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 $8 (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 artists and authors, 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 weavework 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); Conter 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 Equally, ceramist Pattie McQuillen, 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 — not to mention the wonderful 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 Synder with The Thing with feathers; Brian Doyle with Children and Other Wild Animals; Nikki McClure with May the Stars Drop Down; Robert Michael Pyle with Evolution of the Genus Iris; Poets John M. Marzluff with Welcome to Suddenia; and Floyd Skloot with ReWriting: An Off-Kilter Memoir.

Joining us for their first (or first?) visit to WAF are Justin Hocking with The Great Floodgates of the Wonderworld; Peter Stark with Astrophoros: 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 Tompa graphic novel adventure series; Bonnie Henderson with The Next Tiamat; Molly Gloss with Falling From Horus; and Barbara Drake with Morning Light.

And we’re always on the lookout for 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 festival favorite Anne 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.

Fix Your Parks!
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 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.

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!
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 just an hour watching your bird feeder, you can contribute significantly to our understanding 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 winter solstice bird count, the Portland Christmas Bird Count was a hunting season in the American West. Hundreds of Christmas Bird Counts are now conducted throughout the Western Hemisphere, and they continue to contribute valuable scientific data to the longest running 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, January 3, 2015. The Portland Audubon Society conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year a record 2,626 field observers and 151 feeder watchers found 123 species. Those 415 participants made the Portland CBC one of the largest in the country — 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!

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 enthusiasm in birding. You will 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: Bird Count records have been used to study changes in bird populations and wintering ranges.}

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

Want to be a Feeder Watcher? Check your location first at tinyurl.com/26pmmpf (count out to the entire city, shaded in blue) to be sure the feeder you watch is within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle. Then download the Feeder Watch 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 Goose, 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!”

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/26pmmpf; zoom out to view the entire city, shaded in blue). — but even if you can watch for only an hour, your observations will be helpful. Last year about 400 of the 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 the 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.

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For up-to-date Christmas Bird Count info, see audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc.
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 rhododendrons and other birds arriving for winter. Meet in parking lot at 5803 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 & Stullwell Ave in Tillamook. We’ll bird Tillamook Bay including Barrow’s Goldeneye and Bayouetetian. 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 Sun sharp at Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th & Malden St. Call 503-231-0933 if questions.

November 13 (Thu), 8am–4:30pm Basket 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 carpool. 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.

November 15 (Sat), 8am–12pm Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island
Join Ron Escano on this wetland/winter waterfowl 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 503-773-3454.

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, Scoter Swans, and other wintering waterfowl. Bring rain gear, binoculars, a scope if you have one, lunch, and binoculars. Meet at McDonalds on Glencoe Rd in North Plains off Hwy 26 (Exit 57) at 7:30am, or at Tillamook Save (NW corner of parking lot) at 9:00am. Questions? Text or call Marsh at 503-201-8119 or email marshly61@gmail.com.

December 6 (Sat), 8am–11am Sauvie Island
Join Tim Shemlerine 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 571-221-2534.

December 10 (Wed), 9am–11am Dawson Creek Outing
Join Mary Ratcliffe and 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 Plwy, Hillsboro. Questions? Call Caroline at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2600.

December 13 (Sat), 8am–1am 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.

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Portland Audubon Helps seabirds by Advancing Forage Fish Protection
by Joe Liebezelt, 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 a 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 Black-footed Albatross rely on forage fish species 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 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to push for protections for 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 anadromous fish into the existing fishery management plans that will formally move those unmanaged forage fish into “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 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 high 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.

Important Hearing on the Elliott State Forest on December 9
by Bob Salinger, 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 anticipated approach dating back to 1855 that funds education with clear cuts. 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, 777 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon
Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Time: 10:00 am

For more information and carpooling options, please contact Micah Mekel at mmekel@audubonportland.org.
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.

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 purpose of this effort was to explore the dataset and to identify places where we can improve data collection and marketing.

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 bird 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 (79%) although other species of higher conservation concern including Neotropical Migrant species such as 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 activities.

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.

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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 comes 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 Aspens are excellent sources of food to help birds through the winter months ahead.

• Maintain thicker areas — Backyard birds, particularly those in the urban environments, need areas to seek refuge from garden hazards like your neighbor’s free-roaming cat and driving 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 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 wheelbarrow 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 for wildlife, it also means less maintenance for you! But, in our wildlife-friendly gardens, what are we cleaning up, and at what cost?

As we continue to serve the public to reconcile urban wildlife issues/hazards/cats/catio-resources. Find it, along with additional resources such as a catio image slideshow, at audubonportland.org/ issues/hazards/cats/catio-resources.

The truth is that basically, most of us love cats. They steal our hearts, occupy your 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 “cat patios” across the Portland metro area. More than 900 people registered to attend the event, which also got coverage 5 times by The Oregonian and was picked up by several out-of-state news outlets. Catio is 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 I. 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.

Catio: The Next Frontier for Pet Cats and Their Owners

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

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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 8–14 participants

Fee: $1295 members / $1485 non-members
Deposit: $600 required to secure your place

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: $1895* 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 Thrush. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

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

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 Babbler, and Orange-billed Babbler. Next we’ll explore Sandy, 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 search for Barred Buttonquail, Woody-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 museums and markets, 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 / $4285* non-members
Deposit: $2000 required to secure your place

Birthing 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 / $1385* non-members
Deposit: $600 required to secure your place

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.

Leader: Dan van den Broek and Stefan Schlick

*Fee includes: Ground transportation, double-occupancy lodging, meals except dinner, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leaders.
### Beginning Field Birding & Safari Exploration

**November 9, 16, & 23 (Sun), 8:30am–11:30am:** Local Field Trips

Take in the wonders of birding skills to the next level with Laura Whitmore. This class is designed for those wanting more time in the field practicing and improving their birding abilities. Three morning field trips to local sites provide you opportunities to practice your ID skills under Laura’s patient tutelage, and to learn of great places to go birding in the future.

Fee: $65 members / $80 non-members

Limited to 15 participants.

Pre-registration required — participants register for all 3 days.

### The Art of Bird Observation for Beginning Artists

**November 15 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall FULL with Waitlist:**

**Waterfowl: Ducks, Geese, and Swans November 18 (Tue), 7pm–9pm in Class in Heron Hall:**

Another great class with Harry Nehls, author of Family Birding 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: wigeon, teal, greese, 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.

### Winter Gull I.D.

**December 4 (Thu), 7pm–8:30pm in Class in Heron Hall:**

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 near the clear water. Explore the diversity of the Columbia Plateau and Hoh Rainforest in the midst of all the cool things we will see!

Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members

### Expedition: Winter Gnomes

**January 7, (Sat), 10am–3pm in Class in Heron Hall:**

This class is for parents and children as you and your kids search Audubon’s Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes and learn how to identify these fantastic woodland creatures with the help of the Audubon Naturalist. Kids will search Audubon’s Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes and learn about these mystical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for these magical woodland creatures! Kids with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about.

Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members

### Elk Extravaganza

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

Join Audubon educators on an awesome adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie near the clear water. Explore the diversity of the Columbia Plateau and Hoh Rainforest in the midst of all the cool things we will see!

Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members

### Mallards to Wood Ducks December 31 (Sat), 9am–Noon:**

Covering the wide variety of waterfowl that arrive in the Northwest in fall: wigeon, teal, greese, swans, and more! Learn the differences of these birds and how to pick them out in a crowd.

Fee: $60 members / $75 non-members

Free for active volunteers.

### 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.

**Snowshoes Hares to Polar Bears Grades: 1–2:**

Have you ever wondered why animals have the features they do? Do they evolve to survive the winter weather? Would you choose to have feathers or fur to survive harsh conditions? Journey into 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, and end the day working with the Audubon educators that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival.

Fee: $60 member / $70 non-member

Friends of a Feather Grades: 3–4:

...roost together! Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful creatures that call Audubon’s Wildlife Sanctuary home. Spend the day learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends and make your very own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your own yard!

Fee: $60 member / $70 non-member

Wolves! Grades: 5–8:

Come experience the thrilling world of Wolves as we trek as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With Portland Audubon and Metz, our tour 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 hikers need to know to have a safe and enjoyable trip.

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 fire 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

Elk Extravaganza Grades: 4–5:

Jump on board for an all-fledged adventure as we study the Roosevelt Elk of the Pacific Northwest! Hike along the trails of our own Wolf Haven Sanctuary searching for tracks and sign of these nocturnal carnivors. Learn about these nighttime hunters and create a colorful art project based on your observations.

Fee: $60 member / $70 non-member

#### 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, mixed-media collages, and 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? Whether you hike along the trails of our own Wolf Haven Sanctuary, exploring the landscapes of the Oregon Coast Range. Learn all about these animals as well as the other cool critters we will see throughout the day, as we try to spot as many different species in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close.

Fee: $65 member / $75 non-member

#### Bounty of Bats Grades: 4–5:

Learn all about these animals as well as the other cool critters we will see throughout the day, as we try to spot as many different species in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close.

Fee: $65 member / $75 non-member

#### Elk Extravaganza Grades: 4–5:

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Fee: $60 member / $70 non-member

#### Snowshoe & Hot Cocoa Adventure Grades: 4–8:

Join Education Director Steve Robertson and Naturalist-Educators Tim Doneer and Laura Newton on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mount Hood 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 tents and warm up with some hot cocoa. Your instructors are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to teach up for the most epic snowshoe adventure! The fee includes snowshoe rentals.

Fee per person $70 member / $80 non-member

Drop Off (8:45am) and Pick Up (10:00am) at Upper Macleay Park.

Instructors: Steve Robertson, Tim Doneer, and Laura Newton
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 bright yellow male with the black cap and black wings; the dull female and immature birds are ‘old-gold’ colored. The bright males regularly indulge in nuptial display flights with much singing and circling about. They also enjoy playful chases and darting flight displays.

Goldfinches are seldom bothered by Brown-headed Cowbirds, as by the time they get around to nesting, the Cowbird breeding season is over. When a Cowbird drops an egg in a goldfinch nest the adult will often bury it in the bottoms 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 takes 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.

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.

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 position with WCC 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 Mamur Campbell Award, Audubon’s highest honor for volunteers.

From 1999 to 2008, Carol was the Wildlife Care Center’s go-to person for housecare 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 helping people to teach the baby birds about the role of the adult birds in taking care of the nestling birds above and cheerful customer service. Her WCC 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!

Our Wish List

For All Departments:
• Ergonomic Office Chairs

For Wildlife Care Center:
• Science Diet Kitten Growth and Adult
• 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 clamp-on Lights, contemporary style

If you can donate any of these items, please first contact Audubon Society of Portland at 503-292-6855 ext.102, Mon–Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

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 Looklear 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
• WeltechAlly for a Pocket Ophthalmoscope/Otoscope Diagnostic Set for the Wildlife Care Center

Field Notes

American Goldfinch female (top) and male.

Photo: Chelsi Herrbaker/USFWS

The Warbler’s images are in full color on our website! Go to audubonportland.org/about/newsletter and enhance your enjoyment of our popular newsletter!

Thank you!
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 26-155, the ‘Fix Our Parks’ bond measure (see article on page 3). 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. Hannah 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 (Skistone, $24.95) to their native plant libraries. Subtitled Design, Plant & Enjoy a Healthy Northwest, Gardener, 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 Droid (Blue Rider, $15.95). A funny but cautionary tale of the peril 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 Alexandra 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 Aleo 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.

Sanctuaries Happenings

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 area 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 as 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 connection between nature, access to nature, and health. This initiative is based on the fact that 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 ecosystems 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 touch with 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 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 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.

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 third 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 Hockey books, among many others, Jeffers is known for humorous books for kids. This is no exception!

Learn about the wacky exploits of Willboy the boy and Marcel the moose. Or is it 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!
Calendar at a Glance  

**November**

- **1**
  - Sat 8am: Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration (p.7)
  - Sun 9am: Audubon Outing (p.3)
- **4**
  - Tues by 8pm: Election Day: Vote Yes on 26-159 to Fix Our Parks (p.1)
- **5**
  - Wed 7pm: Birders’ Night, Heron Hall
- **6**
  - Thurs 8:45am: Audubon Outing (p.3)
  - Fri 8am: Audubon Outing (p.3)
- **9**
  - Sat 10am–6pm: The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists (p.3)
  - Sun 11:30am–1:30pm: Storytime for Kids (p.9)
  - Sun 8:30am: Beginning Birding II (p.7)
- **10**
  - Wed 9am: Audubon Outing (p.3)
  - Thurs 7pm: Christmas Bird Count Preview/review (p.7)
- **11**
  - Tues 7pm: Land/Sea Symposium in Yachats, Oregon (p.4)
  - Fri 9am: Audubon Outing (p.3)
- **12**
  - Sun 10am–5pm: Nature Store Open House (see website)
- **13**
  - Fri 5:30–8:30pm: Land/Sea Symposium in Yachats, Oregon (p.4)
  - Mon 7am: Audubon Outing (p.3)
- **15**
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  - Sun 11am–5pm: Wild Arts Festival, Montgomery Park (p.1)
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**January**

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  - Sat 9am: Audubon Outing (p.3)

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 to the family! Welcome! Thank you for joining our vibrant and growing community!

**AUDUBON SOCIETY OF PORTLAND gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:**

In Memory

- Kathleen Pounder
- Judy Hvam

Helen K Stern & Ruth Sather
- Robert A. Stevenson Jr

Anne Backous
- Pepper Mercure

George & Janice Mercure

**In Honor**

- Meri & Michael Aherne
- Mimi & Michael Aherne

Ginnie Ross
- Deph Sheaffer

George & Janice Mercure

You can honor a special person with a gift to Audubon Society of Portland. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature. You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at www.audubonportland.org or by calling 971-222-6100. A thoughtful card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

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.

Become a Member!

If you would like to join our flock, you can use the handy form on the next page, or go to audubonportland.org/support/member or by calling 971-222-6100. If you have questions about membership, please contact Pam Meyers at pmeyers@audubonportland.org or 503-292-6855.
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 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.

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 woodsy landscape design with native plants. Along the way, she transformed her own flat grass yard into a woodsy landscape design with native plants. 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 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.”

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

The goals of the GiveGuide 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 GiveGuide 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!

Follow us on Facebook for announcements and incentives: facebook.com/portlandaudubon.

Attention Smartphone owners! Hook Up, 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 $88 (member price $80.10).

Your membership dollars support our Conservation, Education, and Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs! Memberships help us protect native birds and their habitats, and come with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, and trips and in our Nature Store. You can join online at audubonportland.org/support/membership, in our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

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

Membership Levels:

| $35 Individual | $250 Warbler |
| $45 Family | $500 Owl |
| $60 Wren | $1000 Great Blue Heron |
| $100 Goldfinch | $25 Living Lightly (student, senior) |

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Portland Audubon Participates in Willamette Week’s GiveGuide for the Fifth 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.

GIG 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 goods!

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 GiveGuide 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!
6x6 Wild Art Project
Back again for its eighth year is the 6x6 Wild Art Project, a collection of “6x6” and affordable 6-inch square canvases rendered by an assembly 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 to the 6x6 stage. Throughout the day, seven long-time fish artisists 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 Bueckman 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 owls, 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, E. O. Wilson 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 grassrooters 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!