodplain forests and meadows is in no way certain.

"It was amazing to see the eagle fly free again," said Sallinger. "She is one tough bird, and she has survived a lot. Now we need to permanently protect her home."

Audubon would like to thank Portland Parks and Recreation for providing a release site near the eagle's home on West Hayden Island. Several other organizations and individuals have also pitched in to help the eagle return to the wild: VCA Rock Creek Animal Hospital provided digital X-rays, veterinary radiologist Jennifer Tepavich of VCA Northwest Veterinary Specialists performed the eagle's CT scan, Carole Hallett banded the bird prior to her release, Sauvie Island Elementary provided a site for creance flying sessions, and good Samaritan Peter Rutkowski first sighted and reported the injured eagle.

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

July

6/30-7/3	Mon-Thu	Various	Summer Camps (website)
1	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
4	Fri	—	Independence Day: Admin and Nature Store closed
7-11	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)
7-11	Mon-Fri	Various	Day Camps with Lake Oswego Community Schools (website)
8	Tue	10am	Magpie Outing Planning Meeting (p.3)
9	Wed	7am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
10	Thu	4pm	Nature Store closes early at 4pm (p.9)
14-18	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)
14-18	Mon-Fri	Various	Day Camps with Lake Oswego Community School (website)
15	Tue	7pm	Swallows, Nighthawks, Swifts & Hummingbirds class (p.7)
17	Thu	7pm	Board Meeting
21-25	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)
21-25	Mon-Fri	Various	Day Camps with Lake Oswego Community Schools (website)
7/28-8/1	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)

August

4-8	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)
5	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
6	Wed	7am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
6	Wed	7pm	Autumn Shorebirds class (p.7)
7	Thu	6pm	New Volunteer Orientation (p.8)
9	Sat	7am	Autumn Shorebirds field trip (p.7)
11-15	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)
16	Sat	8am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
16	Sat	9am	General Volunteer Training (p.8)
18-22	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)
23	Sat	7:30am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
25-29	Mon-Fri	Various	Summer Camps (website)

September

1	Mon	—	Labor Day: Admin and Nature Store closed
2	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
6	Sat	10am-2pm	Catio Tour (p.3)
6	Sat	11am-3pm	International Culture Awareness Day (p.3)

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Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!



= Mostly weekday excursions



= Sign-up needed



= Fee involved

July 8 (Tue), 10am–12noon Planning Meeting

The Magpies will hold our annual planning session in the Jay Conference Room at Portland Audubon. We will be planning the calendar for 2014–2015.

July 9 (Wed), 7am–10am Powell Butte Nature Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** for a walk exploring the unique habitats of Powell Butte. This is our annual Lazuli Bunting viewing trip. Meet at the parking lot at the top of the butte. The park entrance is SE 162nd Ave off Powell Blvd. Call Ron at 503-771-3454 for more information.

August 6 (Wed), 7am–3pm Timberline Lodge

Interested in exploring the timberline habitats on the slopes of Mt Hood? Chance to see Cassin's Finch, Calliope Hummingbird, and Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. We will hike the trails above and around Timberline Lodge. We leave Clackamas Town Center parking lot off Sunnyside Rd (off I-205) at 7am. **Registration is required** with **Ron Escano** at 503-771-3454, or you can contact him for more information.



August 16 (Sat), 8am–10:30am Tualatin River Natl. Wildlife Refuge

Join leaders **Dena Turner** and **Toni Rubin** for a morning walk at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge in Sherwood. We will be looking for waterfowl, wading birds, and songbirds. Meet in the main parking area, and bring binoculars and a scope if you have one. From Portland, head southwest on Hwy 99W (Pacific Highway), continuing past Tigard and King City. The refuge will be on the right side of the road at 19255 SW Pacific Hwy, where you will see brown refuge signs. Call Dena with questions at 503-236-6937.

August 23 (Sat), 7:30am–12noon Sauvie Island Shorebirds

Join **Wink Gross** as we walk through grassy fields and pasture to explore Coon Point and Racetrack Lake shorebird habitat. Meet at the Sauvie Island parking lot just across the bridge at 7:30am, and we will carpool from there. Bring water and sunscreen — most of the time we will be out in the open. A spotting scope will be very helpful. All cars will need a Sauvie Island WMA parking pass, available at the Cracker Bar Store on Sauvie Island Road near the bridge. For more information, contact Wink at wink@hevanet.com or 503-351-0204.

International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!

Sat, September 6

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!

Urban Foraging Workshop Taught by author Melany Herrera

Date: Sunday, September 28, 2014

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Portland Audubon Sanctuary on Cornell Road

Fee: \$30 members / \$50 non-members

Learn to take control of your food by entering into the fun and delicious world of urban foraging. Did you know that roughly 9 out of 10 weeds in your yard and garden can be made into delicious meals? And most yard and garden weeds pack a much greater nutritional punch than store-bought vegetables or even the veggies grown in your own garden! This workshop makes foraging easy, accessible, and fun for everyone, even in the middle of the city or suburbia.

Contact Dan van den Broek at 971-222-6118 to register. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

Participants will learn:

- The benefits of urban foraging;
- Field precautions and ethics;
- How to identify the most readily available edible weeds (e.g., dandelion, nipplewort, nettle, pineapple weed, purslane, cat’s ear, lamb’s quarters, amaranth, bittercress, and creeping wood sorrel, to name a few);
- Nutritional information, plant lore, and cooking tips.

After 20+ years working in environmental policy, **Melany Vorass Herrera** retired to pursue her greatest loves:

plants, eating, writing, and teaching. With a degree in environmental studies, a permaculture design certificate from Oregon State University, and being an avid forager all her life, Melany teaches urban foraging workshops to a wide variety of audiences. Several of her articles on this subject have been published in magazines, and she’s given many presentations at national and international conferences. Melany and her husband tend an urban farm, complete with goats, chickens, and bees, in the heart of Seattle. Her new book, *The Front Yard Forager* (Mountaineers Books, August 2013), brings foraging right to your own yard and garden.

Learn more at frontyardforager.com and visit <https://www.facebook.com/frontyardforager>.



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Calling All Cat Lovers!

2nd Annual Catio Tour to Showcase Local Cat Patios

What do cat-lovers and bird-lovers have in common? We all want what’s best for the animals we love.

On **Saturday, September 6**, from **10am–2pm**, Portland Audubon and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon are teaming up once again to bring you the 2nd Annual Catio Tour. From fabulous to frugal, these “Cattios,” or cat patios, offer pet cats healthy, enriching time outdoors that is safe from hazards like cars, predators, and poisons, and safe for local birds and other wildlife. It’s a win-win! Catio locations city-wide will be selected and organized into a self-guided tour.

Tour Details

Every cat deserves a safe home where it is loved, cared for and kept free from hazards. 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.

Catio Tour
Saturday, September 6
10am–2pm

More information at
feralcats.com/catio.html



Planter boxes of grasses create the purr-fect place to curl up for a cat nap ©Tinsley Hunsdorfer

The goal of this unique event is to educate our community about how outdoor cat enclosures keep pet cats and wildlife more safe. We hope to inspire others to build one for their own cats! Cattios offer pet cats healthy exercise time as well as safety from outdoor hazards like cars, predators, and poisons.

For details and registration, visit feralcats.com/catio.html. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Please call Nikkie West at 503-292-6855 ext.126.

Audubon Storytime on July 19th!

We invite families with small children to join us for another **free** fun storytime event on **Saturday, July 19** in the Portland Audubon Interpretive Center near the Nature Store. This month we are featuring the award-winning children’s classic *Blueberries for Sal*, written in 1948 by Robert McCloskey (Puffin Books, \$7.99). Best suited for little ones ages 3–6, we’ll combine McCloskey’s charming story with some activities and, of course, some samples of tasty berries too! Learn to walk like a bear! Learn why plants make berries! Be part of the Kuplunk Bucket Band! Storytime begins at **12:30pm**, and the performance **repeats at 1:30pm**.

Storytime is a presentation of the Audubon Society of Portland volunteers and Nature Store. During most months it will occur on the **3rd Saturday of each month**. *We’re taking August off*, but plan on joining us again this year on **September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20**. The topics will vary from month to month, but it will always be a nature theme, with special activities tied in. Look for more information in future *Warblers* or on our website at audubonportland.org.



Free Storytime & Activities

For kids ages 3–6

Saturday, July 19
12:30pm (repeats 1:30pm)

Conservation

Water District Measure Defeated Thank You for Voting NO on the Measure and Saying YES to Protecting Portland's Environment

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

On May 20th, the Portland Water District Measure (26-156) went down to a 40 percentage point defeat. The measure, which would have taken control of Portland's Water Bureau and Environmental Services away from the City and turned them over to a new board, was opposed by Portland Audubon and a large broad coalition of conservation, community, labor, and business groups. The initiative was funded by a small group of industrial interests and never attracted a single endorsement from a community group between the time it was announced and its defeat 10 months later. However, fueled by a few very large corporate donations, it managed to gather enough signatures to narrowly make it onto the ballot and then aggressively purchase robocalls, mailers, and commercials. It was Audubon's top priority during the spring to ensure that this measure did not pass.

The defeat of this measure was a win for Portland's environment. The backers repeatedly targeted the City's most important environmental programs for attack. They also went after conservation and community groups that partner with the City on neighborhood-based environmental projects such as planting trees, replacing parking lots with bioswales, and monitoring the health of our environment. The same people who backed this measure have also sued the City, asserting that regulations that protect our river, programs that protect our floodplains, and programs that green our neighborhoods are illegal. They chose to make this a referendum on Portland's commitment to the environment — and the voters resoundingly rejected these attacks.

Over the past 20 years, Portland has led the nation in recognizing that building with nature not only improves the health of our environment, but it also saves taxpayers and ratepayers money. "Green Infrastructure" is the term *de rigueur*, but what it means is simply that rather than spending massive amounts of money to build, rebuild, and expand pipe systems to dispose of rainwater, instead we treat rain as an amenity and utilize soil and vegetation to treat rainwater where it falls.

Historically, Portland, like most cities, tried to put our rainwater into pipes and treated it much like sewage, an approach that led to a variety of expensive and ecologically destructive results including flooding along Johnson Creek, landslides in the West Hills, and more than 50 combined sewer overflows which sent more than 6 billion gallons of raw sewage into the Willamette River each year.

Today the City is building smarter, greener, and cheaper. We have led the nation in utilizing green strategies such as tree planting, green roofs, bioswales, and protecting stream corridors and floodplains to absorb our rain — projects that clean our air and water, provide access to nature for even our most urban neighborhoods, provide fish and wildlife habitat, reduce urban heat island effects, sequester CO₂, and prevent landscape hazards. These projects also save our communities incredible amounts of money. One example: faced with a 100-year-old failing pipe system between Mt Tabor and the Willamette River, the City saved more than \$60 million for ratepayers by incorporating green strategies to address rainwater rather than simply replacing every pipe.



Green Strategies such as this OHSU Ecoroof allow our city to absorb rainwater like a sponge and create huge environmental benefits while saving ratepayers money. © Bob Sallinger



Bioswales such as this one collect stormwater from our streets, preventing neighborhood and basement flooding, reducing pollution in our rivers, calming traffic, and saving ratepayers money. © Mike Houck

These types of projects also directly involve communities and nonprofits in improving the health of our neighborhoods, and leverage limited City dollars many times over. One example is the City's Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) which gives out small grants to underserved communities and has invested just under \$1 million total over the past 18 years. In return these grants have generated nearly \$4 million in matching funds and engaged over 44,000 volunteers who have donated more than 343,000 volunteer hours. Not a bad return on investment — and exactly the type of civic engagement we need to maintain transparent, inclusive, and responsive government programs.

There are plenty of challenges at Portland Bureau of Environmental Services and the Water Bureau and throughout all of our City programs: that is the nature of the beast. Portland Audubon will continue to work with the City wherever possible and fight for reform whenever necessary. Measure 26-156, however, went after the wrong things in the wrong way as it would have made government even more accessible to rich and powerful corporate interests, and would have undermined some of our most important environmental programs. Thank you for voting No!

Audubon Opposes Slaughter of Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island

by Bob Sallinger

On June 12, 2014, the US Army Corps of Engineers announced plans to kill 16,000 Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island near the mouth of the Columbia River. This slaughter represents approximately 50% of the breeding colony that currently exists on East Sand Island, which represents approximately 39% of the total breeding population of Double-crested Cormorants west of the Rocky Mountains. Why does the Corps want to kill this species that Aristotle once referred to as the "water raven"? For the crime of doing what comes naturally: eating fish.

East Sand Island is a remarkable place. Historically no more than a shifting sandbar, the US Army Corps of Engineers stabilized the island and used it to deposit dredge spoils during the 1940s into the 1980s. Today the island encompasses nearly 60 acres and is home to an incredible assortment of birds including the largest breeding colony of Caspian Terns in the world (10,700 breeding pairs at its peak in 2008), the largest breeding colony of Double-crested Cormorants in North America (15,000 breeding pairs in 2013), and the largest post-breeding roost site for Brown Pelicans (more than 10,000 individuals) on the West Coast. The island has been recognized as an officially designated Important Bird Area (IBA) by both National Audubon Society and the American Bird Conservancy.

The birds have congregated on this island in large part because humans have both intentionally and unintentionally concentrated them there. The Caspian Terns first began nesting on East Sand Island in the 1980s attracted by nesting opportunities on Corps dredge spoils and ample forage fish to eat. In the 1990s the colony relocated to Rice Island further up the estuary, but was subsequently hazed off Rice Island and returned to East Sand Island using social attraction techniques (audio calls and decoys). The Corps and NOAA Fisheries were concerned about tern consumption of federally listed salmon and steelhead smolts. However, the same listed fish species also pass East Sand Island and as the colony continued to grow, the same concerns about predation were reasserted. Over the past decade the Corps has spent millions of dollars trying to restrict tern nesting opportunities on East Sand Island while simultaneously

creating new islands for them in places as far away as Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. The results have been mixed at best — many of the new islands have failed to establish significant breeding populations and the terns on East Sand Island have defied expectations by concentrating their breeding colony in their increasingly restricted habitat in numbers far beyond what models predicted.

The population explosion of Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island coincides with declines in colonies elsewhere. Reviled by many interests throughout their range for eating commercially valuable fish, they have been legally and illegally chased out of many of their historic colonies. Like the terns, they too found good habitat and lots to eat on East Sand Island. The species is actually declining throughout much of its western range. Almost all of the overall population growth of Double-crested Cormorants in the West is due to one breeding colony: East Sand Island.

Unlike the terns, however, the Corps is not proposing to relocate the cormorants. They don't tend to relocate as far away as terns and nobody wants them. Agencies up and down the coast are submitting their own permit applications to kill cormorants for the crime of eating fish. Instead the Corps proposed to kill nearly 16,000 birds. Shotguns will be used to kill them over water. Rifles with silencers will be used on the island both at day and potentially at night with the use of infrared goggles. The killing occurs over four nesting seasons. In phase two of this process their habitat would be altered, and continued taking of eggs would be allowed to ensure that their colony did not expand again.

The East Sand Island Double-crested Cormorant plan represents lethal control of a native wildlife species at a historic and horrific scale. The cormorants have been caught in a growing web of manipulation and lethal control of native wildlife species being done in the name of protecting salmon. Farther upriver, the Corps is already killing cormorants and sea lions. Millions of public dollars have been spent trying to relocate terns, with marginal results. The fish and birds have coexisted since time immemorial.



Double-crested Cormorant colony and begging chicks on East Sand Island © Joe Liebezit

In fact, biologists estimate that Double-crested Cormorant populations in the West today are as much as an order of magnitude smaller than historic populations.

It is time to stop scapegoating birds for salmon and steelhead declines that were caused by people. Audubon Society of Portland strongly opposes this proposal and urges its members to oppose it as well. It is time for the US Army Corps to do a ground-up review of its entire approach to managing birds in the Columbia Estuary. The focus should be on addressing the primary causes of salmon decline: dam operation and habitat loss. It should also be on managing hatchery fish, which make up a significant portion of the salmon consumed by the cormorants (the Draft EIS estimates 50%, but that is likely a very conservative number). The birds are not part of the problem. They are part of the intricate web of life that needs to be protected.

In the coming weeks, we will be mobilizing our members to send a strong message of opposition to the Corps. Watch our website or sign up to be on our activist list to stay informed.

There will be a public hearing in Portland on July 10th from 2:30pm–5:30pm at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St, Portland.

To see the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and how to comment, go to: www.nwp.usace.army.mil/Media/Announcements/tabid/1887/Article/23921/draft-eis-double-crested-cormorant-plan-to-reduce-predation-of-juvenile-salmon.aspx.

Lawsuit Filed to Force Klamath Refuges to Complete Long-Range Conservation Plans

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

In late April 2014, Audubon Society of Portland, Oregon Wild, and WaterWatch of Oregon filed a lawsuit to force the Klamath Refuges to complete their long-range Comprehensive Conservation Plans. The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 requires that the US Fish and Wildlife Service develop and implement a “comprehensive conservation plan” (CCP) for each refuge within the national wildlife refuge system. The CCP describes desired future conditions and provides long-range guidance and management direction to achieve the purposes of the refuge. Under the Improvement Act, all plans were required to be completed by October 9, 2012. While the vast majority of refuges in the US have met this

requirement, the Klamath Refuges still have not released a draft or provided a timeline for when this will occur. The plan is now 18 months overdue.

The Klamath Basin’s wetlands represent some of the most important waterfowl habitat in the western United States. An estimated 80% of Pacific Flyway waterfowl utilize the wetlands during their migratory journeys and more than 260 species of birds have been observed on the refuges.

The Klamath Wetland Complex once encompassed more than 350,000 acres but today it has been reduced to 80,000 acres to make way for commercial agriculture. In addition more than 22,000 refuge acres are leased for commercial agriculture rather than being used for wildlife habitat. In recent years, drought conditions have resulted in Lower Klamath Lake going completely dry during the most critical migratory periods, even as agricultural lease lands on the refuge continued to receive water. This situation precipitated massive waterfowl die-offs from botulism in



Lower Klamath Lake: completely dry in 2013 © Bob Sallinger

2012 and avian cholera in 2013. The Governor has already declared a drought in 2014.

The CCP will provide the public with a clear understanding of how the refuge is balancing competing priorities as well as a roadmap of how the refuge will be managed during the next 15 years. As drought is once again descending upon the Klamath Refuges, we felt that we could not continue to wait as the refuge continues to push this plan further and further into the future. We will keep you updated about opportunities to engage with the CCP once the process gets under way. The three conservation organizations are represented in the litigation by the CRAG Law Center.



Utilizing new digital x-ray technology, Lacy Campbell points out a gunshot injury on an injured Red-tailed Hawk © Tammi Miller

Wildlife Care Center Gets New Digital X-ray Machine

by Deb Sheaffer, Wildlife Care Center Veterinarian

In June the Wildlife Care Center made a major upgrade to quality of services that it will be able to provide to injured wildlife: We installed a new digital x-ray machine. The digital x-ray machine will allow us to take and review detailed images of injured animals in seconds, manipulate images for greater clarity on the computer, and share the images instantaneously with medical experts, specialists, law enforcement agencies, and researchers anywhere on the planet with just a mouse click.

At the same time it also helps make the Wildlife Care Center a greener, safer place to work. It scatters less radiation than a traditional x-ray machine, reducing staff exposure. It also requires no toxic developer chemicals. Audubon is pleased to eliminate our use of these chemicals that can have human health impact potential and which require special disposal. Tens of thousands of x-rays can also now be stored digitally rather than in banks of file cabinets.

Since digital x-rays are visible instantaneously, we are more assured of getting a good picture on the first shot. We also can take necessary follow-ups immediately while the animal is still on the table, rather than having to wait 20–30 minutes for processing and then having to put a wild animal through the stress of more x-rays if the image is blurry or different angles or shots are necessary. That means much less stress for the animals and much faster treatment.

The new machine began paying dividends almost immediately when an injured Red-tailed Hawk was admitted into Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center. The bird had an injured wing but the good Samaritans had no idea what had caused it. The Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager, Lacy Campbell, was able to snap a digital x-ray while the donors were still filling out paperwork. She found a metallic foreign body, a gunshot, in the bird’s forearm. This allowed Lacy to further investigate the circumstances under which the bird was found: Had the donors heard anything suspicious? Were there clues about who shot this bird? These questions are important clues in a case involving violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, which makes it unlawful to harm a migratory bird such as this Red-tailed Hawk.

Our Wildlife Care Center is the busiest rehabilitation center in Oregon. We are excited about this new tool which will allow us to provide better care and diagnostics for the animals while also making the Care Center a much greener facility.

Wildlife Care Center

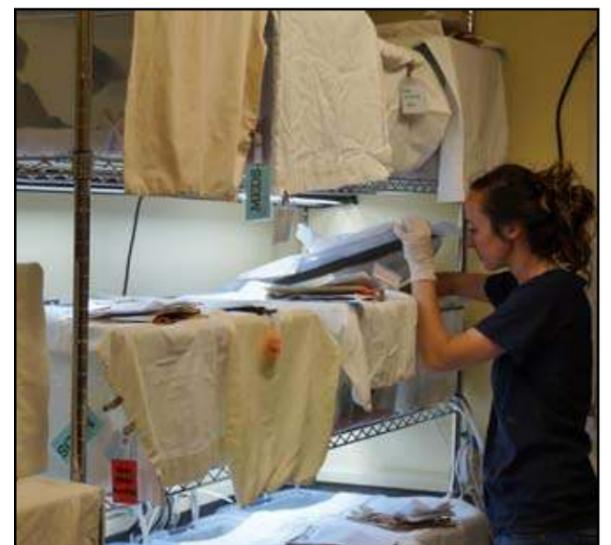
Baby Bird Season at the Wildlife Care Center

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

It is officially summer, and the Wildlife Care Center is full of baby birds and mammals. We are currently housing 60 mallard ducklings, over 20 fledgling crows, a handful of owlets, and a multitude of chipmunks, bunnies, weasels, and skunks. **Baby bird season** (as we call it) is our busiest time of the year. It is also the season when our resources and time are stretched pretty thin, so it is imperative that we get the help we need. This year all of our proceeds from our “Call of The Wild Online Auction” went to getting much-needed supplies for the season. We were able to raise over \$15,000 and have fully equipped one room for baby care. This includes new shelving, UV lights, baskets, incubators, and supplies to support over a third of our total intakes for the year.

We wouldn’t have been able to offer these young ones a second chance at life without the support of the community, not only through our online auction but also through other invested members. Our volunteer Jean Schoonover created baby bird baskets from sturdy and easy-to-clean plastic containers. Girl Scout Troop #40007 then made cage liners to the specs of those baby baskets. If there is one thing that we need for the summer, it is clean caging. These new baskets have made cleaning and caring for the babies much more streamlined, and when you have over 50 baby birds to weigh, clean, and feed all before 9am, you appreciate every time-saver you can get.

But how do these baby animals come into our care? They come to us because they are either injured or orphaned or often kidnapped. This can mean that their parents were hit by a car (as in the case of many mallard ducklings), or brought in by a Good Samaritan who thinks the babies would be safer in our care, or because they were the unwitting victims of outdoor cats. Did you know that the number one reason we see baby birds at the Wildlife Care Center is because of outdoor cats? Many of these cats have owners. But young birds that have been caught don’t have much of a chance once out of the cat’s mouth. The stress of capture alone can be enough to cause death, but if they survive the attack they may succumb to internal injuries and bleeding that is often fatal.



Volunteer Hannah Meganck tends to baby birds © Wildlife Care Center

Young birds are susceptible to cat attack because as part of their maturation process they will **spend a considerable amount of time on the ground** learning how to fly. For some birds this may only last a few days, while for others it can be as much as 3 weeks or so. This is why we have partnered with the Feral Cat Coalition, Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter of Washington County, and Multnomah County Animal Services, on the **Cats Safe at Home™** campaign. **Cats Safe at Home™** promotes responsible pet ownership focused on keeping cats from roaming — the most important thing we can do in both the short and long term to protect our pets and reduce predation on wildlife. For more information you can check out our website at audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/cats.

What should you do if you find a young bird on the ground? **Unless it is obviously injured, leaving it alone is the best possible thing for the bird.** Bringing it into captivity may save it from potential predators, but the parents are essential to raising a healthy, socially functioning, and physically capable bird. Many birds have specific foraging strategies, song learning, predator avoidance, and territorial defense strategies that are passed on to their young by observation. It is imperative that we

give these babies every possible chance to grow up as naturally as possible. If you are concerned about a young bird you encounter, **before picking it up** please give us a call at 503-292-0304 and we will be able to answer any questions and assist you where we can. In the meantime, have a happy baby bird season!



Young owlets are just some of the many baby animals we receive at the Wildlife Care Center © WCC

Educational Trips

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

Birds & Wildlife of Brazil

Tentative Dates: April 10–26, 2015

Travel with experienced naturalists from the Audubon Society of Portland and local guides into some of the most incredible bird habitat in the world as you explore the avian wonderland that is Brazil. We will fly in to Sao Paulo, spend a night to catch our breath, then fly on to Cuba the next morning and head straight into the Pantanal, one of the largest wetlands in the world. We will spend 3 full days birding this vast wetland system in search of myriad species including **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**, **Crested Caracara**, **Hyacinth and Scarlet Macaws**, to name just a few. The Pantanal is also perhaps the world's best location to spot a **Jaguar** (as we did in 2009) so we will keep our eyes peeled for these magnificent cats, especially when touring the Pantanal by boat.



Harpy Eagle © Steve Robertson

Next we'll head to the Sierra das Araras where we will have the chance to bird this Gondwanian remnant of the Amazon Rainforest, a known haunt for a nesting pair of **Harpy Eagles**. From here we travel to an area known as Chapada dos Guimareas, which is a drier habitat with its own array of bird species and home to the rare and endangered **Maned Wolf**.

Finally, we fly back to Sao Paulo and travel north to the Atlantic Rainforest, one of the most threatened ecosystems in the world, and home to an amazing diversity of tropical bird species such as **Blue Dacnis**, **Green Honeycreeper**, **Blue-gray Tanager** and **Saffron Toucanet**. Hummingbirds are also in abundance, and we will likely see a dozen or so species, including the **Black-throated Mango**, **Fork-tailed Woodnymph** and **Racket-tailed Couquette**. These little birds come fast and furious to the feeders, making it a fun challenge for even the most ardent birder to keep up.



Saffron Toucanet © Steve Robertson

This tour is designed to cover several of Brazil's major habitats and provide the opportunity to build a healthy bird list while providing chances to see other iconic animals of the region. For more information or to register, contact **Steve Robertson** or **Dan van den Broek** at 503-292-6855.

Leaders: Steve Robertson and local guides
Group size: Limited to 14 participants
Fee: \$3695 members / \$3995 non-members
Deposit: \$1500 required to secure your place

Fee includes: Ground transportation, 14 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, meals except some dinners, local guide fees and tips, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your Audubon leader. **Not included:** Most dinners, airfare to & from Brazil, cost of internal flights.

California Condors & Big Sur Coast

September 22–26, 2014

Join us to view **California Condors** and a wide variety of other species. We'll look for Condors at **Pinnacles National Park** and the **Big Sur Coast**, seek shorebirds at San Francisco Bay marshes, go to the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**, and much more! Contact **Dan van den Broek** at 503-292-6855 for more information or to register.

Fee includes: Ground transportation, **double-occupancy** lodging, entrance fees for planned activities, meals except dinners, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** Dinners, airfare to & from California.

Leaders: Kirk Hardie, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and Bob Sallinger, Portland Audubon Conservation Director
Group size: Limited to 9–14 participants
Fee: \$895 members / \$1095 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland. View more International and Domestic trips at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult. Portland Audubon's International Tours now include a Carbon Offset contribution that will go directly for the stewardship of our 150-acre Forest Park Nature Sanctuary. A flat fee of \$50 per person is included in the cost of these tours and will be used to maintain our trails, plant trees to help grow our native canopy, and sustain this special place for future generations. Thank you. Portland Audubon tours are a lot of things, but one thing they are not are photographic tours... so please, no lens over 400mm unless approved beforehand by trip leader.

BELIZE & TIKAL!

January 16–25, 2015

Two spaces remain

Join experienced naturalists from Portland Audubon on this 10-day adventure to Belize, one of the most remarkable countries in the world. You'll bird vast wetlands and tropical rain forests, snorkel coral reefs and visit Mayan ruins, all in a country about one-tenth the size of Oregon!



Mayan Pyramid © Steve Robertson

We'll team up with local experts to bird some of the country's finest birding hotspots, including the famous **Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary**. Belize boasts an amazing 540+ species of birds, and we'll keep our eyes peeled for **Tody Motmot**, **Roseate Spoonbill** and **American Pygmy Kingfisher**. We'll have the opportunity to build a healthy species list, but keep in mind that this is Belize, so we'll do more than just birding!

Belize is also the Land of the **Maya**, and on this trek we'll explore several of the region's most impressive ancient cities including the largely excavated **Altun Ha**, and **Lamanai**, that we will access after a wonderful, bird-rich cruise down the New River. Finally, we'll travel over-land into **Guatemala**, where we'll have a full two days to explore and bird the vast Mayan city of **Tikal**. Here, the flocks of **antbirds** can come so fast and furious that it's a fun challenge for even the most experienced birder to keep up. Tikal is a prime birding destination that yields almost 200 species in its Christmas Bird Count. Species seen here include **Violaceous Trogon**, **Rufous-tailed Jacamar**, **Montezuma Oropendula**, **King Vulture**, **Bat Falcon**, **Blue-crowned Motmot**, **Keel-billed Toucan** and **Emerald Toucanet**, all of which we have a good chance of seeing on this trip.

The last 2 days will be spent on **Caye Caulker**, a small and charming island filled with shops and restaurants. We'll spend a magical morning snorkeling the coral reef in the warm blue waters of the Caribbean, with **Magnificent Frigatebirds** overhead and an unbelievable array of sea life below. We'll also be sure to build in plenty of **free time** so you can relax and enjoy the last couple days of the trip. If you would like more information, please call **Steve Robertson** at 971-222-6118.

Leader: Steve Robertson, Education Director
Group size: Limited to 14 participants
Fee: \$2795 members / \$3095 non-members
Deposit: \$1400 required to secure your place

Fee includes: Ground transportation, all **double-occupancy** lodging, meals except dinners, guide fees, tips for local guides, park fees, and planned group activities (birding, snorkeling, boat trips, etc). **Not included:** Dinners, and airfare from & to Portland.

Southern California

February 16–22, 2015

The Mediterranean climate of Southern California is a perfect winter home for many wonderful species of birds. Based out of San Diego, this tour will take you through coastal lagoons, mountains and deserts, and to one of California's most popular birding destinations, the **Salton Sea**. We will also visit the famous **San Diego Zoo Safari Park**, known for its help with reintroducing the California Condor.



Little Blue Heron in flight. Photo: Bonnie Gruenberg

We'll search San Diego's vast salt marshes for **Black Skimmers**, **Little Blue Herons** and **Reddish Egrets**.

The coastal chaparral habitat will provide opportunities for **California Gnatcatcher**, **Wrentit**, **Rufous-crowned Sparrow**, and chances to see Alcids and other pelagic birds.

We will also visit the Laguna Mountains and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, where **Scott's Oriole**, **Greater Roadrunner**, **Lawrence's Goldfinch**, and **LeConte's and Crissal Thrashers** are found. The mountainous area is also home to raptors and woodpeckers such as **Ferruginous Hawk** and **Lewis's Woodpecker**.

The Salton Sea is especially known for vagrants and rarities. While searching for **Stilt Sandpipers**, **Gull-billed Terns** and **Mountain Plovers**, we may spot Eastern warblers or chance upon a **Blue-footed Booby** or **Parasitic Jaeger**. The town of Brawley will provide us an opportunity for **Gila Woodpecker**. We hope you'll join us on this winter getaway to bird-rich Southern California and see for yourself! Please contact **Steve Robertson** at 971-222-6118 for more information.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Audubon Trip Leader and Co-executive Director of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science
Group size: Limited to 9–14 participants
Fee: \$1295 members / \$1495 non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

Fee includes: Ground transportation, 6 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, entrance fees for planned activities, meals except dinners, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** Dinners, and airfare to & from San Diego.

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 Robertson 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 Robertson (971-222-6118) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover (3% fee charged).

Contact Steve Robertson, Education Director, at srobertson@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6118.

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

Swallows, Nighthawks, Swifts & Hummingbirds with Harry Nehls July 15 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Tonight Harry Nehls will unravel the mysteries of nocturnal and diurnal aerial, bug-catching birds, including hummingbirds! Most of the birds in these groups migrate south for the winter but at least one hummingbird species has made a habit of wintering in Portland... was it always this way? Harry's decades of birding experience will shed some light on hummer history as well as help you better understand and identify a swift from a swallow — and find out just what the heck a goatsucker is!

Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Free for active volunteers.

Autumn Shorebirds

August 6 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
August 9 (Sat), 7am–5pm: Coast Field Trip

The southbound shorebird migration begins early and goes late, from July to October, with changes every week. Fall begins with adult birds that sport worn plumage arriving in the Northwest as early as July. Juveniles follow weeks later and increase numbers and diversity. Join local author and guide John Rakestraw for an evening class to learn how to identify these long-distance migrants, then take part in a full-day field trip to the coast.

Class with Field Trip: \$85 members / \$105 non-members

Field Trip limited to 12 participants

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

Sparrows of Oregon

September 16 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Birdwatchers are often blown away by the similarity of these "little brown jobbers." An amazing 18 species of sparrows occur in our area. These birds are the bane of some birders, but with a little practice and advice we can learn how to tell them apart. A local bird expert and author of numerous field guides, Harry Nehls will share his tips on when and where to find the elusive sparrows and how to recognize each "little brown job."

Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Free for active volunteers.

Beginning Birding I

(Session A): Sept 25 (Thur), 7pm–9pm:
Class in Heron Hall
Sept 28 and Oct 5 (Sun), 8am–11am:
Local Field Trips

(Session B): Oct 9 (Thur), 7pm–9pm:
Class in Heron Hall
Oct 12 and 19 (Sun), 8am–11am:
Local Field Trips

Join Laura Whittemore, long-time birder and teacher, for an introduction to bird watching that takes the mystery out of the country's most popular hobby. You will learn to recognize birds by shape, behavior, plumage, and more; and how to use binoculars and field guides to zero in on the identity of that mysterious little brown (or yellow or red or green) bird. Sign up now to learn about birds with the patient guidance of an experienced birder.

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants:

\$45 members / \$60 non-members

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

Beginning Birding II

November 9, 16, & 23 (Sun), 8:30am–11:30am:
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 opportunities 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.

Do You eBird?

October 18 (Sat) 8am–9am: Local Field Trip;
then 9:30–11:30am: Class in Heron Hall

Want to learn how to use eBird? This online Cornell Lab of Ornithology database is both revolutionizing how birders report what they see and how they access information about birds. Learn how to submit your own observations and explore the numerous eBird tools available to everyone. This is an interactive, hands-on workshop with Shawneen Finnegan and Dave Irons. Both are passionate users of eBird and are part of Oregon's eBird review team. Bring your binoculars and smartphone, laptop, or iPad if available, though they are not required. This class is open to both new and veteran eBird users.

Fee: \$35 members / \$50 non-members

Limited to 16 participants.

The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists

November 15 (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: \$65 members / \$80 non-members

Limited to 16 participants.

The World of Birds 2014

The World of Birds is the Audubon Society of Portland's program for birders who want to increase their ID skills and their knowledge about birds.

Theories on Migration

Classes: Sept. 10, 17, 24
Field Trips: Sept. 13, 20, 27

Learn about movement, direction, distance, timing, and weather as fall migration is occurring.

Fee: \$160

Limited to 16 participants.

Bird Names

Classes: Oct. 8, 15, 22
Field Trips: Oct. 11, 18, 25

Discover the world of taxonomy, scientific names, and avian diversity.

Fee: \$160

Limited to 16 participants.

Classes will be held from 6:30pm–8:30pm in Heron Hall at Portland Audubon.

Field Trips consist of two half-day trips and one full day; destinations and carpooling TBA.

Register online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes/wob14. For more information contact instructor Dan van den Broek at 971-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Summer Camp 2014 at the Audubon Society of Portland

Berry Berry Fun 2 Week 4: July 14–18

Visit local farms on Sauvie Island and around the Portland area to see, pick, and taste for yourself how beautiful and delicious berries can be. Find out why plants make berries and which animals eat them. Taste wild berries from Audubon's own Wildlife Sanctuary on Cornell Road and from the woods surrounding Marmot Cabin in Mt Hood National Forest.

We will identify, collect, taste, paint, and even draw with nature's brilliant bounty of beautiful berries. This week is sure to be full of fantastic, fruity fun!

When: July 14–18 (Week 4), 8:45am–4:15pm

Age: Entering 4th–5th grade

Location to meet: Upper Macleay Park

Fee: \$295 members/\$315 non-members



Berry Fun! © Portland Audubon

Here are two of our amazing camps! To register, go to audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6120 to save a place if you are mailing your form.

Tracking the Oregon Dunes Week 10: Aug 25–29 (Overnight Mon–Fri)

Have you ever followed the footprints of a porcupine as far as your feet will take you? Did you know you can tell which way a fox was looking by examining its tracks? Come spend a week exploring the largest expanse of coastal sand dunes in North America, right here in Oregon! We will follow the trails of animals that secretly inhabit this unique ecosystem and learn how to identify and interpret their tracks and sign. Believe it or not, raccoons, porcupine, river otter, black bear, bobcat, and even frogs traverse this vast landscape. We will dive into the mysteries of tracking and piece together clues that teach us about the hidden lives of animals. Join us for this week-long excursion as we travel to the Oregon Dunes, set up camp at Honeyman State Park, and forever transform the way we look at the ground under our feet!

When: Aug 25–29 (Week 10; Overnight Mon–Fri)

Age: Entering 6th–8th grade

Location to meet: Upper Macleay Park

Fee: \$395 members/\$415 non-members

Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator



Otter tracks © Tammi Miller

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

Band-tailed Pigeons Seen Mostly West of the Cascades

It comes as a surprise to many people that there are still wild pigeons flying around the Northwest. Perhaps this is because the birds have adapted so well to living with humans. In many ways these birds are different from other bird species.

Members of the pigeon family produce “pigeon milk,” a milky substance produced in the crop which they feed their young until they are partially grown. Members of the pigeon family are the only birds that are able to drink water without raising their heads. Other birds must allow the water to trickle down their throats, as they cannot swallow.

Pigeons are primarily a forest bird but they do well where the forests are fragmented and mixed. The tree stand must be rather dense with some larger trees mixed in. They feed on nuts and berries, with buds and blossoms during the spring, and occasionally take insects. Because they are so dependent on a somewhat variable food supply, the number of pigeons in a given area fluctuates considerably from year to year. Pigeons are attracted to natural “salt licks” scattered about the forests. Large numbers also gather at stable food supplies, such as bird feeders.

In Oregon the **Band-tailed Pigeon** lives primarily west of the Cascades, with the largest numbers on the west slopes of the Coast Range and along the coast. Although small numbers remain through the winter, mainly in forests and



Band-tailed Pigeons © Steve Berliner

woodlots near farms and residential areas, the majority migrate southward to winter in California and Mexico.

In spring small flocks begin to appear during February in most years, but it is late March before most of the birds begin to arrive. The average arrival date in the Portland area is about April 1, with the migration continuing through May.

Most begin nesting immediately upon arrival, but the resident birds that winter in the area may nest earlier if conditions are satisfactory. The nest is a flimsy pile of sticks that is hardly noticeable. They lay one egg per clutch, but may nest several times a season. Band-tailed Pigeons are regular nesting birds in the Portland area, especially in the West Hills, Mt Tabor, and other heavily wooded areas.

During October local birds begin to gradually disappear as the birds begin to move southward. The movement is usually not conspicuous or with any concentrations.

An increasing number of individuals and small flocks are being seen east of the Cascades, especially during the spring. There are many records for late April and May, with decreasing numbers reported through June and July. There are a few September and October reports. So far there have no reports of nesting east of the Cascade Crest.



Rustic Bunting photo:Alpsdake

Hannah also reported a **Mockingbird** in St Helens May 18. Mike Golden found one May 30 at NE 12th and Skidmore in Portland.

On May 17 an **Avocet** was at Ridgefield NWR. Ken Vanderkamp reported a **Sabine's Gull** at Smith & Bybee Lakes in North Portland May 22. On May 9 Gary Fredericks saw a **Brown Pelican** at Bonneville Dam. It remained a couple days then disappeared. Grant Canterbury reports that on May 31 he observed eight **Whimbrel** flying over Blount Swale near Canby.

Hawks made a good showing this spring. On May 14 John Powell reported a **Swainson's Hawk** over Mt Tabor. On May 19 Tyler Hallman saw one near Newberg. On May 28 Gerard Lillie observed a **Golden Eagle** over Mt Tabor heading toward the west, and on April 30 Andy Frank noted one over Smith & Bybee Lakes in North Portland. Patty Newland reported four **White Pelicans** over northeast Portland May 14. Birders reported up to seven **White Pelicans** and an immature **Bonaparte's Gull** at the Fernhill Wetlands into June.

Bob Archer reported May 24 that the **Eastern Kingbirds** are back at the Sandy River Delta and are apparently setting up territories. Steve Engel reports that three breeding-plumaged **Eared Grebes** were seen May 30 in Jackson Bottom. On May 20 six **Wilson's Phalaropes** were at the Tualatin River NWR, and a **Wrentit** was seen there May 6.

Sightings

The spring migration this year was fairly conspicuous, but without any major wave or concentration. Most of the regular species were reported along with some interesting unexpected species.

During the morning of May 26 Nate Osborne visited Mt Tabor to check on what migrants had arrived. Near the statue at the top he saw and photographed a bright male **Rustic Bunting**, a rare Eurasian visitor. A few nearby birders were able to see the bird before it disappeared.

On April 18 Steve Jagers observed a male **American Redstart** in a yard in Gladstone. They are becoming extremely rare in Oregon, but a few are seen yearly in migration, primarily east of the Cascades. Marjorie Taylor reported a bright **Hooded Oriole** April 30 in Tualatin. On May 29 an **Indigo Bunting** was reported from Steigerwald Lake NWR. It remained several days and was seen by many.

On April 1 a male **Costa's Hummingbird** was photographed at a Vancouver feeder. It, or another, was seen again May 1. **Calliope Hummingbirds** made a good showing in the Willamette Valley this spring. In the Portland area Steve Jagers reported one April 29 in Gladstone, Chuck Holmes saw one in Camas May 1, Claudine Strittmatter reported one in southeast Portland May 2, and Hannah Fritz saw one in St Helens May 4.

Volunteering at Audubon Is Fun and Rewarding!

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

The Audubon Society of Portland's mission is to “promote the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats,” and it's what our volunteers do every day! As one of the Northwest's leading conservation organizations, we offer a wide range of natural history and environmental activities to members, the community, and especially volunteers. **Whatever your interests or talents, there is a volunteer position for you.** These include many regularly scheduled volunteer opportunities, as well as special projects and event positions:

- Help restore habitat in our wildlife sanctuary.
- Be a conservation activist!
- Care for and feed injured native wildlife at the Wildlife Care Center. (There is often a wait list for this volunteer opportunity.)

- Help visitors find the perfect gift, bird guide, or pair of binoculars by being a clerk at the Nature Store.
- Lead school groups through a fascinating exploration of our nature sanctuary.
- Be a voice for Audubon by volunteering as a receptionist or an Audubon Docent.
- Help make Portland Audubon's special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, International Vulture Awareness Day, and Swift Watch.

New Volunteer Orientation is **Thur, August 7, 6:00pm–8:30pm**. Participants are required to



Carol Enyart and friends in the Nature Store © Deanna Sawtelle



Bonnie Shoffner helping out in the Wildlife Care Center © Deanna Sawtelle

complete a Volunteer Application at audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/volapp before attending Orientation. Volunteers who wish to volunteer in a capacity **beyond special events** must also attend General Volunteer Training on **Sat, August 16, 9:00am–4:30pm**.

If you would like to donate some of your time and energy to the Audubon Society of Portland but have questions, please contact Deanna Sawtelle at dsawtelle@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855 ext.108.

Thank You to:

- Roy Beaty for native plants for the Sanctuary including 12 two-gal, 70 one-gal, and 70 four-inch plants
- Jim Cruce for 6 framed wildlife photos; 6 oversized and 102 smaller wildlife photos on boards with covers; and a book of 200 4"x6" wildlife photos
- Gregg Everhart for twelve 4" Yarrow plants for the Sanctuaries
- Girl Scout Troop #40007 for handmade custom cage liners for the Wildlife Care Center
- Norb Leupold for three spotting scopes for the Conservation Program: two SX-2 Kenai 30x25-60x80mm HD angled spotting scope kits, and one Boone&Crockett SS GR 20-60x80mm scope
- Audrey & Jody Morrisette for handmade custom cage covers for the Wildlife Care Center
- Candy Plant for pizza for the Red-breasted Winesuckers Birdathon team
- Deanna Sawtelle for pizza for the Red-breasted Winesuckers Birdathon team
- Cathy Schar for a large bag of towels for the Wildlife Care Center
- Jean Schoonover for baby bird food for the Wildlife Care Center
- Robin Sherwin for cleaning supplies, paper towels, and bleach for the Wildlife Care Center
- Lynn Sweeney for 25 name badges and dry erase markers for the Wildlife Care Center
- Yamhill Valley Vineyards for 4 cases of wine for donor appreciation events
- Roger Yerke for 28 four-inch pots of native ferns & Vanilla Leaf for the Sanctuary

Our Wish List

For All Departments:
Ergonomic Office Chairs

For Sanctuary:
Loppers
Hand saws
Work gloves

For Wildlife Care Center:

Science Diet Kitten Growth
Bleach
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
Paper lunch bags

For Wild Arts Festival:

8 Floor Easels, wood or metal
8 Tabletop Display Easels, 1'-2' metal
6 metal Clip-on Lights, contemporary style
Plain Paper Bags, all sizes, with or without handles
Rolls of Bubble Wrap
Boxes for Jewelry

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.

Nature Store Highlights

Volunteer of the Month: Willow Elliott

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian
Conservation Program Manager

Willow Elliott has been a core member of our Great Blue Heron rookery monitoring team since 2011. She monitors several heron rookeries on Sauvie Island. Willow has gone well beyond the call of duty in her efforts to assist in this project, making frequent rookery visits and earnestly collecting first-rate data. She has been more than willing to help train new volunteers — in fact she loves showing folks the rookeries she has so fondly adopted.



Photo by Namascar Shaktini

Willow's enthusiasm is contagious! When she shows up at my office to borrow one of our spotting scopes, she often regales me with stories about the exploits of the herons she gets to know, whether it be adult herons displaying on their stick nests early in the season, her first detections of young heron chicks noisily squawking in the nest, or the day the first chicks have spread their wings and made their first flight.

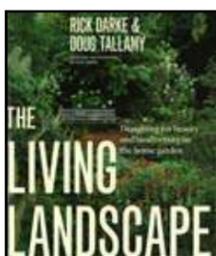
Willow grew up a Tennessee farm girl. She could freely wander the 40-acre woodlands and meadows near her home to explore nature's wonders. She eventually got a pair of binoculars, and her lifelong interest in birding began. In the past she worked in Arizona's Ramsey Canyon Preserve, a Nature Conservancy property. Birders from around the world came to that tiny piece of land in hope of adding 14 species of hummingbirds to their life list, and Willow would often accompany the birders to help them with their dream. That's when her passion for peeking into the secret life of birds of North and Central America began and continues today.

She now lives on Sauvie Island surrounded by two mighty rivers and a very large number of migratory and local birds. Since 2009, Audubon Society of Portland has been monitoring over 10 heron nesting rookeries in the Portland metropolitan area in order to track long-term trends in colony use and document local population changes. Willow began monitoring three heron rookeries four years ago as an Audubon volunteer and is finishing up the current season this summer as the chicks fledge to go out on their own. Thank you, Willow, for the valuable information you enthusiastically provide.

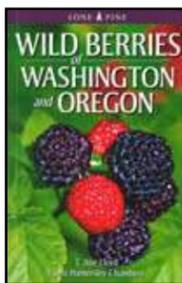
Seasonal Sampling of Summertime Reads

by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

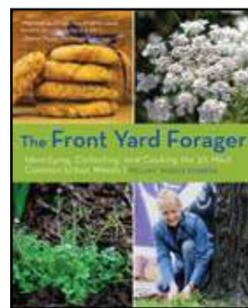
Summer is here and you're ready for some fun, inspirational reading while you are sitting on your back porch or lounging in your neighborhood park. Here are some wonderful new book titles that have been released for summertime enjoyment. We're going to feature a handful of the new titles we have in stock; please drop in the store to take a look at these and many more! We are also happy to take your telephone orders at 503-292-9453. Of course your member discount will save you 10% off the list prices noted below.



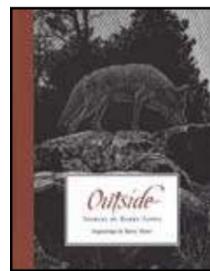
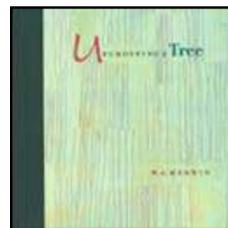
Douglas Tallamy's groundbreaking *Bringing Nature Home* gave many new insights to home gardeners who want to encourage wildlife in their yards. The long-awaited follow-up is *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden* (Timber Press, \$39.95) co-written by well-known garden writer Rick Darke. It contains beautiful photography and lots of inspirational information about your backyard habitat, as well as a recommended plant list for the Pacific Northwest supplied by Portland Audubon member Jane Hartline. This is highly recommended for participants in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, or anyone interested in encouraging nature in your backyard.



Summertime is berry time in the Northwest, and Lone Pine Press can fill your bucket with *Wild Berries of Washington and Oregon* by Lloyd and Chambers (\$21.95). Plenty of photographs and drawings help you with identification of both native and invasive species, covering both the tasty edible and poisonous fruits. A few recipes are also included.



Take a new look at common weeds, invasives, and other familiar plants in either *The Front Yard Forager: Identifying, Collecting, and Cooking the 30 Most Common Urban Weeds* by Melany Vorass Herrera (Skipstone, \$18.95) or *Backyard Foraging: 65 Familiar Plants You Didn't Know You Could Eat* by Ellen Zachos (Storey, \$16.95). Lots of helpful information will allow you to identify species correctly and learn how to prepare them, plus learn foraging ethics and techniques.



Trinity University Press has released three illustrated literary titles of interest. In his book beautifully illustrated by Liz Ward, poet M.S. Merwin muses about how one would go about *Unchopping a Tree* (\$14.95). Oregon writer Barry Lopez presents a new compilation of previously released short stories in *Outside* (\$18.95), with gorgeous engraving by Barry Moser. *The Osage Orange Tree* (\$14.95) features a short story by William Stafford and linocuts by Dennis Cunningham.



Finally, just for fun, we suggest Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein's *The Portlandia Activity Book* (McSweeney's, \$28.00). It contains all kinds of local silliness, including wacky bird stencils.

The Nature Store will close early at 4pm on Thursday, July 10.

Sanctuaries Happenings

Updates on Accessibility, the TALON Program, and Marmot Cabin

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

Spring has been in full bloom in the Audubon sanctuaries and our staff has been as busy as the bees that are gleaming nectar and spreading pollen on the local wildflowers.

Stemming from our efforts to become a more diverse and inclusive organization and community, we have begun looking at a variety of accessibility issues at Audubon. We enlisted the services of Elders in Action (eldersinaction.org) to perform an audit on our facilities and trails, as well as on many of our written materials. Elders in Action provides advocacy services for older adults in addition to assessing the age-friendliness of local businesses. While our facilities actually scored quite well, there are some suggested improvements including automatic push-button doors for handicap access, improved signage in the parking lots, better trailhead signage that includes information on trail conditions and accessibility, and handrails or other appropriate barriers at steeper sections of trail. Our goal is to implement as many of these suggestions as possible in the coming months.

We are also excited to be partnering with the Access Recreation Project (accessrecreation.org), whose mission is to develop uniform guidelines for minimum information that should be provided about hiking trails and outdoor recreational facilities. Access Recreation believes that the lack of adequate site information is as much of an obstacle to access as lack of suitable infrastructure. We are excited

to use the guidelines developed by Access Recreation to provide better information for our members and visitors, both on our website and on the new trailhead signage suggested by Elders in Action.

This summer the Sanctuaries Program is also excited to be working with two new apprentices in our TALON (Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, Nurture) Program. This summer our focus will be looking at the sanctuaries through the lens of the visitor. Apprentices will work on trail and restoration projects to build their knowledge base in natural resources management. In the process the apprentices will be asked repeatedly how these projects affect the visitor experience, and what types of outreach information would make these projects more successful and generate a higher level of understanding and support from the visiting public.

As part of this experience the TALON apprentices will work on designing and building trailhead information kiosks as recommended by the Elders In Action audit. We will also be developing a field guide designed for younger (teenaged) visitors, and potentially for even younger audiences as well. Apprentices will also construct a series of benches that will be incorporated into the structure of the new boardwalks on the Collins loop trail. A prototype has already been built as part of the 10-week training program for the TALON Program. These benches will provide a welcome respite on our least used but most rewarding trail in the sanctuaries.



Photo © Rick Meyers

In other exciting news, we have secured \$119,682 in donations and grants to be used for improvements to our Marmot Cabin site on the edge of Mt Hood National Forest and Bull Run Watershed Reserve. Because the site provides no public access, we often do not talk or write much about it. Comprising 91 acres, this site plays a significant role in both our Summer Camps and our Outdoor School, which brings school groups out for overnight environmental education programs. Planned improvements include the construction of two new yurts, an improved driveway with ADA and Fire Department access, and a new fire suppression system. We are grateful to Harriet Anderson, Art and Aileen McNett, the Wiancko Family Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, and the Collins Foundation for their strong support of this project.

The Wild Arts Festival 2014: Start Planning for November!

Summer has barely begun, but here at Portland Audubon we're already planning for fall! The 2014 Wild Arts Festival, presented by the Backyard Bird Shop, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23, at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn). The 2013 Festival (which featured 69 artists, 35 Northwest authors, and 200 Silent Auction items) raised nearly \$150,000 for the Audubon Society of Portland and brought in 160 memberships. We can't wait to see what 2014 has in store!

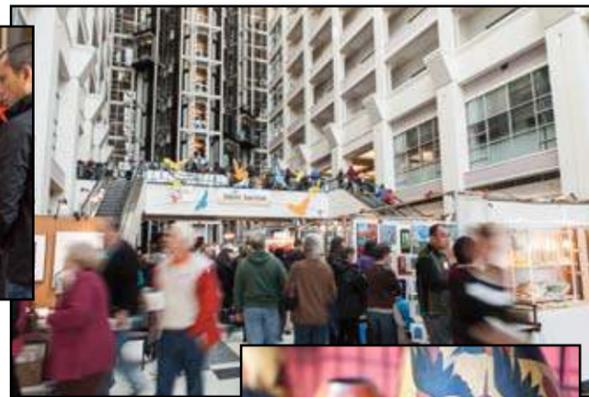
WAF is the Northwest's premier show and sale of nature-themed art and books. It features many of the region's favorite artists and authors, an outstanding Silent Auction, and the popular 6x6 Wild Art Project (see below). The artists' jury has now been held, and the author list is nearly complete! For more details about this year's artists and authors, check the Wild Arts website (wildartsfestival.org) during the coming months.

The 6x6 Project taps the wealth of creative talent in our region to support the Audubon Society of Portland. Local professional and aspiring artists donate a one-of-a-kind piece of bird-themed art on a 6"x6" canvas created just for the WAF. The 6x6 display is always a Festival favorite — the 171 pieces submitted to last year's Festival sold fast, so be sure to plan accordingly for the morning of Saturday, November 22! This year we'll also be adding a special 6x6 event on Sunday, so stay tuned...

The success of the Wild Arts Festival has already attracted a first-rate list of sponsors. Besides the Backyard Bird Shop, our Presenting Sponsor, the Festival's major sponsors to date



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include Selco Community Credit Union, Northwest Natural, Regence BlueCross BlueShield, Elk Cove Vineyards, Grow Construction, McCoy Foat & Company, Morel Ink, Sussman Shank Attorneys, along with a growing list of businesses and individuals who sponsor the show at the "Owl" level or are members of the "40 Friends of Wild Arts."

The Wild Arts Festival is an incredibly special event that has been going strong for more than three decades, and it's a fabulous way to connect with the Audubon community. Here are some ways to get involved:

– **Sponsor.** If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, there are many levels available. For information, please check the Sponsors webpage at wildartsfestival.org/sponsors.

– **Volunteer.** If you would be interested in volunteering, go to the WAF website above, or email our volunteer coordinator at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.

– **Donate** to the Silent Auction. We welcome your generous gifts of donations such as:

- Bird houses, feeders, binoculars, and spotting scopes
- Kayaking, canoeing, biking & hiking trips
- Getaways to B&Bs, hotels, beach houses, mountain cabins

- Pottery, jewelry, books
- Limited-edition prints, metal sculptures, wood carvings, or antiques may be accepted on an individual basis

Donors may download the Silent Auction Form at wildartsfestival.org/silent-auction, and drop off items between October 1 and November 12. If you have questions about donations, contact Marilyn Scott at mwestlinn@comcast.net or 503-722-8136. (**Please note** that we will not be taking used items, with the exception of a small number of high-quality items which may be accepted on an individual basis, such as nature-themed limited-edition prints, metal sculptures, wood carvings, or original art.)

But most of all, we hope you will mark your calendars for the weekend before Thanksgiving: Saturday, November 22nd, 10–6; and Sunday, November 23rd, 11–5. See you there!

2014 Mamie Campbell Award Winners

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

Mamie Campbell was an important figure in Audubon's early years. A long-time and active volunteer herself, Mamie was instrumental in establishing the Jr. Audubon Club in Portland. Mamie was an ardent conservationist and helped distribute environmental brochures to area schools in the 1920s and '30s. She was also a tireless leader of the Lucy Club, which organized Portland Audubon Society social and special events during the early 1900s and was named after Lucy Audubon, the wife of John James Audubon.

The Mamie Campbell Award is the highest honor given to Audubon volunteers, and it recognizes the dedication and service each recipient has tirelessly given. This year, the Portland Audubon staff presented the Mamie Campbell Award to 8 deserving volunteers.

Since 2010 **Linda Gipe** has volunteered 1,280 hours. You'll find her welcoming guests and answering telephones as a receptionist every other Wednesday afternoon, and that's after she has already been volunteering 3 hours helping Membership with their database. According to Pam Meyers, Membership/Development Manager, "Linda is awesome. Not only is she uber-accurate, organized, and efficient in the work she does, but she is fun to work with! Linda is always willing to take on whatever varied tasks need to be accomplished." On the other Wednesday afternoons (and often another day of the week as well), the Wildlife Care Center benefits from Linda's help inputting the information from the 10,000 phone calls they get every year. According to Joe Liebezeit, our Avian Conservation Program Manager, "Linda has gone the extra mile to get the Care Center phone tracking data into tip-top shape"; and Lacy Campbell, our Care Center Operations Manager, says Linda "brightens up the office; and beyond that, she can actually decipher the telephone logs!" Linda is also a member of the Volunteer Council, offering her leadership and guidance to the Volunteer Program.

David Mandell's affiliation with Portland Audubon goes back nearly 20 years as someone who was (and still remains) an avid birder. It was obvious when he joined Portland Audubon's Board of Directors that his excellent birding skills were just one of the many talents he brings to the organization. Executive Director Meryl Redisch asked and was thrilled when David enthusiastically embraced a leadership role just as Portland Audubon considered some ambitious plans. As Board President, Meryl says, "he's available, welcoming, and has soundly guided the organization through some complex planning processes that

have resulted in positive outcomes." In addition to serving as Board President, David chairs and participates on several committees and still finds time to co-lead international ecotours and Birdathon teams. In the midst of performing his duties as President, David also changed jobs but always sought to find ways to keep his commitment to Portland Audubon.

Gary Michaelis has donated over 600 hours to Audubon over the years he's volunteered. He's helped with the Wild Arts Festival and has been on the "Night Flight" Halloween Committee from its beginning in 2009. Gary wrote a grant to procure funds through his "day job" for Audubon's satellite camp program, making it possible for us to reach out to underserved communities. According to Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager, "Gary is one of those dedicated volunteers who works a demanding full-time job yet still finds ample time to volunteer at Audubon. How does he do it? In addition to volunteering in the Nature Store on weekends, he uses his vacation days to volunteer. Gary has hauled so much stuff to and from off-site events that we are thinking of having our logo painted on the side of his truck. And Gary believes in 'two-fers.' When Gary works, we often get the bonus of his wife Barbara's help as well. Gary is smart, well-organized, and has the most important trait for a Nature Store volunteer: he's always friendly and helpful!"

In a few short years, **Rochelle Teeny** has given nearly 1,000 volunteer hours to Audubon. She's been essential to the success of the Wildlife Care Center online auction since the very beginning. Deb Sheaffer, our Wildlife Veterinarian, says, "Rochelle's the IT person and our number one problem solver." She's also indispensable when it comes to the Wildlife Care Center's intake database. Rochelle has helped with some computer support, given presentations on behalf of the Speakers' Bureau, and rescued animals as part of the Wild Animal Rescue and Transport team. Lacy Campbell, our Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager, doesn't know what they'd do without her. "She manages the database, does 'Dojiggy wrangling,' and is just plain fun to be around." 'Dojiggy' is a computer software program, in case you were wondering just what Rochelle wrangles!

Trudi Stone has been volunteering every Wednesday afternoon in the Wildlife Care Center since 2006; and, if you happen to miss her there, you'll find her handling our Education Birds. Every week she has Hazel the Northern Spotted Owl and Jack and Lillie the American Kestrels out



Back row, left to right: David Mandell, Gary Michaelis, Mike Skinner, Martin Dick. Front row: Linda Gipe, Rochelle Teeny, Trudi Stone. Not pictured: Bob Thompson © Deanna Sawtelle

for our visitors to see up close. In total, she's donated over 1,700 volunteer hours to the Audubon Society of Portland. According to Deb Sheaffer, our Wildlife Veterinarian, "Trudi is great to have around for bird identification. On top of that, she's happy to tackle any job and is a lot of fun to work with." She was one of the first people Lacy Campbell, our Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager, worked with, and Lacy says she'll never forget Trudi's help and contagious smile.

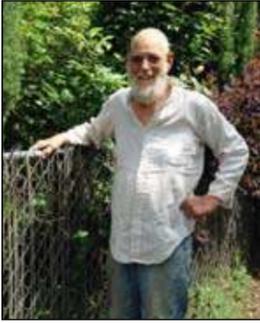
Bob Thompson is truly an unsung hero of Audubon, with most of his volunteering being behind the scenes. He's a WART! That's our Wild Animal Rescue and Transport team, and he's been rescuing animals since 2008. According to the Wildlife Care Center staff, "Bob is always willing to go the extra mile... and mile... and mile to pick up an injured or sick bird. Bob is a problem-solver and always has good ideas on how to improve things." He's the go-to-guy that the Wildlife Care Center calls when an animal needs transporting. He's also wonderful to have around when you need a big, huge, gargantuan repair or remodeling done. He's helped out in that respect in the sanctuary, the Wildlife Care Center, and the Nature Store. Our guests, the animals we care for, and all of us have benefited from Bob's efforts. In fact, Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager, says, "Bob stepped in at a moment's notice to build our Yard, Garden & Patio Show booth this spring. For us it was a daunting project, but he eagerly took on the job of designing, sourcing materials, and constructing a beautiful showcase for Audubon's Nature Store and Backyard Habitat Conservation Programs."

Martin Dick began volunteering at Audubon in 2009, and there's been no stopping him. He had a shift in the Wildlife Care Center for several years; and, although he had to give that up, he still comes to the Care Center every Saturday

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A Legacy Gift Compounded by Commitment

Peter Teneau found his truest calling at the tender age of 70, when he discovered conservation activism. It was then, after a string of other careers, that an inheritance from his altruistic father led him to the Audubon Society of Portland. Now 85, Peter has become an advocate for advocacy.



Peter Teneau © Katy Ehrlich

“Activism can be addictive,” Peter said. “You begin to see how it’s all connected, and then you can’t quit.” What started as a plan to pull invasive weeds in a nature preserve became a fascination with the Columbia Slough and the vast wetland surrounding it.

He started going to meetings, learned from activists, and then became one of them. He loved learning the ropes from Mike Houck, and later from Bob Sallinger: stay focused, study up, know more than anyone else in the room. Learn how government jurisdictions work, don’t get caught in emotional attacks, and stay firm — that’s when you are effective. He learned that both sides may be looking for the best solution.

At one point Peter noticed that he was part of 10 different conservation-related committees, sometimes representing Portland Audubon by speaking up for important issues in meetings. “My goals, objectives, and values totally coincided with Audubon,” Peter said. He felt proud to see results and, unexpectedly, friendships with other activists blossomed into more motivation to fight on.

Conservation had become his job, with his time funded by the irrevocable charitable trust from his father. He was, in effect, using part of his inheritance to compound its value to conservation. Ultimately, by the terms set up in the trust, the principal will accrue to the Audubon Society of Portland.

Peter Teneau wants others to discover conservation activism. “This work enlarges you,” he said. “It’s great fun. You learn a lot. It’s a way of contact — of complete satisfaction. You feel like you are a part of something. Join.”

And how would he like his Legacy gift to be used? “I have full faith in Portland Audubon,” Peter said. And when he gets further along with myriad garden and construction projects, he plans to get back to the good fight.

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afternoon to be the Education Bird Assistant. As such, he makes sure all of the Ed Birds are properly cared for, their diets are prepared correctly, enrichment is given so their minds stay stimulated, and their enclosures are cleaned. He also spends hours each Saturday talking with visitors about the Ed Birds. Martin has rescued injured animals and brought them to the Care Center and is a member of Audubon’s Diversity Team. He’s also on the Volunteer Council, demonstrating his leadership and dedication to the Volunteer Program time and time again. The Care Center staff appreciates the constant smile on Martin’s face and the fact that he’s ready to jump into any Education Bird program when called upon to do so.

If you’re going to lead a trip or teach a class, you want **Mike Skinner** there to help you. He’s donated 1,650 hours in those capacities and has also participated in Birdathon. Mike graduated from the Master Birder program in 2008 and has since assisted with our “School of Birding” and our “World of Birds” classes. He has also co-led trips to Central Oregon and Arizona. Steve Robertson, our Education Director, describes Mike as “super thoughtful, friendly, and always willing and able to ‘get you on a bird.’” That means no matter how long it takes, unless the bird flies away of course, he’s going to make sure every birder in the group will see each and every bird during a class or on a trip. Steve goes on to say that “Mike’s experience and good judgment have helped make every trip he has assisted with a success.”

Please join the Audubon staff in congratulating the 2014 Mamie Campbell Award winners.

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!

Shaanti & Christopher
Abbruzzese
Darren Aboulafia
Faye Ackeret
Kathryn Ackerman
Annie Adams
Miho Aida
Susan Allred
Henry Amick
Kathy Andresen
Matthew
Anthes-Washburn
Tom Argent
Rick Asai
Keith Baich
Fritz Balwit
Sam Baraso
Jessica Barber
Diane Barnett
Joshua Baumann
Allicia Beach &
Kirk Saunders
Yahdi Beckwitt
John Bee
Margaret Bekins
Jan Bell
Francesca Benedetti
Diane Benjamin
Pamela Berg
M.A. Beutick
Steven Birch
Natalie Bleibtrey
Ron Boesl
Randal Bos
Lillian Bowmer
Hugh & Margaret Boyd
Charles Breyer
Kay Bridenbaugh
Cathy Briggs
Kathiann Brown
Juli Bubenik
Tom Buchele
Andrea Burke
Beth Campbell
Inez Canvasser
Elisa Carlsen
Kathleen & Dennis Carlson
Heather Carpenter
Eva Carroll
Stephen & Sarah Case
Erin Cathcart
Jim & Mary Chamberlain
Srirama & Deepika
Chandra
Anna Chapman
Michele Chisholm
Sue Clancy & Judy Sullens
Tom Clements
Joyce & Chuck Coate
Doug Coates
Jannette Collins
Erin Connors Bergfield
Leota Cooper
David Cooper &
Wendy Rosenau
Robert Coppock
Christine Core
Nancy Coronado &
James McDermott
David & Debbie Craig
Rebekah Creswell
Joe & Cheryl Cummins

Diane Daggett
Marcia Danab
Davidson/Isoff Family
Ruby Davidson
Sandy Davidson
Michael Davis
Andrea Davis
Ruby Dayton
Jill De Rosa
Gretchen DeMoss
Joanna Dixon
Dinah Dodds
Bernadette Doolan
Cassie Dunning
Willard Eames
Shannon Easley
Rachel Eaton
Elaine Edgar
Valerie Edwards
Gregory Ellenson
Jamie Ellis
Mary Lou Engert &
Les Schmeitzler
Geri Ethen
John Evans
Patricia Ezell
Kevin & Audrey Farrell
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Casey Filice
Alex Fish
Brendan Flanagan
Helga Folkes
Lori Foy
Kurt France
Susan Friscia
Courtney Frisse
Suzanne Gabel
Ryan Gallagher
Stephen Gallier
Lucy Garrick
Hannah Gildea &
Raymond Rendleman
Karen Gilliam
Elizabeth Glioscinski
Kathleen Golden
Robert Goldie
Jeff Goodrich
Sam & Amy Gordon
Sarah Gordon
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Julie Groetsch
Paul Grubb
William Guelig
Dina Guppy
Kevin Hagan
Tyra Hall
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Karl Hamann
Alice Hammer
Steve Hansen
Marilyn Harlin
Maja Hart
Daniel Hatala
Bob & Courtenay Hatton
Monica & Eric Haut
Alys Hawk
Prue Hemmings
David Hicks
JoAnne Hicks
Shannon Hiller-Webb
Sally Howe

Dannille & Michael Howk
Nancy Howland
Bruce & Jeannine Hubbard
Gail Hughson
Tim & Sara Hull
Ana Inclin
Jon Irelan
Betty Izumi
William Jenkins
Patricia Jilot
Charles & Anne Jochim
Jennifer Johnson
Robyn Johnson
Cassie Johnstone
Kelly Jones
Reese Kahn
Samantha Kaiser
Lucy Keating
Vicky Kelly
Carol Kennedy
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Maika Keuben
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John Korwin
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David Kurushima
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Kirby LeBaron
Kirsten Leniger
Helena Leshner
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Just in Time for Summer Fun!

The popular **Oregon LE WP 8x32** mid-size binocular (member price \$135) from Opticron is back in stock! When Cornell Labs named the Oregon LE WP a Top Pick last fall in their affordable “Budget Bins” class, it was hard to keep enough on hand. Now Opticron, a well-known British company, has a new US Headquarters to guarantee that stock is available on this side of “the pond.” To celebrate, we decided to add the full-sized **Oregon LE WP 8x42** to our line-up. At only \$149 for members, we say “Hip, Hip, Hooray!”



Opticron Oregon LE WP 8x32

8x30 & 10x30 Companions. Member price of all adapters is \$145. **Kowa** now has both iPhone 4/4S and 5 adapters which come with two connectors, one to fit their scopes and one for their binoculars. Happily, we’ve found that they also fit many other manufacturers’ models (member price \$58.50).



IB-542 HookUpz Binocular iPhone 5 with Package

Specifically designed for binoculars, **Carson Optics** now offers a “universal” iPhone 5 hookup which comes with two interchangeable rubber rings allowing it to fit a wide range of optics (member price \$18.00). Included is a conversion kit to accommodate iPhone 4/4S. Just bring your binoculars or sighting scope to the Nature Store and we’ll work to find an adapter to fit your specific needs!

More iPhone Camera Adapters for Fabulous Close-Ups!

The selection of camera adapters for iPhone 5 continues to grow! **Swarovski Optik** has just introduced models to fit both their ATX and ATM/ATS scopes and all of their full-sized and mid-sized binoculars, including the new

The Nature Store will close at 4pm on Thursday, July 10.

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Yes, we are the Biggest, Baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi — new teams, more participants, more fun all make Portland Audubon's Birdathon a great success! A huge Audubon thank you goes to everyone involved, as we near our goal of raising \$150,000 to protect birds and habitat across Oregon — thank you so much for your amazing support!

Thank You to over 285 Birdathon participants. Your bird-watching, pledge-gathering efforts provide vital funding to the Audubon Society of Portland's important conservation work.

A big, bad Thank You to Birdathon Team Leaders for finding the time to include Birdathon in your busy schedules. Birdathon depends upon your generosity, expertise, and leadership:

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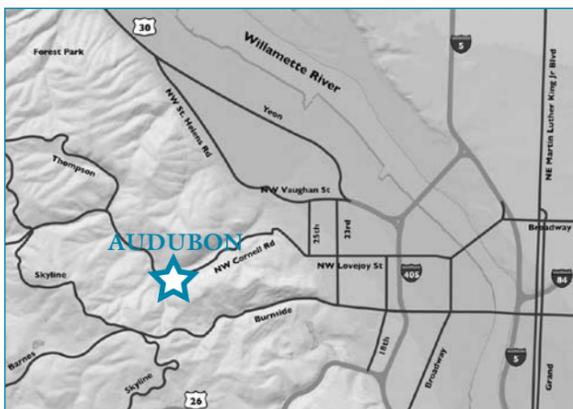
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