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## Please Vote NO on 26-156, the Water District Initiative

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

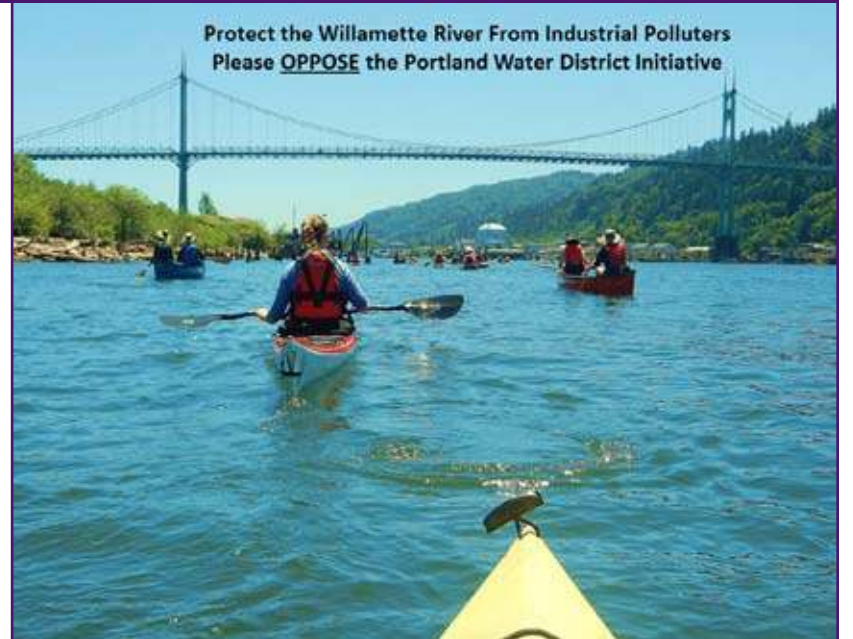
In May 2014, Portland voters will vote on an initiative that would strip the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Water Bureau from the City of Portland and place them under a new water board. Audubon Society of Portland and a huge coalition of conservation, social justice, labor, and community groups *oppose* this measure and urge you to **VOTE NO**.



The Portland Water District Initiative would transfer control of more than \$15 billion in public assets including control of our precious Bull Run to a new unproven board that is inexperienced and much more susceptible to corporate influence. Bizarre conflict of interest provisions would eliminate tens of thousands of Portlanders from serving on the new board, but notably the initiative does nothing to limit the influence of regulated corporate entities and industrial polluters. A judge had already ruled that the manner in which the new districts were mapped by the initiative backers would exclude East Portland (20% of the city's population) from voting for Water District board members, even though they would still have to pay water and sewer bills.

The backers of this initiative would like the public to believe that this initiative is a populist revolt. It is nothing of the sort. Leadership behind this initiative includes the

lawyer who led the fight *against* campaign finance reform in Oregon and who led lobbying efforts in the Oregon legislature to shift costs of the Portland Harbor Superfund clean-up from responsible parties to taxpayers. It also includes the executive director of the Industrial Water Users Coalition — the biggest water users in Portland. More than 90% of the funding raised to date came from 8 large corporate entities with \$80,000 coming from a Superfund polluter, Siltronic, and another \$40,000 coming from forest clear-cutting baron Harry Merlo. Less than 1% of the funding came from grassroots contributions of under \$100. Not a single community group has endorsed the initiative since the day it was announced more than 6 months ago. The people backing this initiative are the last people we should be trusting to remake our government.



Protect the Willamette River From Industrial Polluters  
Please **OPPOSE** the Portland Water District Initiative

Image submitted by Bob Sallinger

This initiative is underpinned by a strong anti-environment agenda. The lead petitioners and their lawyer have also sued the City of Portland, arguing that its core environmental programs at the Bureau of Environmental Services are illegal. Throughout this campaign they have repeatedly highlighted environmental programs as primary targets for elimination. These are the programs that clean our air and water, protect our wildlife, and green our neighborhoods. City programs that they have explicitly targeted for elimination include Superfund clean-up, environmental regulations protecting the Willamette River, programs to protect floodplains and stream corridors,

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## Destination: Redwoods Walking Amongst the Giants

by Ian Abraham, Camp Director & Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator

Come join Audubon on some of our most impactful, exciting, and adventurous programs! We offer one-of-a-kind, mobile adventure week-long camps that are unique and educational. These overnight experiences allow us to take our campers on a journey to create memories that last a lifetime. We camp together, cook together, hike together, learn together, laugh together, and create a community of campers, counselors, interns, and environmental educators together, all within a week's time.

Audubon summer staff truly shine during these programs, exhibiting the spark and the joy that comes with the highs and lows of these incredible trips. They find energy and feed off the student's excitement of finding the smallest slug and the joy of success through accomplishment in a camper's eyes. During these, our programs with the most impact, we look first to continuously improve the 'soft' skills of the staff — the skills that draw kids into the excitement of the natural world. This teacher-first approach allows for the natural history knowledge and skill-set to follow as we engage the students in their connection to the natural world.

Our **Destination: Redwoods** is a perfect example of one of these most impactful programs. The opportunity to spend a full 6 days and 5 nights with a group of **6th–8th graders** allows our staff to truly engross the participants in hidden coves along the coast as well as mysterious forests that have some of the largest trees in the world.

We get to explore the awesome stands of the **giant Redwood trees in California's Jedediah Smith State Park** and then some lesser-known shores of the Southern Oregon coast. First, campers travel with Portland Audubon's expert Environmental Educators into California to experience the magnificence of the huge redwoods, investigating the unique ecosystem of this ancient forest. They learn about the animals that call this forest home, and get lost in the massive ferns that blanket the forest floor around *Sequoia giganteum*, the tallest living tree in the world! They'll get to know this vast and imposing forest like no one else through hiking, journaling, and games as we walk amongst the giants. Then, on our return trip we stay at **Honeyman State Park**, exploring the ocean's edges while venturing onto the sand dunes that spread along the coast.

How many campers does it take to hug a giant Redwood? © Portland Audubon

Participants learn how to search out tracks and signs of animals that regularly inhabit this landscape — bear, elk, porcupine, fox, and otter, to name a few.



**Destination: Redwoods** is guaranteed to be an unforgettable week of non-stop discovery and fun-filled adventure as we are destined to explore the redwoods! If you have a child who would be interested in this program or any of our other summer camps, feel free to call Ian Abraham, Camp Director, with any questions at 971-222-6120. Also, see page 7 for other awesome Audubon mobile adventure programs.

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# From the Executive Director



## Starting a Journey with a Short Walk in the Woods

Meryl Redisch

A little over a decade ago, I walked through the Audubon Society of Portland's Nature Sanctuaries for the first time. I had just finished a demanding round of interviews for the executive director position and needed to clear my head with outdoor time. From my own research, I was well aware of the organization's complexity. I also learned and intuited about some significant challenges to be managed. The air was clean and dry, the green hues of spring were everywhere, and I remember thinking that this is a very special place.

Fast forward 11 years. Those challenges have faded and I can say, without exception, that this is an extraordinary place. Today, Portland Audubon has many wonderful and exciting opportunities to anticipate and propel forward.

It's hard to believe that in 2003, Portland Audubon's staff roster numbered just 16, half of what it is today. I am very satisfied that we have added more staff capacity to all program areas and boosted our social media and communications capability. Our reach and impact go way beyond the Forest Park Campus to include free programs and events based from Leach Botanical Garden in East Portland and to bird monitoring and conservation policy setting at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Eastern Oregon. When National Audubon transferred 218 acres of coastal forest habitat to our chapter in 2007, we added staff and other resources to facilitate a broader marine conservation program which now includes grassroots advocacy, policy, and community engagement.

I am thrilled that in the past decade, not only have we built upon our chapter's deep history of conservation victories across Oregon, we now are strategically positioned to do much more: preserve West Hayden Island, ban lead from the environment, retain Oregon's old-growth forests, and protect the common and imperiled birds through policies and activism at the local level. With a much improved relationship with National Audubon, our chapter is more closely aligned to advance the protection of birds and their habitats across the Pacific Flyway.

I am heartened in knowing that our financial health is solid and Portland Audubon can plan in an intentional way. We know that building a new Wildlife Care and Education Center is within our reach, and when the Marmot Cabin Outdoor School and Summer Campus renovation is complete in 2015, we will offer life-changing experiences in nature to twice as many children. We have a John D. Gray Fund to expand environmental programming for youth from low-income and immigrant families. We are dollars away from the Sanctuary Stewardship Endowment target that was established 4 years ago as a base for maintaining a healthy, safe, and accessible nature campus for people and wildlife. I am grateful to the 75 Legacy Circle members whose estate gifts will enable Portland Audubon to plan for future growth, take calculated risks, and withstand economic uncertainties. The generosity of our members and volunteers allows us to protect more birds, connect more children to nature, and recruit and retain a talented staff.

Although it was that very first walk in the sanctuaries that inspired me to secure the job, it's been the hundreds of wonderful encounters with volunteers, members, staff, board, and activists each year that have kept me energized and wanting to do more. Serving as the Audubon Society of Portland's Executive Director has been a marvelous experience for me. I will be forever grateful for having had the opportunity to shape and advance the mission and future success of this remarkable organization.

## 28th Annual Great Blue Heron Week: Great Blue Herons of The Intertwine

Tuesday, May 27 – Sunday, June 1, 2014

Join Portland Audubon and other partners in celebrating 28 years since the Great Blue Heron was adopted as Portland's official city bird. Get full trip details at [audubonportland.org/about/events/heronweek](http://audubonportland.org/about/events/heronweek).



Great Blue Heron at Oaks Bottom © Mike Houck

**Tuesday, May 27 8am-11am: Birding The Intertwine: Birds of Oaks Bottom**

Family-friendly 2-mile loop stroll to look for raptors and songbirds. Meet **Mike Houck** at parking lot at north end of Sellwood Park, SE Sellwood Blvd & 7th Ave, at 8am sharp.

**Wednesday, May 28 10am-11am: Tadpole Tales**

For children ages 3-5 with their parents. Meet at Water Facility at 19619 NE Sandy Blvd. Registration appreciated: [columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/334](http://columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/334) or 503-281-1132.

**5pm-6pm: Exploring The Intertwine: Happy Hour at Tanner Springs Park**

Join **Mike Houck** and **Mike Faha**, GreenWorks, to walk Tanner Springs and learn about the park's design. Meet at NW 10th & Northrup, at 5pm sharp.

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## NATURE NIGHTS

Second Tuesday of the month from September to May. If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation, contact Pam Meyers at [pmeyers@audubonportland.org](mailto:pmeyers@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855 ext. 130.

FREE and open to the public!

### Ascending the Giants: Life in the Canopy with Brian French Tuesday, May 13 7pm Heron Hall



Western red cedar © Will Koomjian

Old-growth forest habitat is disappearing around the world, but a group of ardent arborists are working to slow that pattern, starting right here in Oregon. Ascending the Giants (ATG) is an organization that finds, measures, and documents the largest (or "Champion") trees of each species in Oregon and Washington. The group works to showcase these trees and other large trees within our local community, raising the public's awareness of these awesome specimens and finding ways to preserve and protect the habitat needed to help them thrive.

Join arborist and Champion Tree "champion" **Brian French** as he discusses his work finding and documenting these amazing giants. Using photographs and video, he'll share tales of his time in the treetops, including what it takes to climb these treasured ancient specimens without injuring them; how the true size of a tree is calculated (it's not all about height); and what creatures he has encountered living high in the canopy.



Ponderosa Pine © Terry Asker

Brian will also be screening the award-winning adventure film "Treeverse," about ATG's founders traveling an unprecedented distance by tree-canopy traversing. They spent five days off the ground in a grove of Oregon White Oaks, traveling a mile through the canopy, carrying all of their food and gear, and bivouacking at night!

Brian French is a certified arborist/tree risk assessor who has worked with the best researchers of our time here in the United States and abroad. He is Oregon State Coordinator for the Champion Tree Registry and co-founder of Ascending the Giants, a "Big Tree" advocacy nonprofit. Brian and his team members have developed the unique climbing techniques needed to access and measure the giant trees with safety in mind — for both the tree and the climber. He believes that ATG's work provides a non-confrontational approach to better tree awareness and protection.

Brian and his ATG partner Will Koomjian have a special relationship with Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center, having used their tree-climbing skills to rescue injured birds and return rehabilitated birds to the canopy from which they fledged. For more information, visit their website at [ascendingthegiants.com](http://ascendingthegiants.com). This will be a rewarding evening for tree lovers and adventurers alike!

### Marbled Murrelets: Recovering a Rare Bird with Maria Mudd Ruth and Paul Engelmeyer THURSDAY, June 5 7pm Heron Hall

Though shy, secretive, and well-camouflaged, the Marbled Murrelet spends a lot of time in the limelight. For 185 years, this Pacific Northwest seabird drew the attention of ornithologists, birders, and naturalists searching the coast for its elusive nests. The murrelet's nest site was long considered the "greatest ornithological mystery in North America."

The mystery was solved in 1974, but worry quickly ensued: that first nest was in an old-growth Douglas-fir. This evidence helped scientists determine that murrelets depended on the old-growth coastal forests for survival and that continued logging of these forests would doom the murrelet. Led by Portland Audubon, conservation groups rallied around the murrelet and, in 1992, won protections for it under the Endangered Species Act. Since then, scientists have been studying the murrelet and tracking its declining populations, conservation groups have been battling to save the murrelet's forest and marine habitats, and timber companies have been keeping conservation groups in court and in the news.

Join **Maria Mudd Ruth**, author of *Rare Bird: Pursuing the Mystery of the Marbled Murrelet*, and **Paul Engelmeyer**, the Audubon Society of Portland's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary Manager and Coastal IBA Coordinator, as they share stories and slides of the Marbled Murrelet — its life history, the 1974 nest discovery, recent court victories for the murrelet, and important conservation efforts now under way.

Maria Mudd Ruth is the author of more than a dozen books on natural history for children and adults. She first encountered the Marbled Murrelet in 1999 while living in Virginia, then moved to the West Coast in 2001 to research and write *Rare Bird*, reissued in paperback last fall by Mountaineers Books. Maria lives in Olympia, WA, where she is involved in several citizen-science conservation projects and is writing a book on clouds.

Conservationist Paul Engelmeyer has managed Portland Audubon's Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary, south of Yachats, since 1990. As Portland Audubon's Coastal IBA Coordinator and the statewide conservation representative on the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC), his work includes not only watershed restoration and protection strategies but also marine conservation efforts. In 2012, 80,000 acres were designated a Globally Significant Important Bird Area (IBA) for the Marbled Murrelet. Paul also worked on the formation of a system of marine reserves at five sites in Oregon's Territorial Sea.

**Note the SPECIAL DATE!** The Marbled Murrelets talk, canceled in February due to snow, has been rescheduled for THURSDAY, June 5th! Don't miss it!



Paul Engelmeyer © Mary Scully



Maria Mudd Ruth © Sarah Gevirtzman




Marbled Murrelet chick © Peter Halasz




# Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

 = Mostly weekday excursions

 = Sign-up needed

 = Fee involved

## May 1 (Thu), 7:30am–11am Mt Tabor



Join **Denny Graham** for a morning walk at Mt Tabor, a prime Portland migration hotspot, as we look and listen for spring migrants. Meet at the Mt Tabor Volcano parking lot. No sign-up needed; call Denny at 503-659-1245 with any questions.

## May 1 (Thu), 8am–Noon Kiwa Trail, Ridgefield NWR

Join **Ron Escano** as we walk the flat 1.5-mile Kiwa Trail looking for rails and bitterns. Meet at Kiwa Trailhead on Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge's River 'S' Unit. No sign-up; call Ron at 503-771-3454 if questions.

## May 4 (Sun), 8:30am–11:30am Fernhill Wetlands & Forest Grove

Join **Tim Shelmerdine** as we walk the trails seeking waterfowl, shorebirds, other migrants. Trails can be wet; bring appropriate footwear. Beginners & Birdathoners welcome. From Hwy 26 west, take Glencoe Rd exit 57, go S. about 6 miles. Glencoe Rd becomes 1st St and Hwy 219 (Hillsboro Hwy). Jackson Bottom is on Hwy 219 just S. of town. Meet at Education Center parking (jacksonbottom.org). No sign-up; Tim at 971-221-2534 if questions.

## May 6 (Tue), 8:30am–11:30am Steigerwald Lake NWR



Join **Barbara Allen** for a 2.75-mile walk looking for American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Purple Martin, migrant songbirds, and various raptors and waterfowl. Meet in refuge parking lot off SR-14 about 3 miles east of Washougal, WA. No sign-up; contact [barbaramaxzoe@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaramaxzoe@yahoo.com) or 970-209-9209 if questions.

## May 11 (Sun), 8am–11am Gabriel Park, SW Portland

Join **Max Smith** and **Sarah Swanson** as we look and listen for small colorful birds while we scan the trees for warblers, tanagers, and other migrants. We also might see larger species such as Cooper's Hawk and Pileated Woodpecker. Meet at parking lot on south side of park, west of the corner of SW Canby & SW 40th. No sign-up; call Max at 503-720-9730 if questions.

## May 14 (Wed), 7am–After 6pm White River Oak Woodlands & Rimrock Country



Interested in exploring the unique oak woodland and basalt rimrock country of North Central Oregon? Chance to see Lewis's Woodpecker, Ash-throated Flycatcher, Lazuli Bunting, Canyon Wren, Golden Eagle. Meet at Outlet Mall parking lot in Troutdale and plan on returning after 6pm. **Registration required** with **Ron Escano** at 503-771-3454. Limit 15 people.

## May 15 (Thu), 7:30am–4:30pm Magpies Birdathon



Join **Denny Graham** for 2014 Magpies Birdathon. Meet at Mt Tabor Volcano Parking lot and spend the early morning focusing on spring migrants. Then we'll proceed to Ridgefield NWR, where we'll visit both refuge units to include a wide range of habitat for the day. Bring lunch. **Registration required** at 503-659-1245. Limit 15 people.

## May 17 (Sat), 8am–11am Riverview Cemetery, SW Portland

Join **Bob Lockett** and **Adrienne Wolf-Lockett** for a walk at historic Riverview Cemetery. Beginners & Birdathoners welcome. Meet at the cemetery at 0300 SW Taylors Ferry Rd; parking is limited, so carpooling strongly suggested. No sign-up; call Bob at 503-953-6010 if questions.

## May 29 (Thu), 7am–10am Cooper Mountain Nature Park



Join leaders **Sue Carr** and **Bonnie Deneke** for a view of local songbirds in their best breeding plumage. For directions visit [http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/driving\\_map.pdf](http://library.oregonmetro.gov/files/driving_map.pdf), or call Sue at 503-649-3360. No sign-up needed.

## May 30 (Fri), 8am–11am Steigerwald Lake NWR

Join **John Nikkel** and **Dena Turner** on this walk through cottonwood riparian corridor and riverine flood plain. Meet in refuge parking lot off SR-14 about 3 miles east of Washougal, WA. No sign-up; contact Dena at 503-236-6937 if questions.

## June 4 (Wed), 7am–5pm Conboy NWR



This refuge at the base of Mt Adams is a delight for the eyes and ears. In June its extensive marshes, prairies, and mixed woodlands harbor songbirds, flycatchers, woodpeckers, nuthatches, raptors, nesting Sandhill Cranes. Meet **Kathy van der Horst** and **Lou Fredd** at Lewis & Clark State Park. Exit Hwy I-84 at the east end of Sandy River bridge, turn left at foot of ramp, then left into parking lot. We'll carpool for the 75-mile scenic trip. Bring lunch and dress for Glenwood, WA weather. **Registration required** with Kathy at [kathyfrans@opusnet.com](mailto:kathyfrans@opusnet.com) or call 503-233-7143 with questions. Limit 14 people.

## June 4 (Wed), 7am–10am Mt Talbert Nature Park

Join **Ron Escano** to look for spring migrants. We walk on established trails, but terrain is hilly. From I-205 take Exit 14 Sunnyside/Sunnybrook offramp, turn east on Sunnybrook then turn south on SE 97th Ave. Continue south on 97th which turns into SE Mather Rd. The park entrance is about 1/4 mile after 97th changes to Mather. No sign-up; call Ron at 503-771-3454 if questions.

## June 11 (Wed), 7am–After 6pm Wasco County



Interested in exploring the basalt rimrock and grassland country of North Central Oregon? Chance to see Yellow-headed Blackbird, Savannah Sparrow, Horned Lark, Prairie Falcon, Swainson's Hawk. We'll spend most of our time in the Tygh Valley, Pine Grove, and Maupin open country areas. Meet at Outlet Mall parking lot in Troutdale and plan to return after 6pm. **Registration required** with **Ron Escano** at 503-771-3454. Limit 15 people.

## Jun 14 (Sat), 8am–11am Sandy River Delta

Please join **Patty Newland** on an exploration of this rich riparian delta area. Target species include Lazuli Bunting, Bullock's Oriole, and Yellow-breasted Chat. We'll walk 2–3 miles; bring binoculars and bug repellent. From I-84, take Exit 18. Turn right and loop under the freeway, continue into the parking lot, and meet by the restroom. No sign-up; call Patty at 503-231-0139 if questions.

## June 18 (Wed), 8am–11:30am Sandy River Delta



Join **Dudley Thomas** and **Kathy van der Horst** for our annual hike at the Sandy River Delta. This area is home to a wide variety of species, many of which are nesting this time of year. This outing requires more hiking than most Magpie trips. From I-84 eastbound, take Exit 18, turn right at bottom of exit, loop under the freeway, and proceed straight to the parking lot and restrooms. No sign-up; contact Dudley at [dbthomas70@gmail.com](mailto:dbthomas70@gmail.com) if questions.

## June 25 (Wed), 9am–11:30am Clackamas River



Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Caroline & Richard Arnold** to look for birds along the beautiful Clackamas River. We'll meet in Estacada and carpool to two lovely spots to look for breeding birds that nest in the area. Meet in parking lot at Mossy Rock (a gift shop) at 398 S Broadway St, Estacada, OR, 97023. No sign-up; contact Caroline at 650-387-2606 or [carolineharnold@gmail.com](mailto:carolineharnold@gmail.com) if questions.

## Bird Song Walks 2014

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

Audubon Society of Portland is proud to sponsor the 2014 season of weekday-morning Bird Song Walks! No pre-registration required. Leave whenever you like. Bring binoculars and field guide, and be sure to dress for the weather: Spring mornings can be surprisingly chilly. **Steady morning rain cancels a walk.**



White-crowned Sparrow  
© Don Baccus

Try taking the bus if available. Go to [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) or call **503-238-RIDE (7433)** for route information. For natural history, maps, and directions for these sites, see *Wild in the City: Exploring the Intertwine*, available at Portland Audubon's Nature Store.

### Mondays May 5, 12, 19, 26

#### Tryon Creek State Park Leaders: Rick and Stephanie Wagner

11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland, OR 97219. Take the Terwilliger Blvd exit off I-5 and head south on Terwilliger toward Lewis and Clark College. Stay on Terwilliger past the intersections with Taylors Ferry Rd and Boones Ferry Rd. At the traffic circle, continue past the entrance to Lewis and Clark Northwest School of Law and follow the brown sign to Tryon Creek State Park, about 1 mile ahead on the right. Meet at the Nature Center. More at [tryonfriends.org](http://tryonfriends.org).

### Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Cooper Mountain Nature Park Leaders: Bonnie Deneke and Sue Carr

18892 SW Kemmer Rd, Beaverton, OR 97007. Please be aware that Cooper Mountain has steep terrain. **From Highway 217**, take the Scholls Ferry Rd exit and head west on Scholls Ferry past Murray Blvd. At 175th Ave, turn right and go north, uphill, about 1.8 miles and turn left on Kemmer Rd. The park entrance is on the south side of Kemmer. More at [thprd.org](http://thprd.org).

### Tuesdays May 20 & June 3 only:

#### Leach Botanical Garden with Ron Escano

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

### Wednesdays May 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Mt. Tabor Park

##### Leaders: Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara

From SE Belmont, go south on SE 69th two short blocks. Just into the park, turn right and drive as far as possible to gate, and park along street. Mt Tabor Park is closed to vehicle traffic on Wednesdays, so be sure to use this entrance. [TriMet bus #15 stops at SE 69th & Yamhill.] **Please be part of a group awareness of bicyclists! Make room and share the road!** More on Portland Parks at [portlandoregon.gov/parks](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks).

### Thursdays May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

#### Camassia Preserve Leader: Jackie Wilson

Drive S from Portland on Hwy 43 (SW Macadam Ave) through Lake Oswego to West Linn — OR drive south from Portland on I-205 to West Linn Exit 8 and turn left at end of exit ramp and pass under I-205. Just before the gas station, turn right onto Willamette Falls Dr, go uphill 1 block then left 90 degrees to follow Willamette Falls Dr. Veer right in 1/4 mile onto Sunset Ave, still going uphill, cross I-205, and immediately turn right on Walnut St. The preserve is at the end of Walnut St. More on this and other Nature Conservancy preserves at [nature.org](http://nature.org).

### Fridays May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

#### Pittock Mansion Leader: Wink Gross

3229 NW Pittock Drive, Portland, OR 97210. Follow W Burnside about 1.2 miles west of NW 23rd and turn right onto Barnes Rd. Follow the well-marked signs through the neighborhood for another 0.7 mile, and meet at the Pittock parking lot. [TriMet bus #20 stop #687 at W Burnside & NW Barnes is closest stop.] More at [pittockmansion.org](http://pittockmansion.org).



# Conservation

## Preliminary Results of Bird Lead Testing Study: More Evidence to Ban Lead in Oregon

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

Audubon Society of Portland has just completed a preliminary report summarizing findings from our study assessing blood lead levels in raptors, owls, and Turkey Vultures (avian scavengers) accepted by the Wildlife Care Center and from Blue Mountain Wildlife, a wildlife rehabilitation center in Pendleton, Oregon. Our preliminary results add to the weight of evidence that clearly indicates a lead ammunition ban in Oregon should be considered.

Lead is poisonous to humans and animals alike. While the toxin has been banned from items like gasoline, paint, and pipes, it is still legal to use lead ammunition for hunting animals other than waterfowl in the state of Oregon, a practice that poses a threat to wild birds that eat meat or scavenge.

Upon impact, lead ammunition can shatter into many small pieces. When a Bald Eagle, for example, eats the remains of an animal that has been shot with lead, it ingests fragments of the toxic metal along with the carcass. It only takes a tiny amount of lead to poison animals, causing suffering and sometimes death.

In our study, we examined Portland-area birds most likely to eat the remains of animals shot with lead ammunition for elevated blood lead levels. In the first year of testing birds, over 200 avian scavengers were sampled and only seven birds had elevated blood lead levels including four Red-tailed Hawks, a Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, and Great-horned Owl. As you may remember from past *Warbler* articles, the Bald Eagle had extremely high lead levels when received by our Wildlife Care Center last May, and an X-ray revealed metal in its gut — likely an ingested fragment of ammunition. After months of chelation treatment and rehabilitation by care center staff, its blood lead levels returned to background levels and we successfully released it back into the wild in September (read more about this eagle on our website at [audubonportland.org/wcc/currentanimals/sept20-2013](http://audubonportland.org/wcc/currentanimals/sept20-2013)).

We compared results from Portland Audubon to data collected at Blue Mountain Wildlife, a wildlife rehabilitation facility that accepts birds from rural areas of Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Over 100 avian scavengers were tested at Blue Mountain from 2010–2013 using the same methods used at Portland Audubon's care center. At

Blue Mountain, significantly more birds had elevated blood levels compared to Portland Audubon and the birds most affected were larger-bodied raptors (eagles). Most of the birds with elevated lead levels at Blue Mountain were sampled during the late winter to early spring period, which correlates with the big game hunting season and peak coyote hunts.

The initial results of this study lend further support to the danger of lead in the environment for avian scavengers from consuming lead-contaminated carcasses. We intend to continue this project for at least two more years to bolster sample size and potentially include birds lead-tested at additional wildlife rehabilitation centers in the region.

Alternatives to lead ammunition for big game hunting are available. In 1991, lead ammunition was banned for waterfowl hunting across the U.S. The transition to non-lead ammunition went smoothly and studies indicate millions of birds have been spared death due to lead poisoning. Most recently, California banned all lead ammunition across the state which will go into effect in 2019. This will help enable the critically endangered California Condor to recovery.

Lead toxicity from ammunition and fishing sinkers is the primary point source of new lead left in the environment. Now is the time to take further steps to remove lead from our Oregon landscapes to make them safer for wildlife and people.

The report is available for download on our website at [audubonportland.org/issues/statewide/lead](http://audubonportland.org/issues/statewide/lead). We thank the Oregon Zoo for providing support for this project.



Lead-poisoned Bald Eagle on the day of its release from the Wildlife Care Center © Tinsley Hunsdorfer



Lacy Campbell running a lead test at the Wildlife Care Center © Joe Liebezeit

## Portland Children's Museum Joins the Backyard Habitat Flock

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Coordinator

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program is thrilled to be certifying a high-profile, public site: the Portland Children's Museum's new Outdoor Adventure area! The design, by the Portland-based firm Mayer/Reed, focuses on natural elements that promote a sense of place in the Pacific Northwest and incorporates the Backyard Habitat Program's certification criteria elements.



Exhibit Designer, JJ Rivera, showing the site plans to students from the Museum's onsite Opal School © Nikkie West

The Outdoor Adventure site features a recirculating stream channel as well as native plantings like Vine Maple, Red-flowering Current, Oceanspray, and native bunchgrasses, which will be durable to the rough love of thousands of children. Preschoolers at the onsite Opal School helped to design bird and bat houses and to identify invasive plants for removal. On April 22nd, we awarded the Children's Museum with their GOLD level Backyard Habitat Certification at the exhibit's grand opening in Washington Park.

We hope the thousands of children who visit this new space each year have the freedom to frolic in the natural world; to explore, experience, and marvel at sights of dragonflies skipping on the surface of the pond or a sapsucker drilling for wood-boring insects in the majestic trees. And we hope the parents of these children will be inspired to consider similar habitat enhancements for their own backyards.

Thanks to the Portland Children's Museum and Mayer/Reed for initiating and designing a truly unique project, one that keeps urban wildlife in mind and encourages children to embrace it.

## Springtime — A great time to Get Involved in our Citizen Science projects

by Joe Liebezeit and Candace Larson

Spring is in full swing and so are our citizen science projects. Birds are an excellent barometer of the health of our environment, and our citizen science projects provide members of the community an opportunity to measure the challenges and successes of local bird populations over time. Our volunteer bird monitors are currently collecting data on a variety of species, from Great Blue Herons to early spring migrants, helping us to better understand how we can help these birds thrive.

Each spring, we welcome back over 60 migratory bird species to the Portland area, including colorful Western Tanagers, acrobatic Barn Swallows, and the vociferous Warbling Vireo, all returning from their far-flung wintering grounds to the south. One of the best tools to measure these bird populations are "point count" songbird surveys. A point count is a timed survey where trained volunteers count and identify all the birds seen or heard in a particular location. Volunteers with less experience identifying birds can still participate by scribing data for the counters. These surveys enable us to document bird communities in Portland green spaces that have been designated as Important Bird Areas. For example, our point count surveys at Ross Island indicate the importance of this site for over 40 bird species, including some that are experiencing population declines like the Wilson's Warbler and Olive-sided Flycatcher. In addition, these surveys help us understand how birds respond to habitat restoration efforts at sites across the greater Portland area. As a case in point, on Sauvie Island our point counters documented Acorn Woodpeckers in recently restored oak savanna for the first time — a strong sign of recovering habitat.

Great Blue Herons are an iconic, resident species in our region and are the official bird of Portland. These majestic birds begin nesting as early as February, building bulky stick nests in colonies, often high up in cottonwood trees. Even in the heart of Portland, some colonies may include over 100 active nests! Herons can be particularly sensitive to disturbances in the environment, especially threats to our rivers, as they depend on fish, amphibians, and aquatic invertebrates for prey. Portland Audubon volunteers have been tracking heron colonies in the Portland metro region for a number of years. In 2014, we are stepping up our efforts in an attempt to understand how successful herons will be at hatching chicks. The nesting period is a critical time in the life cycle of all birds — a string of bad nesting years can lead to local population declines. Our heron monitors are tracking these populations so we'll be there to sound the alarm if we see any indication of herons in peril.

Other citizen science efforts this spring include ecoroof surveys in Portland as well as a new project monitoring colonial nesting seabirds on the Oregon coast. We know that ecoroofs are beneficial in limiting storm water runoff into our rivers and streams. Through our surveys, we are measuring the extent to which they also provide beneficial habitat for birds. Preliminary results indicate bird usage of ecoroofs is much higher than on traditional roofs and is similar to that of ground-level green spaces. The goal of our new seabird monitoring effort is to observe how seabird colonies adjacent to the new marine reserve at Cape Perpetua benefit from protection of their main food source (small forage fish species) now that commercial fishing is restricted in the reserves.



Volunteer citizen scientists monitor bird populations © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

Our volunteer bird-monitoring efforts continue into the summer and fall. We'll conduct a new round of ecoroof surveys beginning in August, and in September we welcome back the amazing Vaux's Swifts during their migration south. For this effort, volunteers keep track of nightly swift counts at their main roost at Chapman Elementary School as well as multiple smaller roosts throughout the metro area.

In addition to what we are learning about our local bird communities, these projects enable everyday people to directly connect to nature and gain a sense of place. We hope these opportunities will be a gateway for volunteers to get more involved in our conservation efforts and ultimately to help us affect public policy to strengthen wildlife protections. Plus, it's just a lot of fun to learn more about birds as we assist in their preservation!

For more information on our citizen science projects and to download reports documenting current findings, go to our website at [audubonportland.org/issues/get-involved](http://audubonportland.org/issues/get-involved). Contact Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager, for questions about getting involved ([jliebezeit@audubonportland.org](mailto:jliebezeit@audubonportland.org)).





Elliott State Forest © Francis Eatherington

## The Battle over the Elliott State Forest Continues

by Bob Sallinger,  
Conservation Director

In March we reported a major victory in litigation we brought to protect old-growth forests on the Elliott, Tillamook, and Clatsop State Forests. The coastal old-growth forests are critical for protection federally listed Marbled Murrelets and Spotted Owls as well as myriad other species. In the first part of 2014 the State of Oregon settled a lawsuit brought by the Audubon Society of Portland, Cascadia Wildlands, and the Center for Biological Diversity for illegal cutting in occupied Marbled Murrelet nesting habitat. The result was the cancellation of a monumental 28 timber sales across three state forests and agreement by the State to use scientifically accepted survey and management protocols. On the Elliott State Forest the State publicly recognized that discontinuing its illegal clearcutting practices would reduce timber harvest from more than 40 million board feet to closer to 14 million board feet.

Now the State has pulled a new trick out of its sleeve. They have begun to sell off portions of the Elliott Forest to private timber companies. The Elliott is mandated to be managed to support the Common School Fund. Our hope and expectation was that the State would look for sustainable strategies to both manage our older forests and support the school fund. Instead, it has initiated a fire sale on our public lands including occupied murrelet habitat and some of the best Coho-bearing streams in Oregon. This strategy is short-sighted and myopic — it will bring in very little money while privatizing irreplaceable public assets. It is also potentially as illegal as the illegal logging strategy it replaces.

The winning bidder of the first land sale provides a chilling vision of what lies in store for these lands. Seneca Jones Timber Company stated on OPB, “Clearcutting mimics nature. If these lands are awarded to us, and we maintain them as we do all of our private timberlands, we will be clearcutting and replanting Douglas fir.”

Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, and the Center for Biological Diversity have initiated a new round of litigation, suing the State for the illegal sale of public lands and Seneca Jones to enforce the same protections we secured from the State in occupied Marbled Murrelet habitat. In the longer run we are working with a coalition of conservation groups to decouple the Elliott Forest from the Common School Fund. Tying our children’s education to wholesale logging of our public lands makes no sense. It is time to put the Elliott into a permanent protection status while providing reasonable compensation to the Common School Fund that can be managed entirely independent of the forest. In the coming months we will let you know how you can help protect this treasure.

### What To Do If You Find a Baby Bird

A normal part of many young birds’ development includes spending up to 2–5 days on the ground before they can fly. During that time their parents care for and protect them. **Before taking any baby bird out of the wild, please contact the Wildlife Care Center at 503-292-0304.** Find out much more at [audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/babybirds](http://audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/babybirds).

## Please Vote NO on 26-156

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greenstreets and tree planting. The backers have been unsuccessful in their efforts to gut the City’s environmental programs at City Council so they have now turned to the initiative process.

Finally, the initiative backers have suggested that this initiative will lower rates. In fact, it does absolutely nothing to lower rates — there is not a single mention in the initiative of mechanisms that would lower rates. What it does do is explicitly eliminate all oversight by the elected city auditor and it creates a new layer of government that will have to duplicate expensive existing legal, administrative, and auditor functions. It jeopardizes the

City’s outstanding bond rating. It will require anybody seeking a permit for water or sewer work to seek permits from two different governments rather than one.

The groups opposing this measure have long histories of working with local government when possible and challenging local government when necessary. This initiative is not about reform — it is a cynical attempt to take over our water, sewer, and stormwater systems by a small group of self-serving corporations. Please **vote NO** on the Portland Water District initiative.

Not a single community group has endorsed 26-156 since the day it was announced. The following are some of the groups OPPOSING 26-156 and urging you to VOTE NO.

Audubon Society of Portland  
Oregon Wild  
Sierra Club Columbia Group Executive Committee  
Willamette Riverkeeper  
Urban Greenspaces Institute  
Friends of Trees  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
Mazamas  
Sandy River Basin Watershed Council  
Tryon Creek Watershed Council  
Trust for Public Land  
Bark  
Depave  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Food and Water Watch  
Friends of Gateway Green  
Climate Solutions  
NW Biocarbon Initiative  
Northwest Environmental Advocates  
Friends of Zenger Farm  
Friends of Baltimore Woods  
OPAL Environmental Justice

Verde  
East Portland Action Plan  
League of Women Voters of Portland  
Onward Oregon  
Coalition for a Livable Future  
Coalition of Communities of Color  
Hayden Island Livability Project  
Lents Neighborhood Association  
Common Cause of Oregon  
Oregon Nurses Association  
Portland Firefighters Association  
Jobs with Justice  
Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens  
Elders in Action  
Oregon Progressive Party  
Democratic Party of Multnomah County  
Pacific Green Party  
Alliance for Democracy  
Fight Church  
Lents Neighborhood Association  
Portland Police Association  
Oregon Consumer League  
Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

AFSCME Local 189  
Oregon AFL-CIO  
LIUNA (Laborers) Local 483  
Northwest Oregon Labor Council  
AFSCME Local 328  
AFSCME Local 3336  
AFSCME Local 88 – Multnomah County Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17  
District Council of Trade Unions – City of Portland  
AFSCME Local 3135  
AFSCME Local 3580 – Metro  
PTE Local 17 – City of Portland  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48  
Groundwork Portland  
  
Newspapers Urging a NO Vote on 26-156  
*The Oregonian*  
*Portland Tribune*  
*Street Roots*

## Wildlife Care Center

### Lead on the Landscape through the Care Center Lens

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

Imagine looking overhead and seeing a flock of California Condors. Their graceful 9-foot wingspans cast shadows on the ground as they catch thermals while seeking their next meal. Now imagine that you are in Oregon and seeing this magnificent sight, and that California Condors are not an endangered species list and are a thriving wild population. None of this would be possible with lead on our landscape.



California Condor photo: USFWS

Lead affects not only the raptors and avian scavengers on our landscape but also the waterfowl and mammals we love to see. Cougars, Trumpeter Swans, and Bald Eagles are just a few of the myriad species — including humans — that can suffer from lead poisoning. In fact, lead has been shown to be toxic to every living thing. Lead effects calcium absorption in the body. It binds preferentially to where calcium should be (like bones, nerve impulse channels, etc.) and wreaks havoc. Lead poisoning causes damage to the heart, bones, liver, and kidneys, and can impair or kill.

Lead is a very toxic substance. This is why we decided to start testing all hawks, owls, falcons, ravens, and vultures at the Wildlife Care Center. Lead toxicity can look like a lot of other injuries we get at the Care Center. Sometimes you see animals that come in weak or neurologic, or come in from other injuries sustained from their debilitated state. Often times you will see no signs at all. Testing birds that are more likely to come in contact with lead allows rapid detection and enables us to offer more rapid treatment.

We use the Lead Care II machine to test the blood of each raptor that comes into our care. The lead test only takes 3 minutes. Previously, if we suspected lead poisoning we

would have had to submit a sample to an outside lab and wait 3–4 days for the results to come back. In the meantime, the bird would suffer from the harmful effects of lead and would be waiting for treatment. This machine really is a life-saving device.

In addition to working with Blue Mountain Wildlife (Pendleton, Oregon) and their data, we have also been working with the Wildlife Center of the North Coast (Astoria, Oregon) to test some of their raptors which they suspect may have lead poisoning. We have helped diagnose several cases for these organizations.

While the Lead Care II is a great diagnostic tool, sometimes it is too little too late. The first toxic reading we received on the machine came from a Red-tailed Hawk that was brought in because it was assumed to have been hit by a car. It was found on the side of a road, neurologic and having trouble standing, all signs we would expect to see with a car impact. Even though we were able to get the lead-positive test results quickly and start chelation treatment immediately, the bird died from lead poisoning.

It is hoped that the results from our tests and others will help remove this toxin from the landscape. We have just added crows (omnivorous scavengers) to the animals we are testing to get a better representation of scavengers, and we removed small owls from the test sample because they haven’t been known to scavenge. Hopefully, we will get a clear picture about what lead is doing on our landscape and use that data to inform the future. It would be wonderful to see California Condors return to Oregon free from the worry of lead poisoning.



# Educational Trips

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

## BELIZE & TIKAL!

January 16–25, 2015

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.

## THAILAND

January 10–25, 2015

We begin our journey in the north of Thailand where our first birding foray will be along the Thai/ Myanmar border. We'll spend an unforgettable day in the vast forested hills that are home to **Giant Nuthatch**, **Mrs. Gould's Sunbird**, **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler** and **Red-faced Liocichla**.

Along the slopes of Doi Inthanon, the highest peak in Thailand, live an amazing variety of birds. We hope to find the secretive **Slaty-backed Forktails** and **White-capped Water-Redstarts** — and to encounter **Purple Sunbird** and **Green Bee-eater**, to name just a few. From Bangkok we will head along the coastal salt pans, rummaging through flocks of shorebirds such as **Red-necked Stints**, **Marsh Sandpiper** and **Lesser Sand-Plovers** to search for the critically endangered **Spoon-billed Sandpiper**.

The last days of our trip will be on the coast, where the view from our bungalows of white sand beaches will allow us time to relax and reflect. This amazing trip features some of the best wildlife viewing in the world and exploration of world-famous Buddhist temples. For more information or to reserve a spot, please contact **Dan van den Broek** at 971-222-6105 or [dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org).

**Leaders:** Steve Robertson, Education Director, and  
Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator  
**Group size:** Limited to 14 participants  
**Fee:** \$3995 members / \$4395 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$2000 required to secure your place

**Fee includes:** All ground transportation within Thailand, 14 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, breakfasts, lunches, local guide fees and tips, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your skilled leaders. **Not included:** Dinners, and airfare to & from Thailand and Chiang Mai to Bangkok.

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](http://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.

## 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. Our first stop is the Pantanal, one of the largest wetlands in the world. We'll spend 3 days birding this vast wetland in search of **Lesser Yellow-headed Vulture**, **Crested Caracara**, **Hyacinth and Scarlet Macaws**, to name just a few. We will keep our eyes peeled for **Jaguar**; we spotted one here in 2009.

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

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.

## 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.

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.

## 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



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes)

### Spring Birds & Botany

**May 18 (Sun), 9am-12pm: Field Trip**

April showers bring May flowers — and birds! Have you ever wanted to bird watch with leaders who know how to ID the birds *and* the bushes? Join birder **Laura Whittemore** and botanist **Sage Jensen** for a spring offering of this new twist in birding. By the end of the morning you will know both the birds and the plants they are perched on.

**Fee:** \$15 members / \$20 non-members

Limited to 14 participants.

### Chickadees, Nuthatches, Wrens, Kinglets with Harry Nehls

**May 20 (Tue), 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall**

Join local birding expert Harry Nehls and dive into a “mixed flock of insectivorous birds,” as my zoology professor used to say. Each of these little songbirds is represented by at least two species in the Pacific Northwest and, though they may forage together during the winter months, they have different habitat preferences and lifestyles during the rest of the year. Tonight local author and expert Harry Nehls will share with you insights and stories from his many years of experience birding in Oregon.

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

Free for active volunteers.

### Birding By Ear with Laura Whittemore

Learn to identify birds by their songs! There's no time like now to begin developing this very useful, enjoyable, and important birding skill. Laura has successfully taught hundreds of people how to recognize the songs of their avian neighbors through careful instruction in what to listen for. Three field trips provide the chance for repetition, repetition under her gentle tutelage.

**Fee per session:** \$80 members / \$95 non-members

Limited to 14 participants.

### Birding By Ear – Nesting Birds

**June 4 & 18 (Wed), 7pm-9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**

**June 7, 14, 21 (Sat), 7am-10am: Field Trips**

The June class focus is on vocalizations of nesting birds, both residents and migrants.

### 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.

## 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: Sept. 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](http://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](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org).

## Summer Camp 2014 at the Audubon Society of Portland

To register, go to [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6120 to save a place if you are mailing your form.

### Here are three exciting Mobile Adventures for grades entering: 6th-8th!

#### 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. We'll 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!

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

**Trip Leader:** Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator



Black Bear tracks © Terry Kim

#### Rod, Reel & Sea

**Week 3: July 7-11 (Overnight Tue-Fri)**

Our week will be filled with animal encounters as we learn aquatic ecology and how to fish responsibly. Come with Audubon as we explore the lakes and waterways around Portland and learn basic skills of fishing. On Tuesday we depart for the coast to try our hand at deep-sea fishing and crabbing on a chartered fishing boat, bringing our bounty back to the campfire for a fresh-cooked dinner! Bring your own fishing rod and tackle. We'll be sure to provide gear if you don't have it. Charter boat provides deep-sea fishing gear.

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



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To register for **Fire & Ice** (or any other Lake Oswego partnership program), please contact Lake Oswego Community School at 503-534-2302, ext.1, or go to [www.losdcommunityschool.com](http://www.losdcommunityschool.com) (click on Summer 2014 Programs, then Math/ Science/ Engineering Programs).



# Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

## Georg Wilhelm Steller's Unfamiliar Jay

In 1741 Vitus Bering was preparing an expedition into the ocean off Kamchatka and into the Gulf of Alaska. Georg Wilhelm Steller, a German naturalist, asked to join the expedition and was accepted. The ocean and islands east of Russia were never visited by scientists and the wildlife there was little known. Keeping careful notes and collecting specimens, Steller described many species of plants and animals not known at that time. Two new species he recorded, the Spectacled Cormorant and the Steller's Sea Cow, went extinct soon after Steller described them. Natives and visiting sailors over harvested them as a food source.

The expedition ran into trouble soon after leaving port with storms separating the two ships of the expedition. Vitus' ship with Steller on board continued into the open ocean where lack of food and scurvy weakened the crew. The ship received some damage and was taken to a nearby island for repairs. The island is thought to have been Kayak Island, near present-day Cordova, Alaska.

Soon after arriving on the island Steller noticed that the wildlife indicated that he had left Russia and Asia and was in North America. He had three days on the island and rushed about taking such notes and specimens as he could in the time he was in America. One bird especially attracted his attention, a black-crested jay. It was very different from Eurasian jays and appeared quite similar to the American Blue Jay he found illustrated in a book on American birds. He recorded it as a Blue Jay in his notes.



Steller's Jay © Steve Berliner

With many of the ship's crew dead from scurvy, including Vitus Bering himself, Steller took command and with the few weakened and sick crew still able brought the ship back to Russia. Most of his specimens were lost, but his notes were intact and provided the basis of the many new species he found on the voyage. He was one of the earliest scientists to study North American birds.

Steller's notes were buried in archives when he returned and many of the new species he identified were not recorded for several years. The black-crested jay he called a Blue Jay was soon recognized as a new species and was given the name **Steller's Jay**. Many other plants and animals he found were also named Steller in his honor. Georg Steller died in 1746, four years after returning from Alaska. Many of Steller's notes were published in a book in 1751.

The Steller's Jay is a common coniferous forest bird ranging from Southern Alaska south through Central America. It is not migratory, but does move around quite a bit in search of a good food supply. During late summer and fall a number of mostly immature birds gather into fair-sized flocks, wandering across open fields and meadows and through deciduous woodlands apparently seeking new territories and foraging areas.

## Sightings

Early spring migrants arrive during March and April, with the main movement occurring in May. The spring migration peaks around the last several days of May, then suddenly drops off during June.

Local birders anxiously await the arrival of the **Rufous Hummingbirds**. Martin Jaqua, as usual, reported the first local bird on February 27. Kevin Smith and Babbett Pierce reported the next birds March 1.

**Say's Phoebe**s made a good show this spring with at least two on Powell Butte Park after Cindy Zalunardo first found them February 23. They were also reported from Steigerwald NWR, the Portland Airport, and Hillsboro. On March 6 Adam Baz reported two at their possible nesting site at Whitaker Pond.

Rod Flikkema reported two **Mountain Bluebirds** at Powell Butte Park March 2. On March 22 Christopher and Adrian Hinkle found five Mountain Bluebirds and three **Western Bluebirds** in the park. Linda Leavens reported a male Western Bluebird in Oaks Bottom March 4.

Jon Plissner noted a **Loggerhead Shrike** at the Portland Airport February 28, and Christopher and Adrian Hinkle found one



Loggerhead Shrike photo: Andrea Westmoreland

at Powell Butte Park March 22. On March 21 Christopher and Adrian noted a **Tufted Duck** among about 1500 **Lesser Scaup** and 160 **Greater Scaup** on the Columbia River east of the airport. That day they observed the first reported local **Rough-winged Swallow** at the Troutdale Airport.

On March 3 Hannah Fritz saw two **Caspian Terns** over the Columbia River at St. Helens. She also noted that the local **Osprey** were back at their nests March 26. Others reported them at their nests all along the river during the next week.

On March 10 Jeff Gilligan saw a **Ferruginous Hawk** near Sheridan. During March a number of hawks gathered on farm fields along School House Road north of the Hillsboro Airport. Adrian and Christopher Hinkle picked out two **Swainson's Hawks** among the flock. On March 25 Steve Nord identified a nice **Harlan's Red-tailed Hawk** there. Wink Gross watched a **Golden Eagle** pass over Pittock Mansion February 26. George Neavoll saw one over downtown Portland March 11.

On February 26 Colby Neuman observed an eastern **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** along Milne Road near North Plains. The wintering Hillsboro Library **Rusty Blackbird** remained into April, molting into breeding plumage.

## Volunteer of the Month: Marsh Sly

by Steve Engel, Adult Education Programs Manager

**M**arsh Sly is our flower guy for Adult Education Programming. Three years ago Marsh stepped up to fill a void in this popular subject by offering to lead a series of wildflower walks to Catherine Creek in the Columbia River Gorge on the Washington State side.



Photo © Portland Audubon

Active as a volunteer since 2010, he noticed the need and, since the idea of sharing his love of wildflowers and nature is about as fun as it can get for Marsh, he proposed leading one hike a month from March to May in order to give participants the chance to witness the floral progression of species through the spring.

The Gorge Wildflower Walks were originally offered as an adult class with a fee, but since 2012 they have been offered as 'Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond' excursions. These are free adventures open to everyone and, as with some of the bird walk-focused outings, there is a limit for the group's size that the leader takes on the task of managing. Since Marsh was already generating full wait lists (and leading a second walk), this year he suggested announcing walks on two weekend days for March, April, and May. Sharon Sly accompanies her husband on the walks — and for Marsh and Sharon, doing two walks a month means twice as much fun. In addition to the Catherine Creek hikes, Marsh also has led late spring hikes up Saddle Mountain in the Oregon coast range, giving participants a chance to learn about a new suite of wildflowers and experience a dramatically different environment from the Gorge.

Marsh grew up in Portland and went camping at Mt Rainier, Crater Lake, Still Creek, the John Day Fossil Beds, and the coast as a family activity. Insects were an early fascination that grew into a love of all nature with time spent outdoors. The Gorge walks he leads also feature incredible geology and wonderful birds, subjects he also enjoys learning and sharing about. "I started doing weekend birding trips for Audubon not because I am a phenomenal birder, but because if nobody volunteers to lead something in the *Warbler* they just don't happen." But flowers are his true love and going places where 50 species might be seen in half a day remains his #1 idea of a great time. The excitement of making new discoveries is also what drives Marsh to volunteer. He focuses on teaching not only what it is we are looking at, but also why and how to remember it. As often as not, this means getting everyone down on hands and knees to experience the flower — or insect or rock — at ground level.

We are grateful that both Marsh and Sharon are enthusiastic about sharing with our members their love of nature, and wildflowers in particular.

**Thank you!**

## Thank You to:

- Anthro Corporation for a generous gift of office furniture
- Rick Applegate & Bess Wong for a pair of Hertel & Reuss 7x35 binoculars; Bushnell camera binoculars; a Bausch & Lomb 60mm scope; a Hanuka tripod; 2 office chairs; and 60 field guides & nature books for Education
- Erik Bergman for various books for the Education Department
- Susan Bexton for a pair of Bausch & Lomb 10x40 binoculars for the Eastside Educators at Leach Garden
- Priscilla Butler for loppers and work gloves for the Sanctuaries
- Jim Cruce for 5 professionally framed and over 200 unframed wildlife photos
- Dick & Judith Demarest for 12 pairs of Zen-Ray Vista 8x42 binoculars for Education
- Renee Ewins for a Dell laptop and MS Office software
- Rosemary Quast for a Bausch & Lomb Discover Scope and tripod for Education
- Cathy Schar for 15.5 lbs Science Diet Kitten Food for the Wildlife Care Center

## 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

**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

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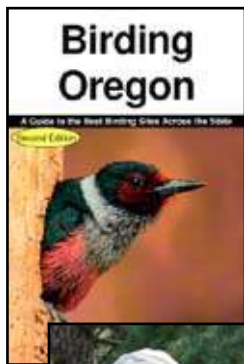
## Authors at Portland Audubon!

## Nature Store Events

**John Rakestraw presentation on his new edition of *Birding Oregon* Thursday, May 22nd 7pm • Heron Hall**

**J**ohn Rakestraw comes to Portland Audubon to show you where the best birding sites are in Oregon! In a program presented by the Nature Store, Rakestraw will feature some of the great birding locations across the state.

Highlighting material in the newly revised and expanded second edition of *Birding Oregon*, he'll be here on **Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00pm** in Heron Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Rakestraw will be available to sign books following his presentation.



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From Fort Stevens to Brookings, from Harney County to La Grande, find out the hotspots of an expert birder for finding specific birds around the state. Driving directions, seasonal highlights and habitat information are all included. This is a handy book to keep in your car as you travel, or a guide to help you design a birding expedition.

John Rakestraw is a freelance writer and popular leader of classes and field trips for Portland Audubon. The first edition of *Birding Oregon* was a best-seller in the Nature Store. We are delighted it is again available, this time in a self-published edition, with color photographs and updated information. Please contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 with questions or to reserve a copy of the book.

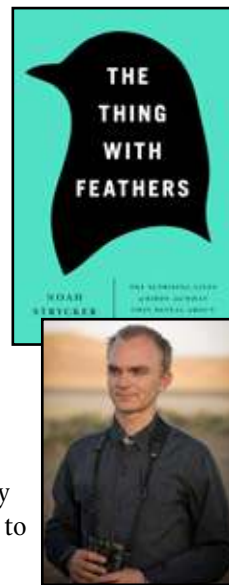
### New Arrivals in the Nature Store!

Look for these and many other new titles in the Store. Call us at 503-292-9453 for more information — and remember, your member discount applies to all these prices.

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- *The Plover* — new fiction by Brian Doyle (Thomas Dunne Books, \$24.99)
- *The Homing Instinct: Meaning and Mystery in Animal Migration* by Bernd Heinrich (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$27.00)
- *Pedal Portland: 25 Easy Rides for Exploring the City by Bike* by Todd Roll (Timber Press, \$16.95)
- *The Double-Crested Cormorant: Plight of a Feathered Pariah* by Linda R Wires (Yale University Press, \$30.00)

**Noah Stryker presents "Bird World: Insights for Humans from the Amazing Lives of Birds" Monday, June 2nd 7pm • Heron Hall**

**W**e're expecting a terrific evening on **Monday, June 2nd**, when author and expert ornithologist **Noah Stryker** comes to Heron Hall to present his new book, *The Thing with Feathers: The Surprising Lives of Birds and What They Reveal about Being Human* (Riverhead Books, \$27.95). Stryker's talk will be at 7:00pm, and is free and open to the public. Please contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 for questions or to reserve a copy of the book. Stryker will be available to sign books after his presentation.



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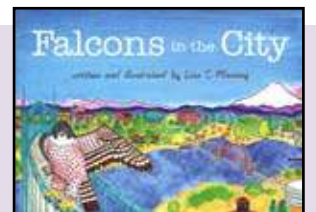
Approaching bird behavior from new and surprising angles, Noah Stryker explores the astonishing homing abilities of pigeons, extraordinary memories of nutcrackers, self-image in magpies, life-long loves of albatrosses, particle physics of starling flocks, and other mysteries — revealing why birds do what they do, and how we can relate. With humor and wit, and drawing deep from cutting-edge science and anecdotes from the field, Stryker's presentation will leave you with renewed inspiration about our close connections with birds.

Oregon-based, Noah Stryker is Associate Editor of *Birding* magazine. His photography and articles have appeared in all major bird magazines as well as in books and other media, and he writes regularly for the American Birding Association's blog. Stryker has studied birds on six continents and his "life list" is approaching 2,500 species. His first book, *Among Penguins*, was published in 2011 (Oregon State University Press).

*"Noah Stryker explores the increasing likelihood that birds enjoy a vastly richer intellectual, emotional and even artistic life than we smug humans have ever suspected. Read this book."*  
—Scott Weidensaul, author of *Living on the Wind*

### Nature Store Celebrates Children's Book Week, May 12-18!

Portland Audubon's Nature Store will participate in the national celebration of Children's Book Week with an afternoon of children's nature storytelling and activities on **Saturday, May 17 from 1:00pm-3:00pm**, as well as with specials on featured children's books throughout the week. We're still planning the festivities, so check back with the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 for more details!



**The Nature Store will be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.**

## A Detour in Search of Magic

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

**R**ecently a friend who works as an urban planner suggested that I read the book *Outside Lies Magic* by John R. Stilgoe. We had been talking about building codes, zoning codes, and other titillating subjects, and for whatever reason my friend's suggestion jumped right out at me. Perhaps it was partly because I remember Stilgoe from my college days; I never took a class from him, but many fellow students talked about his classes. A lot. Maybe it was simply my friend's strong recommendation. Either way, I was soon taking a detour, off in search of this little book. It was soon acquired and, though I surely had more pressing matters at hand, I tucked myself away for a while to read.

Only a few pages into the book it hit me that this kind of detour, in many ways, is exactly what this book is about. By page 10 I had experienced so many little epiphanies, so many pieces of my own life puzzle falling into place in an order I had not yet seen, that I started paying really close attention to this little detour I was experiencing.

Above all else, Stilgoe's book is a call for exploration of the world we find ourselves in. I'd heard enough from my friend that I was not under the assumption that the book

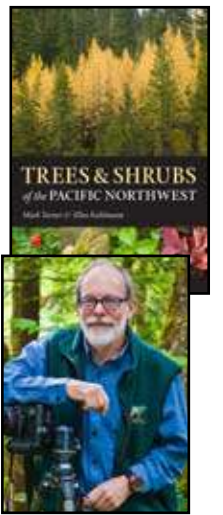
title's 'Outside' referred in any way to the natural world, the outdoors as we often refer to it. I knew from the outset that in this context 'Outside' simply meant 'not in a building' and that Stilgoe's work primarily focused on the built, urban environment.

In using the built landscape as a medium, Stilgoe accomplishes much of what many environmental educators try to achieve: developing awareness of the sights, sounds, smells, patterns, and connections that exist all around us, and constructing stories and histories from the tracks and traces that we encounter through our heightened awareness. This is a particularly refreshing approach, particularly in an age where we struggle with "nature-deficit disorder." While I firmly believe in the healing and educational potential of the natural world, I've found in my own upbringing and experience that this deficit can be remedied even in the heart of the built/ landscaped environment of our cities.

Stilgoe introduces early on the concept of the built environment as a sort of palimpsest: an old document or parchment that has had some or all of the original

**Mark Turner presents *Trees and Shrubs of the Pacific Northwest* Thursday, June 12th 7pm • Heron Hall**

**J**oin the Nature Store for an evening of gorgeous nature photography when we welcome author and professional photographer **Mark Turner** to Portland Audubon on **Thursday, June 12th**, to present his new book *Trees and Shrubs of the Pacific Northwest* (Timber Press, \$27.95). This free public event will be held in Audubon's Heron Hall at 7:00pm. Contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 for questions or to reserve a copy of the book.



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*Trees and Shrubs of the Pacific Northwest* is the latest volume in the popular Timber Press Field Guide Series. Over 80,000 copies are in print, including books on wildflowers, insects, mushrooms, and wildlife. They have all been best-sellers in the Nature Store. Co-written with Ellen Kuhlmann, this new field guide extensively covers 568 species of woody plants found in Oregon, Washington, northern California, and British Columbia. Each species account includes photographs and a concise but detailed description of growth patterns, habitat, and ecological niche, making this an invaluable guide for botanists and general nature lovers.

After a career as a television and media producer for Nebraska Public Television and Western Washington University from 1979 to 1993, Turner opened his photography studio in Bellingham, Washington and has been active as a photographer of people, gardens, and nature ever since. Turner's work has been published on covers and inside magazines like *Garden Design*, *Sunset*, *American Gardener*, *Horticulture*, *Organic Gardening*, and *Birds and Blooms*, as well as in numerous garden books. His previous book for Timber Press, *Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest*, co-authored with Phyllis Gustafson, was an American Horticultural Society Book Award winner.

## Sanctuaries Happenings



## Welcome, New Members!

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

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## Mary and Jeff Christensen Connect with the Legacy Circle

There could be a big scary deer in the forest, worried a little girl on Mary Christensen's Audubon sanctuary tour. Unlikely, Mary said, on the one day in seven years of tours when a doe appeared, entranced the child, and helped her to overcome her fear. "I got an appreciation for how many children there are who never have been in the woods," says Mary. "It was eye-opening to see those magic moments that connect people to nature."

Mary served as a member of Audubon Society of Portland's Board of Directors as treasurer from 1998–2001, and continues to volunteer her financial advisory skills. She has seen the organization transition from "just getting by" on grants, to far greater stability and autonomy through funding by contributions and estate gifts.

Mary and her husband Jeff acknowledge procrastinating before designating the Audubon Society of Portland as a beneficiary of their estate, but feel better for finally getting it in writing. "It was good for the two of us to talk about it, and know it goes where we want it to go," said Jeff. No matter how modest the estate, they say, it's not expensive or difficult to get it done, and it makes a big difference.

Behind their bequest is a belief that Audubon brings out common values through the love of nature, with birds as a common denominator, and a sense of community among people. They appreciate the unique sanctuary at Portland Audubon, the staff, the board, and the astounding number of volunteers. Mary summarizes this as "Audubon has magic."

Nature's ability to unite people is more than universal to **Mary and Jeff Christensen** — it's personal. They met on a Saturday years ago as each of them set out alone to watch the glorious sun setting behind Marys Peak west of Corvallis. Arriving at the viewing bench from opposite directions at the same time, they had to perch on it together. Annoyance at having to share was converted to love, they claim, by divine intervention.

Portland Audubon welcomes them as part of the Legacy Circle at a time of life when they say they notice an ever-deepening sense of being part of nature's whole.

### Save the Date! 2014 Wild Arts Festival — November 22nd & 23rd

It's hard to believe we're already gearing up for WAF 2014! At about nine months out, the jury process for artists is well under way (the list will be available in July), and the Book Fair Committee has begun to select and invite authors. We hope all local artists (professional and amateur alike!) are planning to participate in this year's 6x6 display — always one of the most popular parts of WAF — and that art- and nature-lovers of all stripes will consider volunteering, donating to the Silent Auction, or sponsoring the Festival as one of our 40 Friends. Learn more at [www.WildArtsFestival.org](http://www.WildArtsFestival.org), and stay tuned for further developments in the coming months!

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## 28th Annual Great Blue Heron Week: Great Blue Herons of The Intertwine

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### Thursday, May 29

#### 8am–9am: Exploring The Intertwine: Birding the Willamette Greenway at South Waterfront

Meet **Mike Houck** for a bird song walk along the temporary greenway trail at South Waterfront. Go to SW Moody & SW Curry St, walk to east end of SW Curry and onto temporary greenway in front of Meriwether condos.

#### 10am–11am: Ladybug Walk, Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Ladybug Walks are guided nature walks for children ages 2–5 and their grown-ups. No registration required. Meet at Oaks Bottom north parking lot across from 5040 SE Milwaukie. Information: **Chrissy Larson** of **Portland Parks** at 503-823-3601.

#### 5:30pm–8pm: Exploring The Intertwine: Herons of Oaks Bottom

This evening 2-mile stroll around the 160-acre Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge led by **Mike Houck** is appropriate for the entire family. Meet at parking lot at north end of Sellwood Park, SE Sellwood Blvd & 7th Ave, at 5:30pm sharp.



Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge © Mike Houck

### Friday, May 30

#### 8am–11am: Birding The Intertwine: Birds of Oaks Bottom

Family-friendly 2-mile loop stroll to look for raptors and songbirds. Meet **Mike Houck** at parking lot at north end of Sellwood Park, SE Sellwood Blvd & 7th Ave, at 8am sharp.

#### 4pm–6pm: The Vanport Flood: An Informal Tour

Suitable for adults and children age 10+. For information & to register: [columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/108](http://columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/108) or 503-281-1132.

#### 7pm–9pm: Birds & Trees Sunset GBH Rookery Bike Ride

This 6-mile loop ride will explore the trees and wildlife of Heron Lakes Golf Course and take a closer look at the large Great Blue Heron rookery. Helmets & lights required. For information & to register: [portlandparks.org](http://portlandparks.org) or [trees@portlandparks.org](mailto:trees@portlandparks.org).

Find complete trip descriptions and more details at [audubonportland.org/about/events/heronweek](http://audubonportland.org/about/events/heronweek).



Sharrows to Sparrows ride © Mike Houck

### Saturday, May 31

#### 9am–1pm: Ross Island Paddle & Pull

A half-day of paddling on the Willamette and pulling invasive garlic mustard on Ross Island. Canoes, gloves, tools, training, snacks provided; bring lunch. Registration required with Marissa at [Marissa.dorais@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Marissa.dorais@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-7016.

#### 9am–Noon: Stewardship Saturday, Wilkes City Park

Join us for a native plant mulching event! Registration requested at [columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/335](http://columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/335) or 503-281-1132.

#### 8:45am–1:30pm: Cycle the Well Field

Bicycle tour of Portland's Columbia South Shore Well Field. Registration required at [columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/107](http://columbiaslough.org/index.php/events/event/107) or 503-281-1132.

#### 9am–Noon: Exploring The Intertwine: Sharrows to Sparrows, Pier Park to Smith & Bybee Lakes

Leaders: **Mike Houck** and **Greg Raisman**, Bureau of Transportation. Meet at Pier Park parking lot at N. Bruce Ave & James St, at 9am sharp.

#### 3pm–6pm: Exploring The Intertwine: Birds & Indigenous Plants of Oaks Bottom

Leaders: **Mike Houck** and **Judy BlueHorse Skelton**, Herbalist, Educator, PSU Indigenous Nations Studies Program. Meet at parking lot at north end of Sellwood Park, SE Sellwood Blvd & 7th Ave, at 3pm sharp.



Happy paddlers near Ross Island © Mike Houck

### Sunday, June 1

#### 9:30am–1pm: Ross Island Regatta

Enjoy a morning on the Willamette and explore the future of Ross Island, the Holgate Channel, and Oaks Bottom. Meet no later than 9:30 at Willamette Park Boat Ramp to unload your canoe or kayak and get into the water by launch time.

## Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming! As you look for that special gift for a nature-loving parent, spouse, or friend, you'll find the Nature Store has a wonderful choice of nature-inspired gifts, jewelry, hats, t-shirts, fine soaps, organic coffee and tea, plus a great selection of nature books, hiking & field guides, binoculars, spotting scopes, bird feeders & nest boxes. Our selection of blank greeting cards let you express your love and appreciation in your own words. **And Portland Audubon members always receive a 10% discount off regular prices.**

### Nikon Monarch 7 Compact Sophistication & an Instant Rebate

Through May 11, 2014 Nikon is offering an instant rebate of up to \$80 on their recently introduced mid-size Monarch 7 30mm binoculars. The 8x30 model (member price \$379.95) carries an \$80 rebate, while the 10x30 model (member price \$399.95)



Nikon Monarch 7 8x30



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offers a \$70 rebate. These great new binoculars feature a sophisticated body design that is super light-weight and very comfortable in the hand. The optical system features one of the widest fields of view available, plus Nikon's ED (Extra-low Dispersion) glass lenses for sharp, crisp views. You won't have to compromise quality viewing for small size when you take these little gems along your next adventure!

*Note: The Zeiss \$75 rebate on Conquest (32/42mm) and \$125 rebate on Victory HT (42mm) binoculars ends May 4, 2014, so hurry in to save on these great European optics!*



# Birdathon 2014

We're rallying the flock to raise money to protect birds!

Count birds and collect pledges — join the flock! Be a part of the Audubon Society of Portland's most important fundraising event of the year. **Birdathon** inspires Portland Audubon members to join together to help fill the virtual bird feeder. Because **Birds Matter**, every single dollar we raise matters — that's why it's important that each and every Portland Audubon member participates. Please join a team, make a pledge to a friend or relative, or simply make a Birdathon donation. Together we will be "counting" to protect birds and wildlife across Oregon:  
**Pledge:** Donate online at [Birdathon.audubonportland.org](http://Birdathon.audubonportland.org) or use the pledge envelope included in this *Warbler*, or...  
**Participate:** Join a team or fly solo — there are birding trips for any level of birder. See available trips below, and follow the links at [Birdathon.audubonportland.org](http://Birdathon.audubonportland.org) to register.



All Birdathon participants are invited to the 34th Annual Birdathon Banquet! Enjoy great food, beer, wine, live music, prizes, and more at this special event:  
**June 25 (Wednesday), 6pm–8:30pm**  
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## Teams & Trips

**NEW TEAM! Bloggerhead Shrikes**  
 Choose your date!  
 Virtual Trip with **Jen Sanford**.

### Half-Day Trips

**A Song in the Morning**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 7:00am–9:00am**  
 Mt Tabor with **Gerard Lillie**.

**Bicycling Birdos: Jeff Walker & Jim Labbe**  
**Saturday, May 3, 10:45am–2:00pm**  
 A family-friendly birding by bicycle excursion with **Jeff Walker & Jim Labbe**.

**Whittemore's Whatzits**  
**Sunday, May 4, 8:00am–Noon and/or**  
**Saturday May 3, 8:00am–Noon**  
 Steigerwald Lake NWR with **Laura Whittemore & Mark Fitzsimons**.

### Full-Day Trips

**Soggy Bottom Birders**  
**Saturday, May 3, 9:00am–4:00pm**  
 An exclusive birding tour of wetlands with **Ian Abraham, Tim Donner & Laura Newton**.

**The Joy of Birding**  
**Saturday, May 3, 6:30am–9:30pm**  
 A fantastic trip for both beginners and experienced birders, with **Paul Sullivan & Carol Karlen**.

**Mult Madness**  
**Saturday, May 3, 6:00am–7:00pm**  
 A tour of great birding hotspots right here in Multnomah County with **Wink Gross & Andy Frank**.

### Gonzo Trips: 2+ days

**The Roadrunners**  
**Saturday, May 17 – Sunday, May 18**  
 A unique, human-powered, carbon-neutral birding experience, a 25-mile "birding-by-bike" ride brought to you by **Micah Meskel**.

The Paddy Wagon 2013  
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**NEW TEAM! Wrenegades: Elaine Murphy**  
**Saturday, May 10, 8am–Noon**  
 Birding along five different habitat types at Tualatin River NWR with **Elaine Murphy**.

**NEW TEAM! Millennial Falcons**  
**Sunday, May 18, 7:30am–1:30pm**  
 A trip for young adult birders, 30 and under, with **Brandon Lampkin & Robin Juskowiak** at Cooper Mountain Nature Park and Tualatin River NWR.

**Great Big Sit**  
**Saturday, May 24, 8:00am–Noon**  
 The perfect Birdathon experience for beginning birders with **Bonnie Deneke, Dena Turner & Phyllis Wolfe!**

**Raven Maniacs**  
**Saturday, May 17, 6:30am–6:30pm**  
**Steve Robertson & Steve Engel** take you on a complete day of birding from the city to the sea!

**Magpies**  
**Thursday, May 15, 7:00am–4:30pm**  
 A slower paced, informative trip with **Denny Graham**.

**Feathers of Color: Gladys Ruiz & Koto Kishida**  
**Sunday, May 18, 9:00am–6:00pm**  
 A special trip for birders of color with **Gladys Ruiz & Koto Kishida**.

**The Paddy Wagon**  
**Sunday, May 18, 8:30am–3:00pm**  
 From Portland to Tillamook with **Patty Newland**.

**The Wild Turkeys**  
**Friday, June 6 – Sunday, June 8**  
 Join **Mike Houck, Ron Carley, Jennifer Devlin**, and other notorious birders for the ultimate gonzo Birdathon experience!



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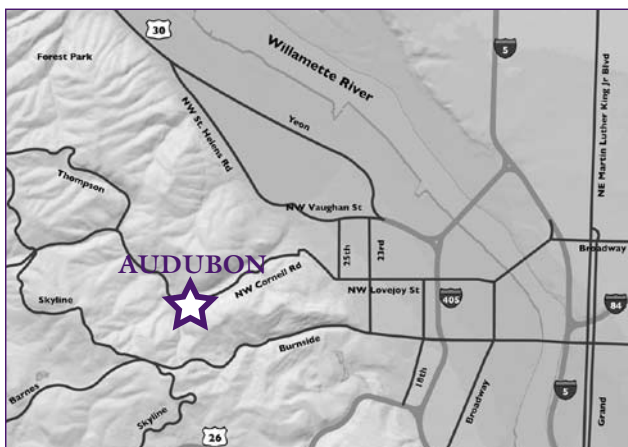
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