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Wild Arts Festival

November 22–23 Presented by Backyard Bird Shop

Now in its fourth decade, the Wild Arts Festival — the Northwest’s premier show and sale celebrating nature in art, crafts, and books — continues to attract artists, authors, and fans. This year, as usual, the Festival will be held at **Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn** in Portland during the weekend before Thanksgiving, **Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd**. Festival hours on **Saturday are 10am to 6pm; Sunday hours are 11am to 5pm**. Tickets are \$6 (age 16 and under free) and **2-for-1 coupons** can be found on page 12 and on our website, **wildartsfestival.org**.

Once again, Festival organizers have gathered together a stellar group of authors and artists, along with a complement of exciting additional attractions.

Artists

The Art Fair is a core component of WAF, and this year (as usual!) a huge variety of arts and crafts will be represented. We’ll have everything from **ceramics to weaving and sculpture to glass art**, not to mention **photography, printmaking, textiles, jewelry, and more**.

Among the many Festival favorites attending will be **Rebecca Bashara and Scott MacDonald** (jewelry); **Kim Black** (baskets and gourds); **Babette Harvey** (ceramic/pottery); **Heidi Leonard**

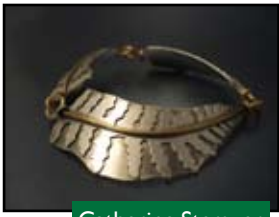
(textile/fabric); **Gunter Reimnitz** (metal art); **Chris Moench** (ceramic/pottery); and **Deb Neely** (printmaking).

In addition, we are pleased to welcome a number of artists who are here for the first time, including **metal sculptor Shannon Buckner**, **colored pencil artist Sarah Cox**, **photographer David Duck**, **oil and pastel artist Nathalie Equall**, **ceramicist Patti McQuillin**, **pencil and watercolor artist Eileen Sorg**, and “**upcycler**” **Sarah Wiener**. The Art Fair is always stunningly beautiful, and is a collector’s paradise — not to mention a wonderful place to do some holiday shopping! Check out the Festival website for a complete list of the talented artists who will attend WAF 2014.

Authors

The 2014 author lineup features a perfect mix of returning Festival favorites and Wild Arts Festival novices. As usual, we are thrilled to welcome **Ursula K. LeGuin** back to the show — especially since she just received the National Book Foundation’s

Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters! This will be a great year to make sure you have a complete (and signed!) collection of Ursula’s titles. She’s



joining lots of old friends with new publications, including **Noah Strycker** with *The Thing with Feathers*; **Brian Doyle** with *Children and Other Wild Animals*; **Nikki McClure** with *May the Stars Drip Down*; **Robert Michael Pyle** with *Evolution of the Genus Iris: Poems*; **John Marzluff** with *Welcome to Subirdia*; and **Floyd Skloot** with *Revertigo: An Off-Kilter Memoir*.

Joining us for their first (or first recent) visit to WAF are **Justin Hocking** with *The Great Floodgates of the Wonderland*; **Peter Stark** with *Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson’s Lost Pacific Empire*; **Tim Palmer** with *Field Guide to Oregon Rivers*; **Abby Metzger** with *Meander Scars: Reflections on Healing the Willamette River*; **David Shapiro** with the *Terra Tempo* graphic novel adventure series; **Bonnie Henderson** with *The Next Tsunami*; **Molly Gloss** with *Falling From Horses*; and **Barbara Drake** with *Morning Light*.

And we always look forward to the presence of authors from the Portland Audubon family, this year including **James Davis**, **M.J. Cody**, **Steve Engel**, and **Harry Nehls**. And the most exciting thing of all? This is just a fraction of the authors who will be at the show! For a full list, check **wildartsfestival.org**.

Silent Auction

Every year, the Wild Arts Festival’s Silent Auction features a huge variety of items and experiences, including **vacations, garden art, pottery, and much, much more**. Over 75% of the artists in the show will donate a piece of their work. This year you’ll be able to put in your bid for a **glass art class** by Festival favorite Ann Cavanaugh, several **one-of-a-kind pottery pieces**, a **silk Turkish rug**... the list goes on (and on and on!) — so make sure to **come upstairs and take a look** during your visit to the Festival.

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On Nov 4, Vote Yes for Parks & Nature in Portland and North Clackamas County



Measure 26-159 will renew Portland’s 20-year-old park bond and invest about \$68 million into the parks system. Funds raised would go to the most critical park improvements and upgrades, including in neighborhoods under-served by parks. Proposed projects include fixing old bridges and washed-out trails in Forest Park, repairing or replacing neighborhood park restrooms, fixing leaking pools and repairing community centers, and improving accessibility for people with disabilities. And because Measure 26-159 renews an existing park bond at the same tax rate, it won’t raise taxes. **Fix our Parks! Vote Yes on Measure 26-159! More info at www.fixourparks.org.**

In **Clackamas County**, **Measure 3-451** will establish an independent elected board for North Clackamas Parks

and Recreation District (NCPRD) and infuse an additional \$4 million annually to improve parks and nature. This means expanding park access in under-served or growing neighborhoods, and enhancing natural areas along streams and rivers throughout a large swath of Northern Clackamas County, from Jennings Lodge to Milwaukie to Happy Valley. Currently, **NCPRD has the lowest tax rate of any comparable park district in Oregon. Clackamas County Auduboners, please vote Yes on Measure 3-451! More info at www.voteforparks.org.**

Passage of both these measures will leverage additional local, regional, and state investments and bolster efforts to pass similar parks and nature funding measures throughout the region in the years to come!



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A Year of Transitions and Growth

by John Osborn, President, Board of Directors

In September I moved into the role of President of the Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Portland. It's an honor to take on this role, and a pleasure to work with the talented and dedicated colleagues who serve on the Board with me. Special thanks to David Mandell, who recently became our past Board President, for his leadership and considerable contributions to the organization.

As you may know, we actively started an Executive Director search process earlier this year, with support from an external search firm. We have not yet identified the candidate who would be the right fit for our organization at this time and, consequently, the Board of Directors has decided to reopen the search. We are redoubling our efforts to identify and hire an outstanding new Executive Director, and welcome your help in getting the word out and encouraging qualified candidates to consider this opportunity.

In the meantime, we are pleased to have Liz Field serving as Interim Executive Director. Liz is a member of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon's executive transition services team, and joined us on July 1. We are also fortunate to have an excellent team of managers, staff, and volunteers, who together are maintaining the momentum of our programs and initiatives in the community.

Reflecting on 2014 as it starts to wind down, we have much to be proud of. During this year, the Audubon Society of Portland:

- Started the year on a high note with the implementation of Marine Reserves at Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua — the culmination of years of work.
- Continued to grow our membership, with expectations to surpass the 15,000 membership mark before year end!

- Provided 13,000 children with outdoor camp and educational programs, increasing program access through financial aid and scholarship support.
- Settled a lawsuit to stop the logging of old-growth Marbled Murrelet habitat in the Elliott, Tillamook, and Clatsop State Forests.
- Played a key role in defeating a ballot measure that would have stripped the Bureau of Environmental Services from City of Portland control and weakened environmental programs.
- Passed the milestone of more than 2,000 yards enrolled in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program and secured funding to expand the program.
- Successfully opposed efforts to annex and rezone West Hayden Island for industrial development.
- Rehabilitated 3,000 wild animals and responded to more than 10,000 wildlife-related phone calls at our Wildlife Care Center.
- Treated and removed invasive plant species from over 30 acres, planted over 1,500 native trees and shrubs, and

- logged over 2,000 hours of volunteer effort on restoration and trail projects.
- Benefited from the talents of 450 volunteers, who in the past year collectively contributed a number of hours equivalent to more than 20 full-time staff.

Looking forward, we are exploring the feasibility of a new Wildlife Care and Education Center along with other exciting initiatives on the horizon for 2015.

Thank you for your support of Audubon Society of Portland. Please consider a contribution now, in celebration of our accomplishments in 2014 and as an investment in the important work ahead.



John Osborn, President
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David Mandell,
Past President
© Anna Campbell

Save the Dates for the Nature Store Holiday Open House!

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

Please plan to come and enjoy free treats and entertainment, activities for children, a cozy fire in the fireplace, and lots of festive holiday decorations. We'll have nature-related holiday ornaments and cards, calendars, gifts, toys, and much more! See details in the December "holiday" issue of the *Warbler* and on the website, or call the Nature Store for more information at 503-292-9453.



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The Portland Christmas Bird Count wants YOU...

by Wink Gross, Portland CBC Compiler

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

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

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

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

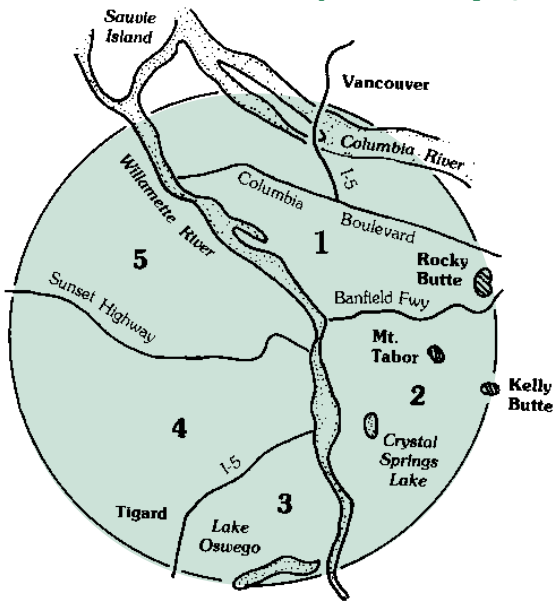
Each Christmas Bird Count attempts to count all the birds in a 15-mile-diameter circle on one given day. In addition to the Portland Count, roughly 50 other Counts will be conducted in Oregon and SW Washington during the 3 weeks surrounding the holidays. A list of Counts in NW Oregon and SW Washington can be found at

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc — and it'll be updated regularly as Counts are added, so check often!

The other, also important, way to participate is as a **Feeder Watcher**. The feeder you watch **must be within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle** (please check your location on the detailed Google map at tinyurl.com/26pmpmf; zoom out to view the entire circle, shaded in blue.) — but even if you can **watch for only an hour**, your observations will be helpful. Last year, one of the best birds found on the Portland CBC was a **Mountain Chickadee** spotted by an alert Feeder Watcher in Lake Oswego.

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

Need to brush up your identification skills? Eric Scheuering, Portland Audubon's Adult Education Programs Manager, is offering a special class in field identification of birds expected on the Count. See the "Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review" class announcement on page 7.

Want to be a Feeder Watcher? Check your location first at tinyurl.com/26pmpmf (zoom out to view the entire circle, shaded in blue) to be sure the feeder you'll watch is **within the 15-mile-diameter circle**, and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc. Remember, only birds seen on **January 3** "count"!



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

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

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

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

November 2 (Sun), 9am–11am Crystal Springs Garden

Join **Max Smith** and **Sarah Swanson** for a morning walk through SE Portland’s Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. We’ll have great looks at ducks, geese, and other birds arriving for winter. Meet in parking lot at 5801 SE 28th Ave. Questions? Call Max at 503-720-9730.

November 6 (Thu), 8:45am–3pm Tillamook Bay Outing


Meet **Ken Chamberlain** and **Dick Demarest** at Safeway parking lot (NW corner) at corner of 4th & Stillwell Ave in Tillamook. We’ll bird Tillamook Bay including Barview Jetty and Bayocean spit. **Trip limited to 16. Registration required** with Dick at 503-407-7912 or rdd@demarests.com.

November 8 (Sat), 9am–12pm Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Join **Patty Newland** and **Candace Larson** for a walk around Oaks Bottom Refuge. We’ll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about the history of this amazing wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Expect to walk 2–3 miles on both paved and uneven dirt trails. Meet 9am sharp at Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th & Malden St. Call 503-231-0933 if questions.

November 13 (Thu), 8am–4:30pm Baskett Slough & Ankeny NWRs

This is a good time to see migrating waterfowl and raptors in the Willamette Valley. Join **Denny Graham** at NW corner of Woodburn Walmart parking lot, where we’ll arrange carpools. Bring lunch, **water**, and scope if you have one. Take I-5 to Woodburn Exit 271; Walmart is just SE of the exit. Contact Denny at 503-659-1245 to join the trip or if questions.



VETERANS DAY
at the
Audubon Society of Portland

Thank you for your service!

VETERANS’ EVENT
at the
Audubon Society of Portland

Sunday, November 9
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

FREE event for veterans and their families.

- Wildlife Care Center Tours (Registration required)
- 10% discount in Audubon’s Nature Store for veterans
- Meet the Education Birds
- Tree Planting (Registration required)
- Help build the Collins Trail Bridge (Registration required)
- Native Plant/Rain Garden Tour (Registration required)
- Kids Activities including craft, pelt touch table, and scavenger hunt
- “Quiet Spot” for veterans to talk about how nature can help transition from active service
- Information table with Disabled American Veterans staff

To register for any of the designated activities, contact Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager, at 503-292-6855 ext.108 or dsawtelle@audubonportland.org.

November 15 (Sat), 8am–12pm \$ Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island

Join **Ron Escano** on this waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure. Meet 8am at Eastside Check Station parking lot at corner of Reeder & Rentenaar Rds. We’ll walk Rentenaar Rd and back (1.6 miles round trip). All vehicles need a Sauvie Island parking permit. From the Sauvie Island bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles to intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and drive north 9 miles to Eastside Check Station on left (25-minute drive from bridge). Questions? Call Ron at 503-771-3454.

November 23 (Sun), 7:30am–5pm Netarts Bay & Cape Meares

Join **Marsh Sly** for a day of birding on Tillamook Bay and coastal headlands. We’ll look for loons, grebes, cormorants, gulls, Surf Scoters, and other wintering waterfowl. Bring rain gear, binoculars, a scope if you have one, lunch, and water. Meet at McDonalds on Glencoe Rd in North Plains off Hwy 26 (Exit 57) at 7:30am, or at Tillamook Safeway (NW corner of parking lot) at 9:00am. Questions? Text or call Marsh at 503-201-8119 or email marshsly1@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Richard & Caroline Arnold** for a walk through Dawson Creek Park. December is great for seeing lots of wintering ducks including Hooded Merganser and Wood Duck. Meet at north end of Main Library parking lot at 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro. Questions? Call Caroline at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2606.

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

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

NATURE NIGHTS

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

FREE and open to the public!



Crater Lake © Marli Miller



Oregon Geology — One Road at a Time
with **Marli Miller**
Tuesday, November 11
7pm Heron Hall

Ever wondered what forces formed the sheer walls lining the Columbia Gorge, or the dramatic landscape of Crater Lake, or the iconic Basin and Range formations of southeast Oregon? From drives on I-5 to the small roads leading to Malheur, it is amazing how many different aspects of Oregon’s fascinating geologic past and present can be observed from the road.



Photo © Sammy Castangway

Join geologist and photographer **Dr. Marli Miller** for a talk and book signing as she provides answers to those “how did *that* get there?” questions and celebrates Oregon’s geology in her newly revised ***Roadside Geology of Oregon*** (Mountain Press). Using her own superb photographs and stories, Dr. Miller will describe Oregon’s short but event-filled geologic history and the evolution of its dramatic landscape. She’ll highlight geology as seen from roads in its six different geologic provinces, from the Lava Plateaus to the Klamath Mountains.

Marli Miller is a senior instructor and researcher, specializing in regional and structural geology, in the Dept of Geological Sciences at the Univ of Oregon, where she’s been since 1997. She earned her MS and PhD in geology at Univ of Washington, and BA in geology at Colorado College. As a photographer she concentrates on geologic images, contributing regularly to textbooks, journals, and museum exhibits. See her 2,000-plus images at marlimillerphoto.com.



Great Horned Owl fledglings © Scott Carpenter



Short-eared Owl © Scott Carpenter

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

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



Photo © Tammy Carpenter

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

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

Conservation

Portland Audubon Helps Seabirds by Advancing Forage Fish Protection

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

This past September the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) took another step toward securing protections for currently unmanaged forage fish species in federal waters by deciding to incorporate them into existing fishery management plans. This move forwards our goal of protecting these species from unregulated fishing, and is great news for seabirds and other top marine predators that depend on forage fish for food.

Forage fish are small, schooling fish — including sardines and anchovies — that are a critical link in the ocean ecosystem providing a primary food source for many top predators like salmon, marine mammals, and seabirds. The currently unmanaged species groups that will be incorporated into the existing fishery management plans include thread and round herring, Pacific sand lance, silversides, smelt of the family Osmeridae, and several squid species, which seabirds depend on to survive. Seabirds like the Common Murre, Tufted Puffin, and the federally listed Marbled Murrelet depend on forage fish like the Pacific sand lance and smelt to feed their young during the breeding season as well as to sustain them during the winter. Seabirds are the marine equivalent of a “canary in a coal mine” and are excellent indicators of the health of the marine environment. Scientific studies consistently show that when seabird populations are not doing well, the decline of their forage fish prey is often the cause.

The fact that these forage fish species are currently unmanaged is worrisome as there is growing demand for their use in the production of fishmeal required for rapidly expanding global aquaculture and increasing markets for pet food and fish oil. By including these species in fishery management plans, the PFMC takes a precautionary approach and will not allow fishing of these species until adequate science review indicates the populations can sustain a directed fishery.

Over the past two years, the Audubon Society of Portland has taken a pivotal role building support to encourage the PFMC to move forward with forage fish protections via testimony, letter writing, and through meetings with

key individuals and partners. In the lead-up to the PFMC meeting this past September, Portland Audubon worked on behalf of Oregon’s Audubon chapters and also coordinated with California Audubon and Washington Audubon to generate regional support to protect forage fish to benefit seabirds. Portland Audubon members and partner organizations, local business owners, and other Oregonians interested in seeing our oceans thrive provided comments to the Council to express support for strong, proactive management of forage fish species.

The end is in sight for the Council to formalize forage fish protections in federal waters (3 to 200 nautical miles from shore). At the upcoming March 2015 meeting the Council will take final action and officially incorporate amendatory language in the existing fishery management plans that will formally move those unmanaged forage fish to “managed,” prohibiting new directed fishing on these species without scientific review. After the Council takes final action, the National Marine Fisheries Service will release the Council’s decision for public comment and go through formal rulemaking.

While efforts to protect forage fish have steadily moved forward in West Coast federal waters, in Oregon’s nearshore waters (shoreline to 3 nautical miles) the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is playing catch-up. Washington and California have already taken steps to protect these little fish in state waters. In 1998, Washington adopted a Forage Fish Plan and in 2012 California adopted a similar policy. As in federal waters, both Washington and California implement forage fish management under an ecosystem approach (rather than focused on single species) and only expand or develop new fisheries when adequate information ensures the sustainability of target forage species.

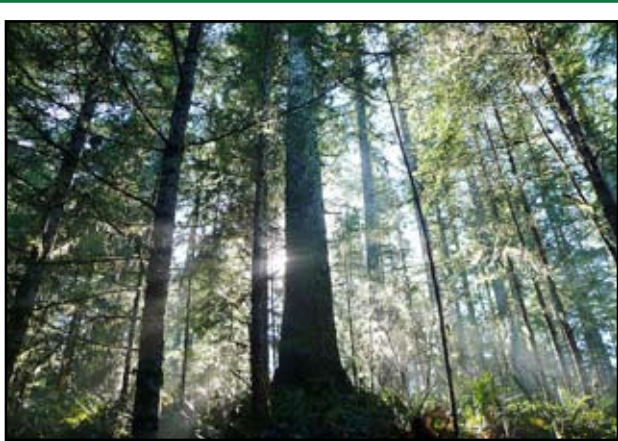
Now is the perfect time for Oregon to take advantage of this West Coast synergy. We were encouraged to hear at the October 10th ODFW Commission meeting that ODFW has made the development of a state water forage fish plan a priority. Portland Audubon attended this commission meeting providing testimony to support this new



Tufted Puffin with squid © Larry Hancock

development. We will work with ODFW and others to make sure an effective forage fish plan for Oregon’s nearshore waters will be implemented in the near future — perhaps by the end of 2015. Oregon supports approximately one-half of all seabirds that breed on the west coast including over 1.3 million individual birds. These birds will reap the benefit of increased forage fish protection.

We would like to thank the many Audubon members that wrote to the Council to protect forage fish. Your efforts have paid off as we have made great strides in federal water protections and we have strong hope for similar success in Oregon’s nearshore waters. Stay tuned for further ways you can help achieve success. To learn more visit audubonportland.org/issues/species/sea/action.



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Important Hearing on the Elliott State Forest on December 9

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Protection of the 93,000-acre Elliott State Forest is one of the Audubon Society of Portland’s top priorities. The Elliott contains more than 41,000 acres of old-growth forest and some of the most productive and pristine streams for Coho and Chinook Salmon in the Coast Range. Earlier this year, Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, and Center for Biological Diversity settled a lawsuit which effectively stopped illegal logging in old-growth Marbled Murrelet habitat in the Elliott.

Now the debate has shifted to what to do with the Elliott State Forest going forward. The problem is that timber harvesting on the Elliott provides funding for the Common School Fund — an antiquated approach dating back to 1859 that funds education with clearcuts. The State Land Board, which includes Governor John Kitzhaber, Treasurer Ted Wheeler, and Secretary of State Kate Brown, is considering a variety of options — including selling off portions of the Elliott — that would allow the State to meet this mandate.

There will be an important hearing before the State Land Board on December 9 in Salem during which the public will have an opportunity to weigh in on the future of the Elliott. It is critical that the public show up and let the Land Board know that we want solutions that keep the Elliott State Forest in public ownership, that protect the Elliott’s old-growth forests, and that decouple school funding from logging our public lands. There are real and permanent solutions within reach for this amazing publicly owned forest.

Location: State Land Board, 775 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Time: 10:00 am
For more information and carpooling options, please contact Micah Meskel at mmeskel@audubonportland.org.

Cape Perpetua Land/Sea Symposium II:

an event to celebrate the rich history of conservation at Cape Perpetua

For more information , please go to audubonportland.org/about/events/sea-symposium.

November 21, 2014
5:30pm–8:30pm


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Yachats, Oregon

Nadaka Nature Park Takes Shape

Construction of Nadaka Nature Park and Garden in West Gresham Inspires Renewed Investment in Parks and Nature in East County

A diverse crowd of 150 people gathered at Nadaka Nature Park on Saturday, September 27 to celebrate this newly accessible neighborhood nature park. An extra level of excitement pervaded this 4th annual Nadaka Community Festival as festivities took place outside the construction fence encircling the in-progress neighborhood park improvements. The long-planned community garden, expansive nature-based play area, picnic shelter, walking path, and other amenities are scheduled to be finished by the end of the calendar year.

Over 7 years of collaborative work by Audubon Society of Portland, the Friends of Nadaka, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, and other community organizations are about to pay off big time for the Rockwood and Wilkes East neighborhoods in park-deficient West Gresham. The bulk of project financing came from voter-approved funds from Metro, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, and Oregon State Parks with a variety of additional support from the Friends of Nadaka, Portland Audubon, the City of Gresham, and Meyer Memorial Trust. Portland Audubon is now actively leading the development and implementation of a 5-year plan called Nadaka 2020 which aims to expand nature-based educational and recreational programming at Nadaka and to the diverse communities it services.



Gresham's Aztec Dancers performed at the 4th Annual Nadaka Community Festival © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

Meanwhile energy and interest in Nadaka has helped renew a broader effort to invest in East Multnomah County’s public parks, trails, and natural areas. Parks and community development advocates have launched a grassroots campaign to link health, parks, and economic development in a new “Springwater Parks and Community District.” Audubon Society of Portland is actively supporting the movement, which could be bolstered by the passage of **Measure 3-451 in North Clackamas** and **Measure 26-159 in Portland** (see cover story).

Put Birds First when Putting Your Garden to Sleep for the Winter

by **Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Coordinator**



As the summer drought draws to a close, we watch our gardens wilt into a showcase of dead flower heads and drooping seed pods dying back for the winter. With the return of the rains, many of us are anxious to get back into our gardens. As our gardens head into hibernation, a new wave of wildlife-friendly landscapes come face-to-face against a chorus of traditional gardening conventions that typically would have us “put the garden to sleep” by cutting back, clearing up, and tossing out.

But, in our wildlife-friendly gardens, what are we cleaning up — and at what cost?

The fun of this season is that not only do we get back into our gardens, but what we do — and how — can have profound effects on our garden’s ability to provide for insects, birds, and other wildlife. Here are a few fall pointers:

- **Avoid trimming vegetation that provides food for birds** — Berry and seed-producing plants like Oceanspray, Elderberry, Goldenrod, and Asters are excellent sources of food to help birds through the winter months ahead.
- **Maintain thicket areas** — Backyard birds, particularly those in the urban environments, need areas to seek refuge from urban hazards like your neighbor’s free-roaming cat and diving Cooper’s Hawks.
- **Protect your birdfeeder** — Place feeders in areas protected from harsh weather and predators, such as near a hedgerow, thicket, brush pile, or large evergreen tree or shrub.
- **Leave the leaves** — Leaves create more nutrient-rich, dynamic soil that improves plant growth, encourages overwintering insect life, and increases your soil’s ability to absorb winter rains. Favorite backyard birds, such as the Varied Thrush, forage exclusively in this leaf litter. So — leave this vital resource, either scattered across the yard, or raked to blanket particular bed areas, and



Leave the Leaves — so this Varied Thrush can forage for arthropods © Jim Cruce

enjoy the wildlife benefits it promotes. Be sure to **avoid black walnut leaves**, as they inhibit seed germination. **If your yard isn’t prolific in leaves**, pay attention to your neighborhood leaf-pickup schedule and load up your wheelbarrel with this free resource in the street. Again, avoid black walnut and **avoid leaves at the bottom of the pile**, as these could be contaminated with polluted runoff from neighborhood cars and yard or garden toxins.

- **Install native plants** — Over 90% of our native insect species evolved to specifically and exclusively feed on native plants. Fall is the best time to plant native plants.
- **If you must “tidy-up”** — Consider ways to retain some of the vegetation onsite. Make space for a brush pile, or create attractive bundles of decomposing flowers and seed heads. Creating space for these habitat features provides protective areas of refuge and rich areas for foraging.

Above all, this laissez-faire style of gardening isn’t just great for wildlife, it also means less maintenance for you! So throw that brush pile aside and learn to love a rich landscape, beautifully chaotic with life-giving potential. And now kick off those muddy boots, carve a pumpkin, and watch the bird flitting about in the habitat you’ve left for them.



A cat naps in its outdoor enclosure during the 2014 Catio Tour © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

Catios: The Next Frontier for Pet Cats and Their Owners

The truth is that basically, most of us love cats. They steal our hearts, occupy our YouTube feeds, and serve as our cuddly companions. And now, residents in the Portland metro area are taking a stand, and getting a little national recognition, for a whole new way to love your kitty.

This September, Portland Audubon and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon teamed up once again to host the second annual Catio Tour — a self-guided tour of 9 “cat patios” across the Portland metro area. More than **900 people** registered to attend the event, which also got covered 5 times by *The Oregonian* and was picked up by several out-of-state news outlets. Catios are outdoor cat enclosures that allow your cat to have an outdoor experience while also keeping both your cat and local wildlife safe.

This skyrocketing popularity demonstrates that pet ownership is shifting. According to Debbie Wood of the Bonnie L Hays Animal Shelter in Washington County, “We’re seeing a sea change in cat ownership.” And the best part is that as more cat owners make the choice to keep their cats safe at home, we will begin to see less free-roaming cats on the landscape, less stress on our animal shelters, less euthanized strays, less feral cats living out short vulnerable lives, and less needless predation on wildlife.

Are you considering a catio, but missed the Catio Tour? Not to worry — the *Catio Tour Guidebook* is available online and it’s full of photos, descriptions, and other useful information. Find it, along with additional resources such as a catio image slideshow, at audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/cats/catio-resources.

Wildlife Care Center

Wildlife Care Center Phone Call Study Provides Valuable Information about Urban Wildlife Populations

by **Lacy Campbell and Joe Liebezeit, Audubon Staff**

Each year the Wildlife Care Center takes in approximately 3,000 wild animals for treatment. However, we respond to nearly three times that number of wildlife-related phone calls. These phone calls provide valuable insights into issues affecting our urban wildlife populations and the way in which people interact with wildlife on the urban landscape. The calls run the gamut from people reporting interesting sightings and trying to identify what they are seeing to reports of injured and sick animals, illegal poaching, and human-wildlife conflicts. We have 14 volunteers per week whose primary role is to answer the phones and to manage animal intakes. The Wildlife Care Center is the only facility in the Portland metropolitan region that is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year to answer wildlife-related inquiries.

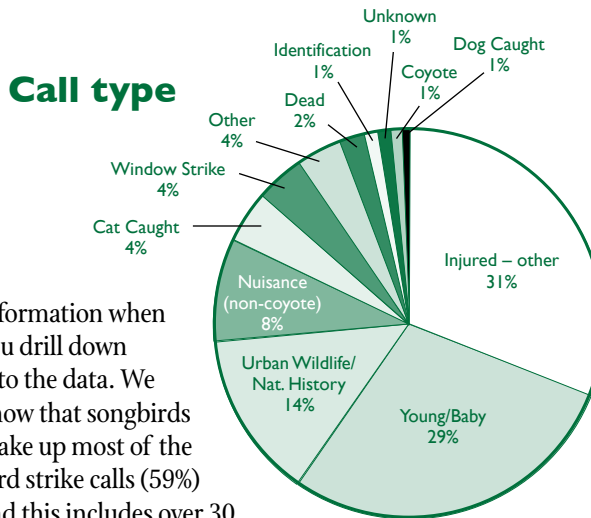
Using data collected over the past two years, we conducted a study summarizing the phone call information coming

into the Wildlife Care Center. Our goal was to gain a better understanding of the types of calls we are receiving in order to better guide our outreach, response services, and conservation activities. The other purpose of this effort was to explore the dataset and to identify places where we can improve data collection moving forward.

One of the first things we did was map out where we receive calls from. Not surprisingly, almost all calls are from the Portland metro region (88%). What *is* surprising is that we have received calls from nearly every other state in the US! The reason for this is that the popularity of our baby birds webpage nudges it up to the top of the list in Google searches online. The result is that we offer services on urban wildlife at a nationwide scale.

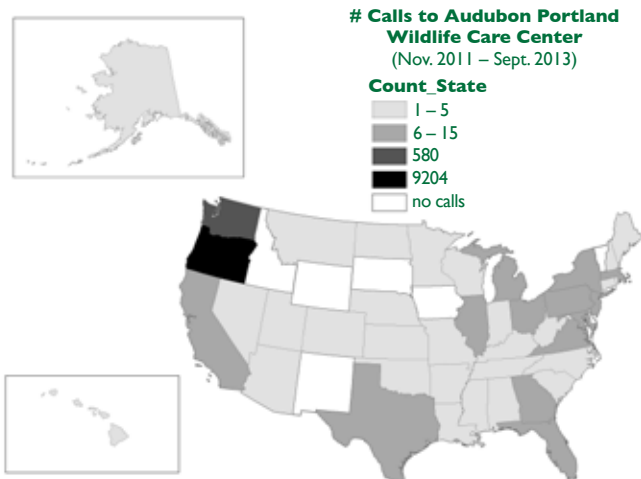
Well over half of the calls we receive are related to questions about injured wildlife (31%) and caring for baby birds (29%). Calls about specific conservation issues like bird strikes, cat caught birds, and coyote sightings are far fewer (<10%), but with close to 10,000 calls per year, that still adds up to a lot of information. Many of the calls categorized as “injured wildlife” may actually be “cat caught” or “bird strike” cases but if we are unsuccessful in securing detailed information from callers, we cannot make those assumptions. Our volunteers work hard to get the most precise information when receiving calls. This is no small feat, especially during the baby bird season when the Care Center is very busy and we receive more than 50 calls per day — nearly one call every nine minutes!

Despite challenges, the power of the information we are collecting is clear. As an example, the small percentage of bird strike calls we receive (4%) reveals a wealth of



information when you drill down into the data. We know that songbirds make up most of the bird strike calls (59%) and this includes over 30 songbird species. American Robins make up most of the bird strike calls (>70%) although other species of higher conservation concern including seven Neotropical Migrant species including Black-headed Grosbeak and Yellow Warbler were also documented.

Ultimately, this dataset is allowing us to track important wildlife issues in Portland’s urban landscape both through time and across the landscape, and can help us prioritize our urban conservation efforts. Already there is a demand for this information in the wider community. For example, we are collaborating with Portland State University providing coyote sighting locations, gleaned from the phone tracking database, to the Portland Urban Coyote Project (urbancoyoteproject.weebly.com). This is a good example of the power of this type of information to identify hotspots in the landscape to direct conservation and outreach attention. As we continue to serve the public to reconcile urban wildlife interactions, the data we collect on these calls enables us to monitor the pulse of conservation challenges for wildlife in Portland and the wider region.



Map created by Courtney Shannon and Joe Liebezeit, Audubon Society of Portland

Educational Trips

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

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

Southern California

February 16–22, 2015

The subtropical Mediterranean climate of Southern California makes for a perfect winter home for many wonderful species of birds. Based out of **San Diego**, this tour will take you through a variety of habitats from coastal lagoons to interior mountains and deserts, and to one of Southern California's most popular birding destinations, the **Salton Sea**. We will also visit the world-famous **San Diego Zoo Safari Park**, known for its help with reintroducing the California Condor. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6119** for more information or to register.

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

ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER

June 7–18, 2015

Alaska is a land of superlatives and a must-visit destination for anyone keen on the natural history of North America. This trip will introduce you to some of the best of Alaska at a fun and relaxed pace.

We'll begin in Nome, surrounded by stunning scenery and incredible birding opportunities. Expect an exhilarating mix of the exotic and the familiar here: **Bluethroat** and **Eastern Yellow Wagtail** — Asian songbirds of the brushy tundra — breed next to White-crowned and Golden-crowned Sparrows. Harlequin Duck and Wandering Tattler share their riparian breeding grounds with **Arctic Warbler**. Waterfowl and shorebirds seen only in migration farther south are devoted to full-time breeding activities.

During our five days in south-central Alaska we follow the Denali Highway across a landscape recently emerged from the ice age yet rich in bird life. **White-winged Crossbill**, **Boreal Chickadee**, and **Northern Hawk Owl** can be found in the spruce forests. Tundra ponds have nesting Common and Red-throated Loon, Trumpeter Swan, and ducks galore. Out on the low tundra we'll look for **Long-tailed Jaeger**, Whimbrel and **Smith's Longspur**. We'll travel by bus deep into Denali National Park for excellent chances of observing Grizzly Bear, Dall's Sheep, Caribou, and possibly even Gray Wolf.

The trip concludes in the rich maritime ecosystem of the Kenai Fjords National Park. On a full-day boat trip we'll look for **Red-faced Cormorant**, **Kittlitz's Murrelet** and **Thick-billed Murre** among the thousands of **Black-legged Kittiwakes** and **Tufted** and **Horned Puffins**. Our boat will give us the chance to see Sea Otter, the toes of tidewater glaciers, and Humpback Whale and Orca. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6119**.

Leaders: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager
Fee: \$3995* members / \$4295* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

ALASKA: BARROW EXTENSION

June 18–21, 2015

Barrow, the farthest north municipality in the United States, is roughly 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 1200 miles from the North Pole. Between mid-May and early August it basks in 24 hours of daylight and our trip will conclude with the arrival of the summer solstice.

This time of year the tundra is alive and teeming with shorebirds, ducks, and geese busily beginning their nesting cycle. **Red Phalaropes** seem to occupy every melt-water pond and **Buff-breasted Sandpipers** stand on hummocks flashing their white underwings in the midnight sun. **Pectoral Sandpipers** cruise their territory perimeters booming an unearthly sound and **Pomarine Jaegers** streak across the tundra.

Searching the tundra we may find **Common** and **King Eider** as well as the very rare **Spectacled** and **Steller's Eider**. We might turn up **four species of loon: Yellow-billed, Arctic, Pacific, and Red-throated**. And with luck we'll find **Snowy Owls** nesting near town. With constant daylight the pace of activity among the birds is frenetic and every day brings new possibilities. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6119**.

Fee: \$1195* members / \$1395* non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

Sri Lanka

January 9–25, 2015

Sri Lanka, "The Resplendent Island," is known world-wide for its breathtaking beaches, rolling hills and a culture steeped in ancient history. This island is home to a treasure trove of biodiversity, from leopards to elephants, and 27 species of endemic birds.

Our adventure begins in the *Kelani River Reserve*, a paradise for birders. We'll trek through the rainforest searching for **Sri Lanka Junglefowl**, **Green-billed Coucal**, **Red-faced Malkoha**, **Yellow-fronted Barbet**, and **Orange-billed Babbler**. Next we'll explore *Kandy*, the cultural center of Sri Lanka, and visit the famous **Sigiriya Rock** where the remains of an ancient fortress are on top of this impressive monolith.

We will continue our journey with a stop at the cloud forest and grasslands of the *Horton Plains National Park* where we hope to see the **Sri Lankan Whistling Thrush**, **Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler** and **Sri Lanka White-eye**. We will end up at the *Yala National Park* where we will spend two full days searching for **Asian Elephant**, **Water Buffalo**, **Sambar Deer**, **Golden Jackal** and the elusive **Leopard**. We'll also watch for **Barred Buttonquail**, **Wooly-necked Stork**, **Great Thick-knee**, and **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**. The *Bundala National Park* will reveal more exciting and exotic species such as **Yellow-wattled Lapwing**, **Yellow Bittern**, and **Greater Flamingo**. And while at the *Sinharaja Forest Reserve*, one of the last tracts of endangered lowland rainforest, we hope to see the dramatically colorful **Sri Lankan Blue Magpie**.

We will wind down in *Marissa*, where light breezes blow through coconut palms along the seashore of the Indian Ocean, and take a trip to search for **Blue Whales**, **Sperm Whales** and **Spinner Dolphins**. We'll end in *Colombo* with time to visit markets and museums, or just explore. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: \$3945* members / \$4295* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Birding Northeast Oregon

June 14–18, 2015

Explore northeast Oregon in luxury from the beautiful and historic Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City. We'll visit the Wallowa Mountains, Hells Canyon, the Blue Mountains and the Historic Oregon Trail. A few of the birds we may see include Calliope Hummingbird, Gray Catbird, Bobolink and Yellow-breasted Chat. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: \$1195* members / \$1395* non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

OTHER UPCOMING TRIPS

Ohio's Magee Marsh May 16–23, 2015

This trip will highlight **Magee Marsh**, a prime stopover for northbound migrants during spring. We're likely to encounter thrushes, tanagers, and over 25 species of colorful eastern warblers. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: \$1995* members

Arizona August 16–23, 2015

Enjoy spring-like weather in the peaceful mountains of Arizona. This is the best season to find up to 15 species of hummingbirds and search for sought-after birds such as Elegant Trogon and Varied Bunting. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: TBD*

Southern Spain

September 13–23, 2015

Explore Andalucia and visit the wetlands of the Coto Doñana, the hills of Tarifa (where thousands of migrants pass over), the famous Rock of Gibraltar, the steppes near Ronda, and finally Granada where we will round off our trip with a visit to the 11th century Moorish palace, the Alhambra. We will see amazing birds such as White-headed and Marbled Ducks, Spanish Imperial Eagle and Greater Flamingo, as well as migrant raptors such as Black Kite, Short-toed Eagle and Honey Buzzard. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek and Stefan Schlick

Fee: TBD*

*Fee includes: Ground transportation, **double-occupancy** lodging, meals *except* dinners, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders.

HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. Register and pay online:

Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.

OR: Contact Eric Scheuering 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 Eric Scheuering (971-222-6119) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover (3% fee charged).

Contact Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Director, at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!
audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays, 8am–Noon

Nov 1 and Dec 6: Local Field Trips

Saturday morning explorations at one of Oregon’s most accessible Important Bird Areas — Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife — continue with **Ricky Allen!** This class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of field conditions with the tutelage of an expert birder. Explore different habitats on the island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.
Fee: \$65 members / \$80 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.
Pre-registration required — participants register for all 3 days.

The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists

November 15 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall

FULL with Waitlist

Waterfowl: Ducks, Geese, and Swans
November 18 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Another great class with **Harry Nehls**, author of *Familiar Birds of the Pacific Northwest* and the voice of the Rare Bird Alert. This should be an excellent evening program covering the wide variety of waterfowl that arrive in the Northwest in fall and winter: wigeon, teal, geese, swans, and more! Learn the differences of these birds and how to pick them out in a crowd.
Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free for active volunteers.

Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners: Mallards to Wood Ducks
Dec 4 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Dec 7 & 14 (Sun), 9am–Noon: Local Field Trips
The Willamette Valley is home to more than 25 species of waterfowl. Join **Laura Whittemore**, long-time birder and teacher, and learn how to identify some of the more common and abundant waterfowl species using shape, plumage, habits, and habitat as guides. Then practice your skills at some of the best spots for finding these species in the

Adult Classes

Portland metro area. Experience the satisfaction of mastering identification of a notoriously difficult family of birds!
Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants:
\$45 members / \$60 non-members
Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Christmas Bird Count Preview/ Review
Dec 10 (Wed), 7pm–8:30pm: Class in Heron Hall -or- Dec 18 (Thur), 7pm–8:30pm: Class at Leach Garden Manor House, 6704 SE 122nd Ave.
Have you thought about participating in a Christmas Bird Count but are worried that as a beginner birder you’ll get left behind? Have you done several counts in years past and are ready to take on the role of a team leader? Join **Eric Scheuering** in this refresher course to get ready for this year’s Christmas Bird Counts. We’ll preview what species to expect and review key field marks for identification of those species. For some fun, we’ll split into teams at the end and “count” birds in a short simulation.
Fee: *Free for all! No pre-registration required.*

2015 preview

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Winter Gull I.D.
(John Rakestraw)
Jan 17,
10am class;
Noon–3pm field trip.

Nature Journaling the Winter
(Jude Siegel)
Jan 24 & 31,
10am–3pm class.

Winter Break Classes 2014			
Register online at www.audubonportland.org — or call Ian Abraham at 971-222-6120. All classes run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise stated.			
MONDAY, DEC. 22		TUESDAY, DEC. 23	
Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears Grades: 1–2 Have you ever wondered how the smallest birds handle the winter weather? Would you choose to have feathers or fur to survive harsh conditions? Journey within the Audubon Sanctuary as we explore the amazing and unique adaptations that animals use to cope with the harsh winter weather. We'll scour the woods for animal burrows and dens, track animals we can trail, and end the day working with the Audubon specimens that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member		Junior Wildlife Vet 101 #1 Grades: 1–2 Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member	
Friends of a Feather... Grades: 3–4 ...flock together! Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful, colorful birds that call Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary home. Spend time learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends and build your own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your own yard! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member		Jr. Raptor Road Trip Grades: 3–4 Grab your binoculars, we'll bring the scopes and treats! Join us for a road trip through Sauvie Island as we trace the path of the annual Raptor Road Trip hosted by Portland Audubon and Metro. Our trip explores all of the Road Trip's sites in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter in the Portland area. Learn the route and all the cool things that raptors have to teach us so you can lead your family on the official Raptor Road Trip on February 7, 2015! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member	
Wolves! #1 Grades: 5–8 Come experience the thrilling world of Wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. We're sure to have a howlin' good time! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member		FIRE! Grades: 5–8 Are you fascinated by fire? Would you like to learn how to safely utilize this essential wilderness skill? Spend a day at Portland Audubon diving into the art of fire making. We will learn how to build fires from forest materials, coax flames from friction fire kits, and explore ancient fire-building techniques that have been used for thousands of years. Come join us for an adventure into the fascinating world of fire! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member	
MONDAY, DEC. 29		TUESDAY, DEC. 30	
Winter Wildlife Art Grades: 1–2 Search for some amazing animals that live in our forest Sanctuary in winter. Develop your observations of winter wildlife and forest habitat into imaginative drawings, animal masks, and clay sculptures. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member		Creatures of the Night Grades: 1–3 Do you ever wonder what animals roam the Audubon Sanctuary at night? Hike along the trails of our own Wildlife Sanctuary searching for tracks and sign of these nocturnal animals. Learn about these nighttime hunters and create a colorful art project based on your observations. Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member	
Bounty of Bats Grades: 3–4 Experience these mysterious mammals of the night from a new perspective as we study bats from all over the world. We will have hands-on experience with specimens of some of the more common bats of Oregon, play bat games, and learn more about the myths and legends that these flying mammals have inspired. Don't forget, we will hike around Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary and check the two recently hung bat houses for any new inhabitants! Fee: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member		Elk Extravaganza Grades: 4–8 Jump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve. Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the Coast Range. Learn all about these animals as well as the other cool critters we will see along the way! Participate in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close. Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member	
Gorge-ous Photography Grades: 5–8 Join Audubon educators on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland! Discuss the basics of composure, lighting, subject, and color as you sip hot cocoa and snap pictures of jaw-dropping panoramas, icy waterfalls, mossy canyons, delicate leaves, and much more. Be sure to bring along a camera — this one-day camp will cover just the basics of photography but all skill levels are welcome to join! Fee: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member		THURSDAY, JAN. 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR! NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY	
		FRIDAY, JAN. 2	
		Snowshoe & Hot Cocoa Adventure Grades: 4–8 Join Education Director Steve Robertson and Naturalist-Educators Tim Donner and Laura Newton on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mount Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon as we search for tracks of Snowshoe Hare, Bobcat, and Coyote. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Your instructors are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to team up for the most epic snowball fight of the century! Fee includes snowshoe rental. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Drop Off (8:45am) and Pick Up (5:00pm) at Upper Macleay Park Instructors: Steve Robertson, Tim Donner, and Laura Newton	

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Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

American Goldfinch: Dazzling, Common — and Unusual

Even nonbirders are familiar with the **American Goldfinch**. Many know it as the “wild canary.” The bright yellow male with the black cap and black wings flashing white wingbars is quite conspicuous, but the dull ‘old-gold’ colored female often goes unnoticed as being one of the “little brown jobs” of beginning birders. It is often described as a friendly, cheerful bird, and even its songs and calls are mild and musical.

As a member of the finch family, the American Goldfinch has some rather unusual traits. It is the only finch that has a distinct winter and summer plumage, and the only one that has a spring molt. It is also one of the latest North American species to begin nesting. The spring molt takes place in April and May, and soon after the bright males begin courting prospective mates. American Goldfinches regularly indulge in nuptial display flights with much

singing and circling about. They also enjoy playful chases and dueling flight displays.

Goldfinches are seldom bothered by **Brown-headed Cowbirds**, as by the time they get around to nesting, the Cowbird breeding season is about over. When a Cowbird does drop an egg in a goldfinch nest the adult will often bury it in the bottom of the nest or build another nest over it. If the egg hatches the Cowbird nestling seldom lives very long as it needs insects to survive.

Goldfinches gather into flocks immediately after fledging their young. Post-breeding dispersal often take these flocks to higher elevation clearcuts and into open grasslands. When the thistles, dandelions, and other weeds go to seed during the fall, the goldfinches and **Pine Siskins** swarm over the meadowlands and pastures in very large numbers. Later, after the first fall rains, many move into cities and towns to visit bird feeders and neighborhood parks and yards.



American Goldfinch female (top) and male.
Photo: Chelsi Hornbaker/USFWS

There is a regular migratory movement during October and November that takes many of these birds southward out of the state. Many remain, though, with small flocks moving unpredictably over the state seeking out good foraging areas. There is a tendency for the sexes to winter separately with the females moving farther south than the males. Most likely there are more males than females in Oregon during the winter months.

There is a general increase in goldfinch numbers during April and May as migrant birds return. Flocks of up to 200 or more are not uncommon. The flocks remain intact to mid-May before the birds scatter to their nesting sites.

Although common, the American Goldfinch is an interesting bird and well worth a second look. Their lively, friendly disposition seems to rub off on the people who observe them.

Sightings

The 2014 fall migration in the Portland area was spectacular. Along with a steady movement of the more regular species, there were strong pulses of several species. The mudflats about Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island and at Smith & Bybee Lakes in North Portland were especially outstanding.

On September 11 Andy Frank spotted a **Sabine's Gull** over Sturgeon Lake. On September 16 Steve Nord saw two there. This began a heavy coverage of the island by local birders. During the following weeks reports included up to 104 **Black-bellied Plovers**, 11 **Common Terns**, 3 **Sanderlings**, a **Ruff**, 6 **Marbled Godwits**, a **Franklin's Gull**, 3 **Red Knots**, 11 **Common Terns**, a **Snowy Egret**, both **Golden-Plovers**, 104 **Black-bellied Plovers**, and on September 23 a **Black Swift** at Coon Point.

At Smith & Bybee Lakes September 3 a **Snowy Egret** was spotted among 316 **Great Egrets**. Other good birds noted there this fall included a **Sanderling**, a **Sabine's Gull**,



Northern Waterthrush.
Photo: Mike's Birds

2 **Franklin's Gulls**, and an **American Golden-Plover**. On September 25 Cindy McCormack observed a winter plumaged **Ibis** at Ridgefield NWR, and 5 **Marbled Godwits** were seen there the same day. On September 9 a **Brewer's Sparrow** was on the refuge.

On September 22–23 a heavy movement of **White-fronted Geese** passed southward. On September 29 a major goose movement brought **White-fronted** and **Cackling Geese** to the area along with a few early **Snow Geese**. **Sandhill Cranes** began arriving on Sauvie Island September 9. A **Golden-crowned Sparrow** movement arrived September 17. **Turkey Vultures** were noticed October 4.

On September 4 Wink Gross noticed a **Nighthawk** over Northwest Portland and David Leal saw one there September 18. Most surprising of all was the **Northern Waterthrush** that appeared just north of the Steel Bridge in downtown Portland. It was well photographed.

Volunteer of the Month: Carol McAllister

by Sally Loomis, Nature Store Clerk

The squirrels brought **Carol McAllister** to Audubon in 1999. She was curious about caring for orphaned wildlife, and took a class on squirrel rehabilitation. That inspired her to gain a permit from ODFW to do small mammal rehabilitation. She's been here ever since! In her 15 years of service to Portland Audubon, she has contributed over 3,100 hours of volunteer time, and was a 2010 winner of the Mamie Campbell Award, Audubon's highest honor for volunteers.

From 1999 to 2008, Carol was the Wildlife Care Center's go-to person for homecare of baby mammals. Deb Sheaffer, WCC veterinarian, says Carol's work was “amazing!” Deb explains that it is difficult to find people with the dedication and patience to do round-the-clock feeding and care of young chipmunks, bunnies, and ground squirrels. Carol, retired from a career as a nurse, took on that important role. A spare bedroom of her home became a mammal nursery.

But after years of being an essential part of the WCC crew, in 2008 she had to step down after she was diagnosed with Takayasu's Syndrome, an autoimmune disorder. The microbe-rich atmosphere in the Care Center was no longer appropriate for her. Carol still wanted to be involved with Audubon, and found that the Friday afternoon Nature Store shift had just opened up.

Carol emphasizes how much fun she has as a volunteer in the store. Her enjoyment of her role translates into upbeat and cheerful customer service. Her WCC



Photo © Tammi Miller

background means that she can give excellent advice to customers regarding backyard birds. Also, she has taken charge of jewelry buying for the store, and keeps careful track of inventory and selection. Jewelry sales have steadily climbed since then!

Aside from her role at Portland Audubon, Carol is looking forward to a big family gathering this Christmas. She and her husband Mike have been married for 51 years and have three grown daughters, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is enjoying the mental exercise of taking algebra, with the goal of calculus online through the Khan Academy. And her nurturing side is expressed through her patient taming of feral cats in her neighborhood, with the goal of finding them good homes.

Thank you, Carol!

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Yellow Warbler
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Thank You to:

- Susan Brock for a Quartet metal easel for the 2014 Wild Arts Festival
- Jim Cruce for wildlife photographs including 26 framed photos; 104 photos on boards with covers; two books containing 499 4x6 photos; and 10 CDs with hundreds of high definition digital images
- Ann Littlewood for books for the Education Program
- Alan Locklear for a pair of 30" lever & anvil loppers for the Sanctuaries
- The Estate of Brenda McGowan for a Bogen tripod for Education
- ProKarma, Inc for 11 office chairs
- W.J. Scheiderich for a Samsung 23" computer monitor for Program use; and a large roll of bubble wrap for the 2014 Wild Arts Festival
- Jean Schoonover for two bags of Science Diet kitten food, berries, and eggs for the Wildlife Care Center
- WelchAllyn for a Pocket Ophthalmoscope/Otoscope Diagnostic Set for the Wildlife Care Center

Our Wish List

For All Departments:
Ergonomic Office Chairs

For Wildlife Care Center:
Science Diet Kitten Growth Bleach
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
Paper lunch bags

For Wild Arts Festival:
8 Floor Easels, wood or metal
8 Tabletop Display Easels, 1'-2' metal
6 metal Clip-on Lights, contemporary style

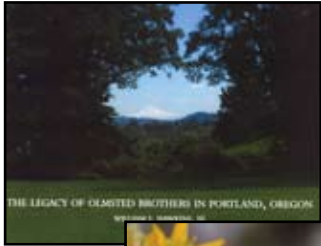
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New Books in the Nature Store!

The fall book season is ripe with wonderful new titles for both children and adults. Featured here are just a few of the wonderful assortment of recently published books in stock in the Nature Store. Please come by for some rainy-day browsing!

Portland Audubon encourages Portland residents to vote Yes on Measure 26-159, the ‘Fix Our Parks’ bond measure (see article on page 1). While you are considering the value of Portland parks in your lives, take a look back at the history of our park system as described by William J Hawkins III in his new self-published book **The Legacy of the Olmsted Brothers in Portland, Oregon** (\$40.00). This is a well-researched combination of lots of historical material and many current photographs of the beauty of our parks.

Gardeners will want to add local landscaper Eileen Stark’s new book **Real Gardens Grow Natives** (Skipstone, \$24.95) to their native plant libraries. Subtitled **Design, Plant & Enjoy a Healthy Northwest**

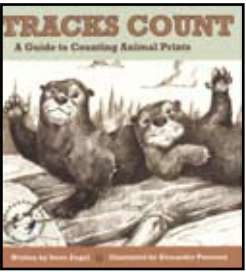
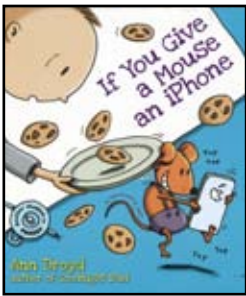


Garden, there is lots of useful information for your backyard habitat, with special consideration of the needs of butterflies and pollinators. A detailed plant list of 100 species is grouped by sun exposure requirements. On the other hand, if you want to better identify the weeds in your yard, **Weeds of North America** by Dickenson and Royer (University of Chicago Press, \$35.00) is a comprehensive guide to problem plants. While primarily geared at an agricultural audience, it has lots of identification and life cycle information that makes it a useful addition to your bookshelf.

Both parents and their children will get a chuckle from the satire of **If You Give a Mouse an iPhone** by Ann Droyd (Blue Rider, \$15.95). A funny but cautionary tale of the perils of our technology-obsessed lives, it might encourage the reader to go outside and play! And if you do, keep an

eye out for the tracks of other critters. Steve Engel, former Audubon staff member and expert tracker, has written **Tracks Count** (Craigmore Creations, \$17.99), a children’s book with illustrations by Alexander Petersen. This is a unique counting guide for younger children, featuring some unusual animals and their specific footprints.

Remember, your member discount will take 10% off all the list prices shown above, and we are happy to take phone orders for these and any other book titles in our stock. Please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 with questions.

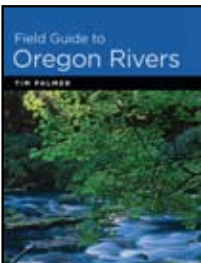


River Expert Comes to Audubon

On **Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00pm**, please welcome photographer and river conservationist **Tim Palmer** as he presents his new book **Field Guide to Oregon Rivers** (Oregon State University Press, \$24.95) in a **free** evening program in Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall. Profiling 120 waterways throughout the state, from the Alsea to the Williamson, it is both a natural history of Oregon’s rivers and a recreational guide to hiking, fishing, and exploring by canoe, kayak, and raft. Conveniently sized to keep in your pack or glove compartment, this will be a must-have reference for any Oregon outdoor enthusiast or nature lover.

Tim Palmer has written 23 books about rivers, the American landscape, conservation, and adventure travel. A Port Orford resident, he was named one of the 10 greatest river conservationists of our time by *Paddler* magazine. In 2011, the National Wildlife Federation presented him with the National Conservation Achievement Award (“Connie”) for communications.

Please join us for a celebration of the wet and wild! Contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 if you have questions or wish to reserve copy of the book.



Tim Palmer at Audubon
Wed, Nov 5 at 7pm
Heron Hall | Free

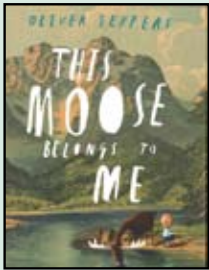


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Storytime on November 15!

12:30pm (repeats 1:30pm)
Audubon Interpretive Center

The Nature Store and Audubon volunteers present a **free** fun family afternoon storytelling event every **3rd Saturday**. The November featured title is **This Moose Belongs to Me** by author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers. Also the illustrator of **The Day the Crayons Quit** and author of **The Hueys** books, among many others, Jeffers is known for humorous books for kids. This is no exception!



Learn about the wacky exploits of Wilfred the boy and Marcel the moose. Or it is really Marcel? There will also be some fun hands-on activities to go with the story, which is suitable for kids up to about age 7. We start at 12:30pm in the Audubon Interpretive Center, with a repeat performance at 1:30pm. Please join us!

Healing Lost Connections

by **Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director**

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) recently released the latest in its *Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines Series*, this time looking at Urban Protected Areas. Intended as a resource for natural areas managers, the most recent installment in the series is of particular interest to me and many of my colleagues who are working on restoring and protecting urban natural areas.

While the report acknowledges the numerous ecological benefits of urban natural areas, it highlights the crucial and unique role urban natural areas play in providing opportunities for large numbers of urban people to experience nature. In exploring why these urban natural areas are so crucial, the report highlights two key points: “Regular contact with nature is good for people; and urban people are crucial for nature conservation, nationally and globally.”

While none of this is really groundbreaking news, the report gets interesting as it starts to detail best practices for managing urban protected areas. Of course managing for invasive species, protecting native wildlife, and preserving ecological function are called out in the best practices, but much of the initial focus is on generating a mutually beneficial relationship between the natural resources and the people in the surrounding communities. Providing multi-modal access for the disabled, reaching out to diverse ethnic groups, and acknowledging the cultural, historical, and spiritual significance of natural areas are given top priority in the presentation of best practices.

This report parallels much of the conversation at The Intertwine’s recent Health and Nature Forum, an ongoing initiative among local stakeholders in the environmental conservation and health care fields exploring this



Inspiring awe at Raptor Road Trip ©Tinsley Hunsdorfer

connection between nature, access to nature, and health. This initiative is based on the first of the two crucial functions of urban protected areas identified in the IUCN report, that regular access and exposure to the natural world is good for our physical and mental well-being. And the conversation at the recent stakeholders forum quickly led to the acknowledgement of the second crucial function of urban protected areas identified in the IUCN report, that healthy people are needed to support the conservation of natural areas, locally and beyond.

The idea of “interconnectedness” was brought up several times in discussing this reciprocity between healthy people and healthy environments. This idea builds off our understanding of ecosystem function and the interdependence of all parts of those systems. While this interconnectedness is something many of us in the conservation field take for granted, we also acknowledge that many people have lost this connection to nature and that one of our goals should be to create the space to foster a reconnection to nature.

This is where the conversation reaches a crossroads: a lost connection is not necessarily reestablished by bringing the disjointed parts together; additional work is needed to facilitate the healing. In Portland we are fortunate to have an abundance of natural areas protected in the urban landscape, and we are constantly working to enhance



Hearty volunteers ensure a safe and healthy trail experience in our sanctuaries ©Anna Campbell

their protections while establishing new parks and natural areas in under-served areas. This work creates the space necessary to help facilitate the healing of lost connections, but there is still more work to be done to bring us to that desired state of reciprocity and interconnectedness.

The IUCN’s Best Practice Guidelines for Urban Protected Areas does well to highlight what this additional work involves. First is ensuring better access to natural areas for all members of the community regardless of physical ability, economic means, or other potential barriers. Second is to consider the cultural, social, and historical values of nature and natural areas alongside the ecological values.

In developing a shared language for this discussion, The Intertwine’s Health and Nature Initiative has included not just physical well-being in its definition of health, but also mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being. As most natural area managers are first and foremost ecologists, this is an area where we need to open up the dialogue and include more voices, skillsets, and experiences in the decisions we make in managing the landscape.

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

November

1	Sat	8am	Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration (p.7)
2	Sun	9am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
4	Tues	by 8pm	Election Day: Vote Yes on 26-159 to Fix Our Parks (p.1)
4	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
5	Wed	7pm	Store Event: Author Tim Palmer (p.9)
6	Thur	8:45am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
8	Sat	9am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
9	Sun	8:30am	Beginning Birding II (p.7)
9	Sun	11am-3pm	Veterans' Event (p.3)
11	Tue	7pm	Nature Night: Oregon Geology — One Road at a Time (p.3)
13	Thur	8am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
15	Sat	8am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
15	Sat	10am-4pm	The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists (p.7)
15	Sat	12:30 & 1:30	Storytime for Kids (p.9)
16	Sun	8:30am	Beginning Birding II (p.7)
18	Tues	7pm	Waterfowl: Ducks, Geese, and Swans (p.7)
20	Thur	7pm	Board Meeting
20	Thur	7pm	5Point Film Festival benefit (p.11)
21	Fri	5:30-8:30pm	Land/Sea Symposium in Yachats, Oregon (p.4)
22	Sat	10am-6pm	Wild Arts Festival, Montgomery Park (p.1)
23	Sun	11am-5pm	Wild Arts Festival, Montgomery Park (p.1)
23	Sun	7:30am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
23	Sun	8:30am	Beginning Birding II (p.7)
27	Thur	—	Thanksgiving Day: Admin & Nature Store closed

December

2	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
4	Thur	7pm	Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners class (p.7)
6	Sat	8am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
6	Sat	8am	Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration (p.7)
6	Sat	10am-6pm	Nature Store Open House (see website)
7	Sun	10am-5pm	Nature Store Open House (see website)
7	Sun	9am	Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners field trip (p.7)
9	Tues	10am	Hearing for Elliot State Forest in Salem (p.4)
9	Tues	7pm	Nature Night: Prowling for Owls! (p.3)
10	Wed	9am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
10	Wed	7pm	Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review (p.7)
13	Sat	8am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
14	Sun	9am	Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners field trip (p.7)
18	Thur	4:30-7:30pm	G!G Happy Hour at Base Camp Brewing (p.11)
18	Thur	7pm	Christmas Bird Count Preview/Review <i>at Leach Garden</i> (p.7)
20	Sat	12:30 & 1:30	Storytime for Kids
22-24	Mon-Wed	Various	Winter Break Classes for Kids (p.7)
25	Sat	—	Christmas Holiday: Admin & Nature Store closed
29-31	Mon-Wed	Various	Winter Break Classes for Kids (p.7)
31	Wed	To Midnight	Give!Guide donations accepted (p.11)

January

1	Thur	—	Happy New Year! Admin & Nature Store closed
2	Fri	Various	Winter Break Classes for Kids (p.7)
3	Sat	Various	Portland Christmas Bird Count (p.2)
6	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall

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Birders' Night

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

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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Audubon Society of Portland Receives “Exceptional” Rating from Charity Navigator

For the fourth consecutive year, Audubon Society of Portland has received a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Only 7% of the more than 7,000 nonprofits that Charity Navigator evaluates receive 4 stars in four or more consecutive years. “This ‘exceptional’ designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Audubon Society of Portland from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust,” wrote Ken Berger, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Charity Navigator.

Charity Navigator evaluates U.S.-based nonprofits with total revenue of more than \$1,000,000 drawing data from the nonprofits’ tax Form 990. Their analysis focuses on a set of financial, accountability, and transparency performance metrics. Portland Audubon’s ‘exceptional’ designation reflects our relatively low ratio of administrative expenses, strong growth of program expenses, solid working capital position, among other indicators of financial health and sound governance. At the Audubon Society of Portland, we remain committed to being good stewards of the natural world and of the resources that you invest in our organization. Please visit www.charitynavigator.org for further details.



Patt Opdyke Gives Forward A Legacy of Landscapes for Birds and People

Patt Opdyke loves to inspire people to create beautiful gardens that also work for wildlife. She’s the kind of open-hearted neighbor who finds small boys knocking at her door asking to see the Pacific Tree Frogs reputed to flourish in her back yard. The boys get a look, and an engaging nature lesson as well.



Photo © Katy Ehrlich

Patt learned naturescaping about 20 years ago, when the idea was new in Oregon. She then spent years teaching others how they could create habitat through landscape design with native plants. Along the way, she transformed her own flat grass yard into a woody haven including 16 trees, contours, and a pond. Her yard now attracts more than 40 different species of wildlife, in addition to the local frog fans.

Now retired, Patt’s enthusiasm for empowering others continues. Her positive energy seems to stem from her philosophy as a teacher. “Giving voice to what you love is a way of giving back,” she says. Her retirement is crowded with involvement in North Star Village, Elders in Action, Friends of the Children, play reading, gardening, and bird watching. She shares her knowledge of naturescaping freely.

Patt’s passion for birds was a consideration when she sat down to write her will. She named Audubon Society of Portland as a beneficiary to assets in her 401K plan, and became part of the Legacy Circle. Her choice, she says, is another way of giving voice to what she loves.

“Portland Audubon has heart,” Patt says. She likes the broad scope of activities. “The education arm is admirable and that’s critical. But if policy and advocacy isn’t done, there will be nothing left for the kids anyway. I think leaving a bequest is a great way to do something where you are looking forward.”

Portland Audubon Participates in Willamette Week’s Give!Guide for the Fifth Year!

We are excited to announce our inclusion in *Willamette Week’s 2014 Give!Guide*. The *Give!Guide* is a holiday season fundraiser that generates donations for a number of Portland-area nonprofit organizations. Last year, the *Give!Guide* readers gave \$2,452,333 to 129 local nonprofits!

- The goals of the *Give!Guide* are to:
- Encourage people ages 18 to 35 to become involved in philanthropy
 - Attract new donors and volunteers to these causes
 - Provide publicity and exposure to local nonprofits

Organizations included in the *Give!Guide* represent nonprofits in the following sectors: Animals, Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Social Action, Wellness, and Youth.

Donate, and you’ll be rewarded with goodwill and great incentives, such as discounts and gifts from local merchants — and, for donors 35 and under, the chance to win \$1,000. Check out the full list of incentives at www.giveguide.org.

We’re offering a calendar of unique events for folks who donate \$35 or more. To make it even more compelling, our good friends at the Backyard Bird Shop will match the first \$1,000 in donations we receive!

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NEW this year, Portland Audubon is thrilled to partner with Adventures Without Limits in presenting two fun events:



The 5Point Film Festival Portland, November 20 at Cinema 21, 7 p.m., featuring 12–15 adventure film shorts. Tickets go on sale at REI and our Nature Store on Wednesday, November 5 for \$15, or \$20 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Adventures Without Limits and Portland Audubon. For more information, visit <http://5pointfilm.org/festival/films>.

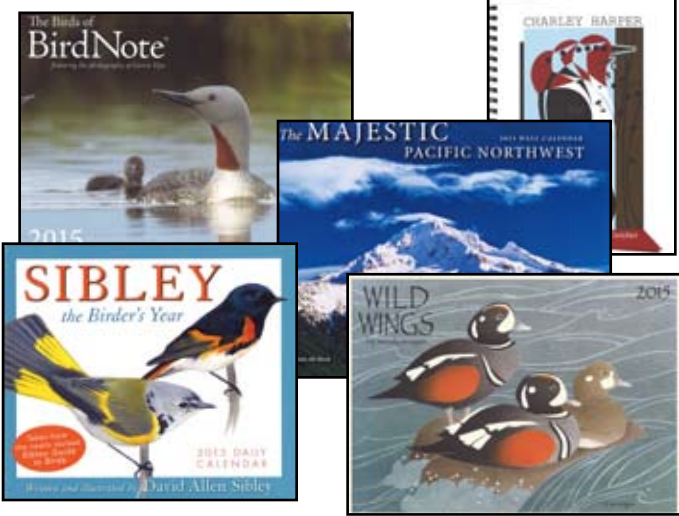
G!G Holiday Happy Hour, December 18 at Base Camp Brewing Company, 4:30–7:30 p.m. Happy-hour specials on locally brewed beer and food from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Special guest speakers and a raffle for great goodies!

Adventures Without Limits helps people of all ages and abilities get outdoors to enjoy the incredible wildlife and wild places that the Audubon Society of Portland works to protect across Oregon.

Donations are accepted from Wednesday, November 5 (when the *Give!Guide* is first published) through midnight on Saturday, December 31. Make your contributions online at www.giveguide.org. Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the Environment category — and spread the word!

Calendars Galore!

Our 2015 collection of **wall, desk, and engagement calendars** has arrived. Wouldn’t a 16-month calendar, including this fall, help get you organized right now? **Sibley** and **Audubon** both have wall and desk styles this year. Our wonderful selection of other **bird calendars** is joined by a range of **specialty themes** featuring snakes, sloths, endangered species, and other wildlife. **Sierra Club**, **Ansel Adams**, and others offer inspiring landscapes, including exclusively **Oregon images** snapped by local photographer Nancy J. Smith. **Portland-themed** wall and desk-style calendars keep the focus local, while others like **Birdhouses of the World** and **Beautiful Mushrooms of the World** take you farther afield.



A fun new calendar is Robert Pizzo’s **Amazing Animals**: the page titles are tongue twisters, and 150 stickers to mark your special days are included. There’s even a **desk calendar for left-handers** with the planning pages conveniently located on the left side. The **Phases of the Moon** calendar is now available in a decorative wall poster format and as a refrigerator magnet! So, by the day, week, month, or lunar phase, however you like to track your time, we’ve got you covered!

Attention Smartphone owners!

HookUpz, the clever folks who designed the popular \$20 binocular/cellphone adapter, has now introduced a **Universal Smartphone Optics Adapter**. This ingenious device can be attached to any sighting scope, binocular, telescope, or microscope. Now you can use your phone to snap highly magnified images of everything from birds to stars to microbes. The price is \$89 (member price \$80.10).



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6x6 Wild Art Project

Back again for its eighth year is the 6x6 Wild Art Project, a collection of “birdy” and affordable 6-inch-square canvases rendered by an assemblage of wonderful community artists as well as some of the Festival headliners. This exhibit is a popular focus of the show.

On Sunday, something new has been added on the 6x6 stage. Throughout the day, seven long-time 6x6 artists will create unique pieces of art right before your eyes! The work of our “Artists in Flight” will be available for sale upon completion. Or with a larger contribution, you can secure your favorite artist’s masterpiece even before it is finished. Stop by and watch these artists in action!

Other Festival Highlights

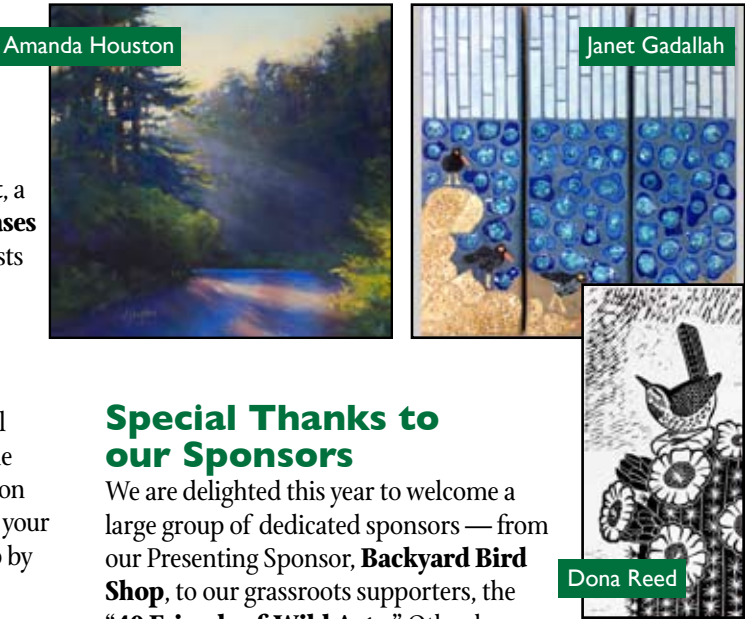
We’re pleased to welcome Oregon College of Art and Craft back to WAF as our educational institute art booth. In the past we’ve worked with Sabin and Buckman schools. Students and faculty members from OCAC will be presenting art for sale, focusing on their fiber school.

In addition, the Portland Audubon Nature Store will be selling a wide variety of nest boxes — everything from small songbird boxes to big owl, kestrel, and wood duck enclosures! In addition we will be sharing building plans and information about constructing your own nest boxes.

Finally, the Wildlife Care Center’s much-loved Education Birds will be back to steal the show yet again. The Care Center provides a permanent home for several non-releasable native birds who now serve as ambassadors for their species and for Audubon’s mission in classrooms and at events. You might see Aristophanes the Common Raven, Finnegan the Peregrine Falcon, and Syd the Red-tailed Hawk, among others! Be sure to stop by, say hello, and learn something new about these amazing birds.

Dining Options

Montgomery Park is home to a wonderful café called Food in Bloom. You can purchase their delicious soups, salads, sandwiches, and more on the second floor.



Special Thanks to our Sponsors

We are delighted this year to welcome a large group of dedicated sponsors — from our Presenting Sponsor, Backyard Bird Shop, to our grassroots supporters, the “40 Friends of Wild Arts.” Other large supporters: Selco Community Credit Union, Miller Nash LLP, NW Natural, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, Elk Cove Vineyards, The eBike Store, Grow Construction, McCoy Foats & Company PC, Morel Ink, New Seasons Market, and Sussman Shank LLP. A full list can be found on the Festival website. We are extremely grateful to all!

Getting Involved

There are lots of ways to get involved with the Festival, including the following:
• Keep posted by visiting the Festival website at wildartsfestival.org...
• ...or visit the Wild Arts Festival’s Facebook page for photos, links, and more updates. (Be sure to “Like” us!)
• The Wild Arts Festival is one of Audubon’s best volunteer opportunities. If you’re interested in being a volunteer, visit the volunteer page on the Festival website or check with our Festival volunteer coordinator, Roberta Lampert, at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.
• Consider sponsoring the Festival as one of the “40 Friends of Wild Arts.” Contact Development Director Ann Takamoto at atakamoto@audubonportland.org for more information.

And at the very least, be sure to mark November 22nd and 23rd on your calendar and join us at Montgomery Park. We’ll see you at Wild Arts!

Wild Arts Festival
presented by Backyard Bird Shop
November 22 & 23, 2014
Saturday 10–6, Sunday 11–5
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Admission \$6 (youth 16 and under free)
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