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Community Says No to Fossil Fuel Export Facilities

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

On May 6th Mayor Charlie Hales announced that he was withdrawing his support for the proposed Pembina Propane export facility at the Port of Portland’s Terminal 6, citing overwhelming community opposition and lack of consistency with Portland’s environmental values. The project had drawn overwhelming opposition from conservation groups, community groups, neighborhood associations, and dock workers. The Mayor should be applauded for listening to the community. The Mayor stated that “at some point, those of us in power need to listen to those who put us there.”

In the wake of the Mayor’s decision the Port and Pembina announced that they would continue to fight for the terminal, citing public process, blue-collar jobs, and even arguing that the City should leave climate change policy to national and international forums. A barrage of full-page ads in the *Oregonian* and intensive lobbying has ensued. Even the Canadian Consulate has become involved. Lost is the promise that Pembina CEO Mick Dilger made when the project was first announced: “We’ll hang it out there and if Portland wants this, we’ll be there and if they don’t we won’t be.” Those words apparently came easily back when Pembina believed that there would be no meaningful public process, but they evaporated when the public spoke out with a breadth and depth that we have rarely seen even in a community known for its activists.

The Mayor made the right decision in listening to the community. It is time to close the door on Pembina. It is also time to seek real reform at the Port of Portland to ensure that it puts the interests of the community above the interests of giant corporations.

Seeing Through the Greenwash

The Columbia Corridor has become the focus of an onslaught of proposals from fossil fuel companies seeking to export their products to Asia. The Port of Portland is just the most recent Port to enter the fray. However, community after community is

standing up and saying “No” to these terminals. In doing so, we have an opportunity to send a message that will reverberate at a national and international scale.

If the Pembina terminal is built, Portland would become a major player in expanding fossil fuel export infrastructure that would help sustain and perpetuate the fossil fuel export industry for decades to come. The City would have been hitching its economic wagon to a company that continues to make its fortune helping create one of the greatest ecological disasters on the planet at the Alberta Tar Sands and to a fossil fuel that is a byproduct of environmentally destructive fracking. The project would have accounted for an astounding 0.7% of Portland’s CO2 emissions and as much as 0.01% of global CO2 emissions. Suggestions that propane would serve as a “bridge fuel” in Asia evaporated under scrutiny — there was no evidence whatsoever that the propane exported through this facility would be anything more than additive and much of it was likely to be used to manufacture plastic. Despite elaborate efforts to greenwash this project, Portlanders recognized this project for what it really was — a major, long-term expansion of infrastructure that will help perpetuate an industry that we should be moving toward obsolescence. This has nothing to do with transition and everything to do with perpetuating the fossil fuel export industry for generations to come.

The Process Worked but Public Oversight is at Risk

It is ironic to hear the Port and Pembina criticize the City for an unfair or incomplete process. The fact is that Pembina and the Port spent six months developing this project in secret behind closed doors and did not intend to provide any sort of meaningful public process at all back when this project was first announced. Only when the City discovered that the project would require an environmental zone amendment were the Port and Pembina forced to participate in public hearings. Even then they stonewalled the community, providing evasive and incomplete answers about public safety, river restrictions,

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One Child’s Audubon Journey

by Severin Piper, Environmental Educator

A young child sneaks through the forest, a fern frond tucked behind his ear for camouflage. The aroma of summer hovers in the air as Balch Creek runs low, yet the forest is lush from a wet spring. A Pacific Wren alarms from the breaking of a branch underfoot of this small human, while nearby Olive-sided Flycatchers play their own role in the avian choir. As the child sneaks through the woods, his mind races between the Raccoon tracks he saw earlier with his summer camp leader, and the Pacific Giant Salamander they saw in the creek...

The young boy does not yet know the significance of this experience in his life, but his camp leaders, Audubon Environmental Educators, have craftily designed their camps to be engaging and fun, all the while fulfilling the mission of *inspiring children to love and protect nature*. I was this young boy nearly 20 years ago.

Since then, I attended more Audubon camps, and as I grew, I transitioned into the role of Camp Counselor, then Intern, and now I am an Environmental Educator. Audubon summer camps have been the most consistent element of my life and have played an integral role in shaping who I am today.

Being in the unique position of seeing and experiencing Audubon’s education programs from the perspective of both a camper and an educator has proven powerful in and of itself; some of the most meaningful moments that shaped my awareness occurred in a way that I did not understand at the time. In 6th grade, I started my first friction fire. To this day, that moment serves as a benchmark, not only because of the exhilaration that I felt in that moment, creating fire using nothing but

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Severin Piper demonstrates starting friction fire during a Summer Camp © Portland Audubon

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From the Executive Director



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Inspiring a Love and Protection of Nature

Take just a moment to consider how you first became connected with nature. Were you exploring a local park, hiking with a relative or friend, exploring at summer camp, or taking a science course at school? There likely isn't an acre of protected natural land that doesn't owe its very existence to our life-changing connections with nature.

At the Audubon Society of Portland, we recognize the value of connecting people with the environment through the enjoyment of birding and other outdoor activities. We also know incredible things happen when you introduce those who value nature with opportunities to make a difference, from volunteering to donating to advocating for protection of wild birds. This issue of the *Warbler* mirrors those core strengths: providing opportunities to enjoy nature, offering ways to make a difference, and inspiring our members by relating the ways our community has an impact.

The stories of our volunteers, supporters, and staff are also a great way to share our nature connections. We share the experiences of a longtime Portland Audubon camper-turned-counselor (now environmental educator), Severin Piper, as well as the latest from the Raptor Cam Red-tailed Hawks, courtesy of Bob Sallinger. Please let us know if you have a story of connection with nature that you'd like to share by emailing us at general@audubonportland.org.

On behalf of the Audubon Society of Portland, we hope these summer months offer ample opportunities for reconnecting you with the natural world that supports and uplifts us all.



An Audubon Society of Portland summer camper connects with nature © Dylan Schertz

New Parks for Portland

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

Access to nature is one of the Audubon Society of Portland's longstanding priorities. In 2009 we helped persuade Portland City Council to increase the Park System Development Charges (SDCs) that are the second largest source of funding for parks. This spring, Audubon again successfully advocated for an increase in SDC rates so that developers would cover more of the cost of expanding park services demanded by Portland's growth. SDC funds have been particularly important for improving access to nature in park- and nature-deficient neighborhoods.

On May 27, the City Council voted 3-2 to amend the SDC program to bring a projected additional \$10 million each year to Portland's parks, trails, and natural areas. Over the coming years, that increase will provide nearly as big

a boost for parks as the parks repair bond that Audubon helped advocate for last year. While the fee increase has been delayed a year, we are guardedly optimistic the Council vote will hold sway and this necessary change will take place.

Our thanks go out to everyone who contacted elected officials, attended a City Council hearing, or otherwise helped to pass this SDC amendment. With each funding victory, Portland comes one step closer to reaching our goal of having every citizen within walking distance of a park or natural area.



Northern Pygmy Owl in Forest Park © Scott Carpenter

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and environmental impacts. They waited until after the public hearings to announce that they were not willing to accept the environmental mitigation package recommended by the Planning and Sustainability Commission. They still have not provided any information at all about risks associated with mile-long unit trains full of propane passing through our neighborhoods. The *Oregonian* recently reported that more than one of every four people living in Clark and Multnomah Counties would live within the mile-wide evacuation zones required by regulators in the event of a spill. The fact is that there was an extensive public process, far more than either the Port or Pembina intended to provide, and the community spoke clearly when it said "No" to Pembina.

What the community should be concerned about is that, but for the fact this project required an environmental zone amendment, there would have been no opportunity at all for a comprehensive review and public hearings on this project. In recent years, the City has acquiesced to industrial pressure to reduce the scope of public review on industrial lands. The draft comprehensive plan updates that are currently before the Planning and Sustainability Commission take Portland even further in the wrong direction. The Port also been active in Salem seeking legislative support to roll back environmental regulations and limit public involvement and public oversight of industrial projects.

Pembina had the opportunity to make their case and they failed. It is to the Mayor's credit that he listened to the broad public opposition and withdrew his support. The real questions: how this project nearly evaded a meaningful public review process and how the community can ensure that public involvement is protected going forward.

The Real Causes of Declines in Blue-Collar Jobs

In the wake of the Mayor's decision, the Port, Portland Business Alliance, and some media outlets have trotted out the tired old argument that Portland does not care about blue-collar jobs. It is a bludgeon that the corporate interests have repeatedly used to attempt to roll back the City's environmental policies and programs, and it has far more to do with maximizing corporate profits than it does with

creating blue-collar jobs. The fact is that the real threats to blue-collar jobs lie elsewhere in corners that the business community does not want to acknowledge or address.

The City's recent draft Economic Opportunity Analysis points out that even as throughputs and industrial land base have increased in the Portland Harbor, the number of jobs has declined. It is time to take a hard look at how issues such as automation, labor conflicts, and destructive competition between Ports along the Columbia River are undermining job creation and retention in Portland Harbor. It is also time to discuss how industrial interests have dragged their feet cleaning up the Portland Harbor Superfund Site and the more than 900 acres of brownfields in Portland. It is time to recognize that the biggest culprit in industrial land deficits in Portland is industrial interests that have sought to upzone industrial lands for commercial and residential uses in order to maximize land sale values, and then turned around and demanded conversion of open space and natural areas to industrial use in order to fill the deficits that they created. It is time to tie public investment in industrial land infrastructure to real job-creation targets, something industrial interests have steadfastly rejected. Portland needs a chamber of commerce that actually embraces and understands how to market Portland's environmental leadership rather than constantly railing against it.

Reform at the Port of Portland Needed

It is also time to take a look at lack of leadership at the Port of Portland. It is hard to imagine an agency more out of touch with the surrounding community and more in need of fresh perspectives than the Port. Its remarkable string of recent defeats on issues such as Riverplan, the Columbia River Crossing, West Hayden Island, and Pembina speak to this fact. Rather than serve as a bridge between river industry and the surrounding community, the Port has instead too often caucused with industrial interests to push a one-sided industry agenda, often at the expense of the environment and the surrounding neighborhoods. In recent years, the Port has taken to going down to Salem to pass legislation that would roll back environmental protections and reduce public involvement in decisions on industrial lands.

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

July

1-2	Wed-Thu	—	Summer Camps (website)
4	Sat	—	Independence Day: Nature Store Closed
7	Tue	10am-12pm	Magpies Planning Meeting (p.3)
7	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
8	Wed	7am-6pm+	Audubon Outing (p.3)
13-17	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
16	Thu	7pm	Board Meeting
18	Sat	12:30 and 1:30	Storytime, ages 4-8 (p.3)
24	Fri	7pm-9pm	Autumn Shorebirds class (p.7)
25	Sat	7am-5pm	Autumn Shorebirds field trip (p.7)
20-24	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
27-31	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)

August

1	Sat	10am-3pm	Sketching Birds class (p.7)
1	Sat	12:30 and 1:30	Storytime, ages 4-8 (p.3)
3-7	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
4	Tue	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
6	Thu	6pm-8:30pm	New Volunteer Orientation (p.8)
10-14	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
14	Fri	8am-11am	Audubon Outing (p.3)
15	Sat	9pm-4:30pm	General Volunteer Training
15	Sat	12:30 and 1:30	Storytime, ages 4-8 (p.3)
15	Sat	3pm-7pm	Audubon Outing (p.3)
17-21	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
20	Thu	7pm	Board Meeting
24-28	Mon-Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
29	Sat	7am-10am	Audubon Outing (p.3)

September

5	Sat	11am-3pm	Vulture Awareness Day (p.3)
7	Mon	—	Labor Day: Nature Store & Admin closed
9	Wed	7pm-8:30pm	Freshwater Ecology class (p.7)
12	Sat	8am-4pm	Freshwater Ecology field trip (p.7)

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.

In the short run, Governor Brown should begin by appointing a significant number of community representatives to the Port of Portland Commission, which today is 100% dominated by corporate interests and unions. In the long run, we should consider shifting to an elected Port Commission such as occurs in Seattle and Tacoma or a locally appointed commission such as occurs in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Long Beach, Houston, and Boston. The next director of the Port of Portland should be hired through a transparent, inclusive national search process, not through a non-competitive, backroom appointment of Governor Kitzhaber's former chief of staff. There is nothing that would go further toward integrating the community's desire for environmentally progressive leadership and blue-collar job creation than real reform at the Port of Portland.

We Can Make a Difference

Perhaps the most cynical aspect of this process was assertions by advocates for the Pembina Project that Portland should stand down on enacting climate change policy because meaningful change can only occur at the national and international levels. Any activist knows that the first line of defense employed by proponents of the status quo is to try to convince people that their efforts are futile. In the case of climate change, progress at the national and international levels has been anemic. As with most environmental issues, change is going to have to begin at the grassroots level, and as one city after another stands up and says "No" to the fossil fuel export industry, it will begin to reverberate at a global scale. In the coming months Portland has the opportunity to adopt a Climate Action Plan that will set an aggressive standard for combatting climate change in our own neighborhoods and communities, and we have an unprecedented opportunity to say "No" to the fossil fuel export industry that will have national and international implications.

Portland's stand on Pembina has already drawn the attention of the Canadian Consulate, which is perturbed that Portland would dare say no to one of its most powerful corporations. Portland's leadership on climate change has also drawn the attention of the Pope, who invited Mayor Hales to meet with him at Vatican City as part of a delegation of 16 cities that are leading on climate change. At the end of the day, the concern of the naysayers is not that Portland can't make a difference... the fear is that it will.

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



Ruby the Turkey Vulture ©Tom Schmid

International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!

Sat, September 5

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Heron Hall

Around the world vultures are facing hazards in the wild and their numbers are dwindling. As “Nature’s Recyclers,” they play an important role in reducing disease — and it’s up to us to help save them.

International Vulture Awareness Day is filled with fun and educational activities:

- Meet Ruby, Portland Audubon’s Turkey Vulture, up close, along with the other Education Birds
- Compare your “wingspan” to that of an Andean Condor’s silhouette
- Make a crafted vulture and mask
- Learn fun vulture facts
- Find out the differences between Old and New World vultures
- Discover why vultures are important
- Make a pledge to help vultures survive

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!

July 7 (Tue), 10am–12noon Planning Meeting

The Magpies will hold our annual planning session in the Jay Conference Room at Portland Audubon. We will be planning the calendar for 2015–2016.



Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. Photo: Alan D. Wilson

July 8 (Wed), 7am–6pm+ Timberline Lodge

Interested in exploring the timberline habitats on the slopes of Mt Hood? Chance to see Cassin’s Finch, Calliope Hummingbird, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. We will hike the trails above and around Timberline Lodge and visit some surrounding sites. We leave Clackamas Town Center parking lot off Sunnyside Rd (off I-205) at 7am. Plan on returning to Clackamas Town Center after 6pm. **Registration required** with Ron Escano at 503-771-3454, or contact him for more details.

Aug 14 (Fri), 8am–11am Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Join **John Nikkel** and **Dena Turner** in a morning walk. Bring a scope if you have one. We will look for American Bitterns, Pileated Woodpeckers, and others. Drive east on Washington SR-14 past Washougal, and watch for the sign at about MP 16 marking the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area. Soon after is a large Steigerwald Lake NWR sign at entrance to parking lot, where we’ll meet. Questions: Dena at 503-236-6937.

Aug 15 (Sat), 3pm–7pm Early Migrant Shorebirds of Washington County



Semipalmated Sandpiper © Greg Gillson

Join **Stefan Schlick** for an afternoon trip to check for south-bound shorebirds. We are hoping for Semipalmated Sandpiper. We’ll meet at Jackson Bottom Wetlands parking area, but may or may not bird there or go to other areas — we’ll go wherever birding is good! Bring a scope if you have one. Questions: Stefan at greenfant@hotmail.com.

Aug 29 (Sat), 7am–10am Vancouver Lake Park

Join **Ron Escano** to scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for early fall migrants. Meet in the parking lot in front of the middle bathrooms. From I-5 northbound, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. Limited to 15 participants; **registration required** with Ron at 503-771-3454.

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sticks and rope, but moreover because it transformed the natural world into a magnificent and endless place in which I would never again be bored, and that I could always find a harmonious balance of play, learning, and inspiration, all while protecting an environment that is so integral to sustaining life at all levels.

The core of who I have become was built around a community that understands and values all of the intricacies in the natural world that we too often take for granted, and I always find myself searching for new ways to share my experiences with others, while giving children opportunities to begin their own journey into the natural world.

Though I am not yet certain what context I will ultimately teach in, I am currently pursuing a Master of Education degree to hone and deepen my abilities as an educator. Audubon programs have consistently galvanized my passion for passing along this inspiration to our future generations — a mission that I now embrace as one of their Environmental Educators.

Catio Tour Gears Up for its 3rd Annual Event

Every cat deserves a home where it is loved, cared for, and kept free from hazards. Yet right now, tens of thousands of cats roam our urban landscape, vulnerable to a variety of risks and preying on native wildlife. Catos, or cat patios, offer a solution: an outdoor enclosure that gives pet cats an enriching outdoor experience, while keeping it — and neighborhood wildlife — more safe.

On **Saturday, September 12**, from **10:00am–2:00pm**, the Audubon Society of Portland and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon are teaming up to bring you Portland’s 3rd annual Catio Tour. This self-guided tour will showcase catios of all shapes and sizes, from fabulous to frugal. You’ll see creative entries in and out of windows, enclosed “cat-walks” across backyards, and more.



A cat naps on a wooden perch in its catio ©Tinsley Hunsdorfer

The goal of this unique event is to educate our community about how outdoor cat enclosures keep pet cats and wildlife safe. We hope to inspire others to build one for their own cats!

Registration for this year’s tour is now open, so reserve your place today at <http://feralcats.com/Catio.html>.

Summer Storytime at Portland Audubon!

This summer the Nature Store presents **free** Saturday storytime programs for families with small children, featuring fun nature-based children’s stories plus activities for children **ages 4–8**. We normally perform on the **first** and **third Saturday** of each month, though we have an exception in July because of the July 4th holiday. Look what we have planned for you!

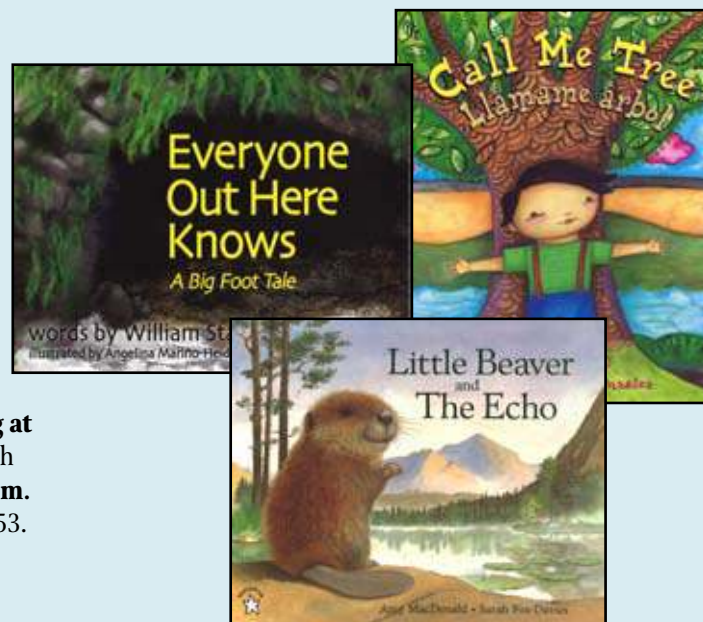
We’ll return with another storytime adventure on **July 18**. The featured book that day will be a colorful and inspirational bilingual story, *Call Me Tree / Llamame Arbol* by author and artist Maya Christina Gonzalez.

Storytime at Portland Audubon

July 18 and August 1 & 15
12:30pm (repeats at 1:30pm)
Ages 4–8

On **August 1**, we delve into the mysteries of the forest with *Everyone Out Here Knows: A Big Foot Tale*, based on a poem by William Stafford, beautifully illustrated by Angelina Marino-Heidel. We round off our summer season on **August 15** with a sweet story of friendship, *Little Beaver and the Echo*, by Amy MacDonald and Sarah Fox-Davies.

Please join us for these programs in our interpretive center **starting at 12:30 p.m.** We then follow up with a **repeat performance at 1:30 p.m.** Our phone number is 503-292-9453.



Conservation

East Sand Island Cormorant Update

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Despite our best efforts to prevent it, the first year of a four-year effort by the US Army Corps of Engineers to kill Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island is now under way. The Corps proposes to kill more than 10,000 cormorants and destroy more than 26,000 nests during the four-year time period. The Corps argues that the killing is necessary to prevent these wild birds from eating listed salmon. However, for more than a decade the Corps has refused to address the primary cause of salmon declines on the Columbia River: the manner in which they operate the federal hydropower system. Even as the shooting began on East Sand Island, the Corps was ignoring a new report from US Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Nez Perce citing low river flows as presenting an extreme risk to salmon and outlining specific actions that the Corps could take to remedy the situation. The birds remain nothing more than scapegoats.

In May Audubon and four other plaintiffs brought a lawsuit in Federal Court to stop the slaughter. We sought a preliminary injunction to halt the killing from being started before the lawsuit was resolved. Courts set a very high bar for granting preliminary injunctions requiring a showing of “irreparable harm.” Unfortunately the judge did not grant the injunction, ruling that since the killing is spread across four years, the first year of killing was unlikely to cause species level impacts during 2015. He acknowledged



East Sand Island Shooting Platform. Government sharpshooters intend to shoot more than 4,000 cormorants this year and 10,000 over four years. From these elevated platforms, multiple shooters using high-powered rifles and night-vision goggles will shoot the birds at night as they tend to their young. © Bob Sallinger

plaintiff’s concerns that the lethal control activity within the nesting colony — including shooting, egg oiling, and carcass collection — could cause nest colony collapse, but refused to stop the activity because this outcome was speculative. The judge did explicitly state that he was not ruling on the merits of the lawsuit.

As of June 11, the Corps has shot 125 cormorants and destroyed more than 1,700 cormorant nests. The Corps has proceeded with an outrageous level of secrecy, refusing to allow independent observers including the media to observe the government’s activity, and releasing minimal information. Their first online public update was less than 75 words long and their most recent update was 34 words long. They waited until a Sunday on the Memorial Day

weekend despite telling callers the Friday before that they had no idea when shooting would begin.

Audubon intends to continue to fight this unnecessary slaughter. We will proceed forward with our lawsuit with the goal of reaching a final decision before the 2016 killing season. Despite the Corps secrecy, we are activity trying to monitor the activity on the island using boats and planes in order to document whether the Corps exceeds the number of bird kills allowed under its permits or causes colony collapse. We have initiated a series of protests to remind decision-makers and the Corps that the public strongly opposes this action.

Finally, we continue to fight for transparency at the Corps and US Fish and Wildlife Service — the public has a right to see how the federal government is slaughtering wildlife, and the secrecy is a disgrace. We believe that if the public was actually able to view federal agents shooting wild birds on their nests as they try to care for their young, this project would come to a fast end.

Port of Portland Weakens State Law Governing Disposal of Dredge Spoils

by Bob Sallinger

For years, the Port of Portland has been conducting dredging operations in the Portland Harbor Superfund Area and disposing of those contaminated dredge spoils in places like West Hayden Island. Audubon and the local community have repeatedly challenged the dumping and even brought a lawsuit in 2012. Unfortunately, current state laws governing disposal of solid waste, which is how dredge spoils are classified, have been weakly enforced by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. During the 2015 legislative session, things have gotten even worse.

Senate Bill 412, which was brought forward by the Port of Portland, eliminates a key protection for our communities and environment when Ports dispose of dredge spoils. Originally the Port sought to have dredge spoils declassified as solid waste altogether — an outrageous piece of legislation which would have outright eliminated state regulatory oversight. In a disappointing “compromise” the Port and leadership in Salem agreed to leave dredge materials classified as solid waste, but stripped out a key provision of state law which had required that when Ports disposed of dredge materials beyond the borders of designated solid

waste dumps, they had to demonstrate that the materials would be put to “productive use.”

The former law allowed dredge materials to be recycled into road beds, construction materials, etc., rather than filling landfills. At the same time, it also protected communities and the environment from having those dredge materials simply dumped outside of landfills and left forever, resulting in a proliferation of de facto dredge dumps. Under the new law, DEQ is actually required to specify that — even if there is no “productive” use and the Port intends to leave the spoils there in perpetuity — it is “productive.” The term will now have absolutely no substance or meaning. More importantly, it removes one of the key protections for our communities and our environment.

In a disappointing display of weak environmental leadership, Senate Democrats pointed to the support of the Governor’s office, House Democrats pointed to the support of the Senate, and the Governor’s office pointed to the support of the House and Senate in justifying their votes. Left out of the equation was the public interest. Most disappointing was the

role of the Port of Portland which, rather than substantively addressing public concerns about its past dredge dumping practices, instead used its public resources to further weaken environmental and community protections.

These dredge dumps can cover hundreds of acres, often contain contaminated materials, are highly unstable, and can have dramatic impacts on the community and environment. When the wind blows, the dust can become airborne and spread far beyond the dump site boundaries. The Port asserted that there are lots of other regulations that they still have to meet. That is true. However, the protection they removed has no surrogate and there is a reason the Port spent significant resources to have it eliminated. Our communities and environment are significantly less protected as a result. Audubon will continue to watchdog the Port’s dredging activities — it is not okay for the Port to move contaminated dredge materials from the Portland Harbor Superfund sites to our neighborhoods and natural areas.

Important Opportunity Ahead to Provide Critical Input into Management of Klamath National Wildlife Refuges

by Bob Sallinger

In the next couple of months the public will have a critical opportunity to address chronic water shortages on the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges. Klamath Basin’s wetlands represent some of the most important waterfowl habitat in the Western United States. An estimated 80% of Pacific Flyway waterfowl utilize the wetlands during their migratory journeys and more than 260 species of birds have been observed on the refuges.

However, in recent years, Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge has been allowed to go completely dry. This situation has precipitated huge disease outbreaks that have resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of birds, and millions more have not had their survival needs met as they pass through the Klamath Basin. A major source of the problem is that more than 22,000 acres of refuge land is leased for agribusiness and continues to receive limited water, even as the refuges go completely dry.

In 2014, Portland Audubon, WaterWatch, and Oregon Wild sued the US Fish and Wildlife Service to force it to complete Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCPs) for the Klamath Refuges. These plans, required to be completed for all federal refuges by October 2012, will force the Klamath Refuges to make legally challengeable findings that the water allocations are compatible with the primary purpose of the refuge. The litigation was successful and the Service will have to approve a final version of the long-overdue CCP by August 2016. We do not believe that there is any way that the US Fish and Wildlife Service can continue to justify the current water allocations.

Senator Wyden is sponsoring legislation that also attempts to address Klamath Basin Water issues while also removing obsolete hydropower dams from the Klamath River. Portland Audubon does not support this legislation. Removing the dams from the Klamath River is a critical step forward in restoring the River, but unfortunately this legislation would



Bone-dry wetlands at Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge in 2014 © Bob Sallinger

also lock in lease-land farming and significantly inadequate water supplies for the refuge for the next 50 years. We believe that there are other paths forward to address the dams and that the health of refuges do not need to be sacrificed in the process.

We expect the draft CCP to be released for public comment in the next couple of months. It will be critical that the public weigh in strongly to ensure that lease-land farming is phased out and limited refuge water is used for the primary purpose of the refuge — providing habitat for waterfowl. We will keep our membership updated on opportunities to weigh in.



A New Springwater Parks and Community District for East County?

Over the last 18 months, a small group of citizens have been meeting regularly to explore the potential to create a new park and community district in East Multnomah County. Municipalities in East County have faced growing shortfalls in their efforts to fund parks, natural areas, and recreational facilities. Local parks funding in East County has fallen as much as 70% the last 15 years, while the population has grown 40%!

Audubon Society of Portland has been an active participant in the conversations for a new park district, which culminated in June in a large gathering of key elected officials and civic leaders. The upshot was broad agreement to conduct a feasibility study over the next year in the hope that a proposal could be taken to the voters in November 2016.

If you live in the cities of Gresham, Fairview, Wood Village, or Troutdale and are interested and able to get involved, we could use local advocates to help meet with elected officials and raise awareness about the benefits of a Park District. For more information contact Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist, at jlabb@audubonportland.org.



Neighborhood Sequoia © Marilyn Stinnett

Tree Loss & Development in the City of Portland

by Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist

The recovery of the housing and real estate market in Portland continues to astound and confound. In many older inner neighborhoods rapid construction and redevelopment is putting many large healthy trees at risk of the chainsaw. The new City-wide tree planting and preservation policies that went into effect January 1 could not have arrived soon enough.

But are these new policies too little too late?

In May, a developer got a permit to remove three sequoia redwoods in Eastmoreland Neighborhood, one over 7 feet in diameter! In instances where trees are not preserved or replanted on site, the new code allows the City Forester to collect a fee-in-lieu. The fee-in-lieu in the new City code means that \$3600 is the maximum compensatory fee the City could levy in order to replant trees and replace their environmental and civic value to the neighborhood. Given the scale and total cost of development projects, \$3600 amounts to only a small cost of doing business.

Audubon Society of Portland is working to improve protections for urban trees in the City of Portland. We need your help advocating for better policies for tree preservation and replanting. If you want to get involved to help, contact Jim Labbe at jlabb@audubonportland.org.

Wildlife Care Center

Turkey Vulture Trials and Tribulations

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

The goal of the Audubon Society of Portland's Wildlife Care Center is to rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned wildlife. This goal often can be a time-sensitive endeavor. Frequently we are in a race to get the rehabilitated animal out as soon as possible. Keeping an animal in captivity longer than is necessary can often mean re-injury. So when two young Turkey Vultures came to us the middle of last summer we were in a complex position. One Turkey Vulture came in because it was found on the side of the road with its family. The bird was unable to fly and it turns out that it had a fractured collarbone. This bird came to us right near the end of summer and it would take a few weeks to heal this injury. What do you do when an animal is a young migratory bird and the projected release date would be nearing the end of the migration season? Do you release the bird to make the long migration on its own with little conditioning when the last of the species is leaving the summer grounds, or do you wait (sometimes almost six months) in a temperature-controlled cage before releasing it back to the wild? Our answer was the latter.

A couple of weeks after it became apparent to us that we were going to overwinter this bird, we received a call from Turtle Ridge. Turtle Ridge is a wildlife rehabilitation facility based out of Salem. They had received another young Turkey Vulture because it had undergone an impact injury that caused it to suffer from leg weakness for a time. Turtle Ridge decided to transfer it to Audubon when they realized the bird would need to overwinter in Oregon. Turkey Vultures are very social animals, and in the wild the youngsters would be living with a group of vultures, so it's in their best interest to spend the winter together. Having a vulture companion also helps prevent them from becoming habituated to people. The two young Turkey Vultures and an adult were all housed together to weather the winter.



Young Turkey Vultures emerging to freedom © Steve Young

Caring for large birds that would normally be in Mexico can be difficult. The birds would not have tolerated the cold conditions and some snow that we often get in the winter (Ruby our educational Turkey Vulture gets a heater and is brought inside on especially cold nights). We had to retrofit one of our smaller cages with heaters, plastic wrapped windows, and heat lamps in order to make their stay a more comfortable one. But it isn't all comfort for the young birds — they also needed some education. These birds would be foraging, experiencing natural food and experimenting on ways to tear into it. So we got them large mammal carcasses that had been roadkill (x-rayed to ensure no possibility of ingested shot). They got fish, raccoons, opossums, and deer to make sure that they knew what to look for when they were released. We also made sure that they got sufficient flight training in our large flight cages.

The birds were finally released June 10th at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Around 200 people witnessed them get their second chance at life in the wild, and as the birds started riding their first thermals in over 6 months, a pair of adult Turkey Vultures joined them. Timing is everything; these birds will have all summer to spend foraging for food and continue learning from other Turkey Vultures before they must make their migration in September. It is with this that I say goodbye and good luck!

Raptor Cam Red-tails Revisited

by Bob Sallinger

I am sure many of our readers remember the Raptor Cam Red-tailed Hawks which were featured on the KGW-Audubon Raptor Cam as they raised their young on a downtown fire escape between 2007 and 2011. In 2012 the pair relocated to a ledge with a better view on the Federal Courthouse Building and this year they appear to have upscaled again, this time to a ledge atop Portland's tallest building, the Wells Fargo Tower. One has to wonder if they reminisce about their early years on the fire escape as they gaze out over the clouds.

Despite the tony location, one thing has not changed: Their young continue to leap before they are able to fly. It is not uncommon for Red-tails to leave the nest before they are fully flighted and spend time on the ground. In the case of the three youngsters from this nest, the drop was close to 40 stories! During early June, all three fledglings were picked up on the downtown streetscape and brought to the Wildlife Care Center. Two were uninjured but the third appeared to have collided with a window on the way down and suffered minor head trauma.

The three youngsters received an exam, a couple days of R&R, a diet of the finest mice and quail, and souvenir leg bands to commemorate their stay (and so that we could identify them in the future). The injured youngster was treated for his head trauma.

Working with the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, we released them onto the green roof atop the Portland Building in the shadow of the Wells Fargo Tower. The rooftop provided a relatively safe location to reunite the now flighted youngsters with their parents — above the traffic and away from people. We left them a healthy supply of dead quail, a decision which



A young Red-tailed Hawk catches the wind on edge of rooftop © Bob Sallinger

apparently drew the ire of county employees one story down who arrived at work to find a collection of carcasses outside their windows.

Upon release the fledglings quickly emerged from the carrier, galloped across the sedums and grasses that covered the rooftop, and leapt up onto the parapet that surrounded the roof. The parents flew in shortly thereafter and a squawking, screeching family reunion ensued. Mom perched on a nearby building while the young extended their wings and danced on the late afternoon breeze that blew across the roof. They would extend their wings, lift a few feet off the parapet, then drop back down and scramble to regain their talon hold — much as they probably had been doing several days earlier when they plummeted to earth. Hopefully this time when they truly caught air, they would be more successful... and that this how we left them.

In the meantime, Portland Audubon is working to bring back the Raptor Cam. We are currently exploring a variety of opportunities to provide the community with an up-close view of the adventures of our urban raptors.

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.

JAMAICA!

January 15–25, 2016

4 spaces remain!

Escape the cold, dark days of winter and join Portland Audubon on this unforgettable trip into the very heart of the Caribbean. White sand beaches... warm ocean breezes... turquoise-blue water... all this and more await you in the island paradise of Jamaica. This enchanting island has a well-kept secret — it is home to 28 endemic species of birds and with a little luck, you should see them all!

We begin our trip in Montego Bay then travel to the coastal town of Negril, famous for its seven-mile stretch of beach. We'll spend two nights here and while on our one full-day visit to the **Royal Palms Reserve**, a wetland that often yields **West Indian Whistling Duck**, **Tricolored Heron** and the endemic **Jamaican Vireo**. Back in Negril, you'll have time to stroll on the sandy beach or swim in the warm, gentle surf before we head out the next morning on our trek across the northern coast of the island.

On our way to Ocho Rios we'll stop to bird a few local hotspots, including a bird sanctuary that specializes in providing visitors with up-close views of some of the island's most interesting inhabitants. The **Red-tailed Streamertail**, **Bananaquit**, **grassquits** and a host of other species will come to the feeders, so close you'll be tempted to reach out and touch them. After this, we plan a stop at the infamous **Rose Hall Great House**, allowing us a glimpse into Jamaica's past as we tour the magnificent house and grounds.

After a night in Ocho Rios, it's off to the Blue Mountains on the eastern side of the island where we'll spend three nights amidst the stunning scenery of Jamaica's highlands. While here, we'll spend our days in search of montane endemics like the **Blue Mountain Vireo**, **Crested Quail-Dove** and **Jamaican Elaenia**.

From the Blue Mountains we head to the northeastern coast, where we'll spend two nights and days enjoying one of the most beautiful beaches Jamaica has to offer. We'll stay in private villas nestled in along the rocky shoreline, and our resort has its own beautiful sandy cove for its guests, allowing us to swim and relax between outings. From here we are strategically located to bird the famous **Ecclesdown Road**, one of the best "birding roads" in the world, where we should be able to "clean up" on any of the endemics we may have missed, including the unique (and irresistible) **Jamaican Tody**.

We'll stay our last night in the historic area of Port Royal, strategically located near the Kingston airport, from which we fly home the next day. We've designed this trip to give you a chance to escape the winter while adding a host of new birds to your repertoire. If you would like more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Steve Robertson at **971-222-6118** or srobertson@audubonportland.org.

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director, and local guides
Fee: \$2795* members / \$3095* non-members
Deposit: \$1400 required to secure your place on the trip

THAILAND

January 15–30, 2016
(dates tentative)

Buddha,
Dvaravati
art style.
Photo:
Heinrich
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A country of Buddhist traditions, temples and images, Thailand is full of natural beauty, friendly people and incredible birds. The journey begins in the north of Thailand, in the city of **Chiang Mai**, where the night market and the magnificent temple of Wat Phra That Soi Suthep will whet your appetite for culture and tradition. Around our hotel we'll be introduced to some of our first Asian birds such as **Zebra Dove**, **White Wagtail**, **Red-whiskered Bulbul** and **Oriental Magpie Robin**.

Our first birding foray will be along the border with Myanmar where we'll spend an unforgettable day in the vast, forested hills that are home to **Giant Nuthatch**, **Mrs. Gould's Sunbird**, **Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-Babbler**, **Red-faced Liocichla** and **Red-flanked Bluetail**. Next we'll head to the mountain of Ang Khang where we'll explore the experimental gardens at the Royal Agricultural Station where we may find **White-headed Bulbul**, **White-browed Scimitar-Babbler**, **Scarlet Rosefinch** and **Ashy Drongo** among the Rhododendron and Flowering Plum.

Known as the roof of Thailand, Doi Inthanon is at the eastern end of the Himalayan Mountains. Along the slopes of the highest peak in Thailand lives an amazing variety of birds in habitats from cloud forest to deciduous Dipterocarp. Along waterfalls and streams we hope for good views of the secretive **Slaty-backed Forktail** and **White-capped Water-Redstart**, and while exploring the slopes of this granitic massif we hope to encounter **Purple Sunbird**, **Asian Barred Owlet** and **Green Bee-eater**, to name just a few.

Next we fly to the metropolis of Bangkok to experience firsthand its famous markets and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. We will head south for a day along the coastal salt pans, rummaging through flocks of shorebirds such as **Red-necked Stint**, **Marsh Sandpiper** and **Lesser Sand-Plover** to search for the critically endangered **Spoon-billed Sandpiper**. It is believed that less than 200 of these intriguing little birds with spatulate bills remain, and Pak Thale is the most accessible place in the world to see them.

After searching the coast for more unusual species such as **Nordmann's Greenshank**, **Asian Dowitcher**, **Chinese Egret** and more, we'll head to the mountains and Kaeng Krachan National Park where we'll have our best chance of seeing a variety of mammals. The musical call of **White-handed Gibbon** will herald our arrival in the park and troops of **Dusky Langur** and **Pig-tailed Macaque** will sound like wild teenagers romping through the forest, shaking branches and breaking limbs. If we are lucky we'll encounter **Asian Elephants**, the lumbering giants of the forest and another massive resident, the **Great Hornbill**.

The last days of our trip will be in the coastal town of Hua Hin, where the view from our bungalows is of white sand beach, giving us time to reflect as we relax, looking out over the Gulf of Thailand.

This amazing trip features some of the best wildlife viewing in the world and exploration of world-famous Buddhist temples. If you would like more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Dan van den Broek at **971-222-6105** or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: \$4175* members / \$4475* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place on the trip

Additional upcoming trips!

Complete writeups will be in the next *Warbler*, but sign up now to guarantee your spot! Contact Eric (escheuering@audubonportland.org) or Dan (dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org).

TEXAS: RIO GRANDE VALLEY

February 14–21, 2016

Join us for a winter trip to southern Texas and the Rio Grande Valley to one of the hottest birding regions in the country. This subtropical part of the U.S. is famous for being the northern limit for many tropical species, including the **Great Kiskadee**, **Plain Chachalaca**, and the beautiful **Green Jay**. February is an ideal time of the year to see the many species that winter in southern Texas. This gateway to the neotropics is sure to impress the most avid birder and beginner alike!

Fee: \$2295* members / \$2495* non-members
Leaders: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager & **Patty Newland**, Trip Leader

Borneo

February 24 – March 10, 2016

Borneo, the world's third largest island, is a land of rugged mountains, ancient people, and dense jungles teeming with wildlife and birds that defy the imagination. We'll explore the Malaysian state of Sabah in the northern portion of the island, exploring the many different habitats this unique region has to offer. From **Kota Kinabalu** we head directly to **Mt. Kinabalu**, where we will bird the flanks of the highest peak in Southeast Asia. Next we travel to **Sepilok**, where we'll visit the Rainforest Discovery Center, famous for its canopy towers and walkways that offer premier birding opportunities in the otherwise dense rainforest. Next it's off to the **Sukau Rainforest Lodge**, a known haunt for the **Proboscis Monkey** and the enigmatic **Bornean Pygmy Elephant**. Lastly we'll venture into the **Danum Valley**, a vast tract of pristine forest that is home to the "old man of the forest," the **Orangutan**.

Fee: \$6795* members / \$7095* non-members
Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator

France

April 30 – May 14, 2016

Join us for this tour of charming and picturesque southern France during spring migration. We'll explore the vast wetlands of the **Camargue**, the oak forests and verdant plains of **Les Alpilles**, the spectacular canyons of the Tarn, and finally the majestic bird-rich eastern **Pyrénées**. We'll conclude the trip in **Paris**, the City of Lights.

Fee: To be determined
Leaders: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager & **Steve Robertson**, Education Director

*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

Autumn Shorebirds

July 24 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
July 25 (Sat), 7am–5pm: Coast Field Trip (transportation provided)

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

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants: \$85 members / \$105 non-members
Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Sketching Birds: Get the Gesture!

Aug 1 (Sat), 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall

Different from the exacting details of illustration, this approach is about getting just enough on the paper. Often, less is more! Let artist and author **Jude Siegel** set you on your way. Working with graphite, pen, and simple watercolor, and drawing live birds, specimens, and photos, you will practice easy ways to record birds in your journals, with a little background as well. This is a great way to add to your birding records, and you will remember more about the birds you sketch. No art experience needed, just enthusiasm!

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members
Limited to 16 participants.

Benthos, Nymphs, and Smolts: An introduction to freshwater ecology

Sept 9 (Wed), 7pm–8:30pm: Class in Heron Hall
Sept 12 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

Oregon’s rivers and streams are rich ecosystems, full of life. They are home to our most iconic animals: the six species of Pacific salmon. But flowing waters also provide habitat for other kinds of fish, amphibians, insects, mollusks, and more. Join **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** for an introduction to the freshwater ecology of our region. Learn about the influence of the terrestrial environment and stream hydrology on the life cycles of fish and macroinvertebrates. You’ll get familiar with some common species and learn their basic identification.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants: \$85 members / \$105 non-members
Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members



Whimbrel © Bjorn Fredrickson

Beginning Birding I

(Session F): Sept 10 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Sept 13 & 20 (Sun), 8am–11am: Local Field Trips
(Session G): Oct 14 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Oct 17 & 24 (Sat), 8am–11am: Local Field Trips

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

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants: \$45 members / \$60 non-members
Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists

Sept 12 (Sat), 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall

Are you convinced your drawing ability will never advance beyond the stick-figure level? Does your Killdeer look like a Great Blue Heron? Come join nationally known bird artist **Shawneen Finnegan** as she helps demystify the art of drawing birds. You will become a better observer as you study the shapes and structures that distinguish different species. Heron Hall is a perfect place to hold this class, where we have access to photographs, birds coming to feeders, and mounted specimens. This one-day class is designed to help you improve your observation skills. No artistic ability needed.

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members
Limited to 16 participants.

Adult Classes

Raptor Identification & Migration

Sept 25 (Fri), 7pm–8:30pm: Class in Heron Hall
Sept 26 (Sat), 8am–5pm: Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)

Hawks, eagles, and falcons can be challenging to identify, particularly in flight. If you would like some help with this group, this class is for you! Hone your newly learned identification skills on a Saturday field trip to Bonney Butte, a hawk migration study site near Mt. Hood. This location offers an opportunity to see migrating raptors that use the uplift provided by this site to propel them on their way to their wintering grounds. Instructor **Shawneen Finnegan** once lived in one of the most famous hawk-watching locations in North America (Cape May, New Jersey), where she observed thousands of hawks each fall.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 20 participants: \$85 members / \$105 non-members
Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

The Art of Illustrating Insects

Mondays, 6:30pm–9pm
Sept 28, Oct 5, 12 & 19: Class in Heron Hall

This workshop will focus on the scientific illustration of insects with an emphasis on conveying anatomical structure and creating aesthetically pleasing images. Exercises will allow participants to practice drawing techniques as they work toward a finished piece. Nature illustrator **Stacey (Zebith) Thalden** received a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and an MFA focusing on Painting & Entomology from Goddard College.

Fee: \$95 members / \$115 non-members (includes \$15 for supplies)
Limited to 12 participants. 10 minimum.

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays, 8am–Noon
Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5: Local Field Trips

Saturday morning explorations with **Greg Baker** at one of Oregon’s most accessible Important Bird Areas — Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. 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: \$70 members / \$90 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.
Pre-registration required — participants register for all 3 days.

Summer Camp 2015 at the Audubon Society of Portland

To register, go to audubonportland.org for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6120 to save a place if you are mailing your form.

Botany Bonanza
Grades entering: 2nd–3rd
July 20–24 (Week 5)

Do you like plants? Wait... do you LOVE plants? Come join Portland Audubon as we collect plant samples to draw, paint, and use to create our very own botanical field guides. You’ll even make your very own plant press to take home! We’ll search high and low for native plants and learn what it really means to become a “budding” botanist.



Photo: M. Duncan

Pick up/Drop off Location: Portland Audubon
Fee: \$285 members/ \$305 non-members

Archery and Wilderness Skills

Grades entering: 9th–12th (Session 1)
July 26 (Sun) 9am – July 31 (Fri) 5pm

Travel back through time as you learn the art of archery and wilderness skills with Portland Audubon’s expert staff in this overnight camp.

Master the skill of shooting a bow and learn other primitive skills that are based on shelter, water, fire, and food. Learn friction fire techniques, debris hut construction, animal tracking, and natural navigation. Join us for a week of adventure as we focus on these ancient survival techniques that will guide us through this experiential class. Challenge and enhance your own leadership skills while learning to shoot a bow and arrow the Portland Audubon way.

All transportation and meals are provided. Participants supply their own camping gear. For this camp, register at www.saturdayacademy.org, or call **Saturday Academy** at 503-200-5858 with questions.

Pick up/Drop off Location: Upper Macleay Park
Trip Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator

Fee: \$390



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Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

Challenges of Including Subspecies in Checklists

When scientists first began to organize North American birds into recognizable taxonomic order, they found each species was known by a number of different local names. They prepared a checklist giving a distinct English name to each species. This along with the two-part scientific name, usually in Greek or Latin, would identify the bird so everyone would understand which species was being discussed.

Among many of the species with extensive breeding ranges, distinct groups could be found showing variations in size or plumage coloration. Around 1844 scientists decided that these groups should be recognized and described. They listed these groups within a species as “subspecies,” giving each a three-part scientific name. Later they were also given a distinct English name.

Although the species was still the foundation of taxonomic order and the species name was still valid, many began to use subspecies names when preparing checklists and in published works. This worked well as most identification was made from specimens. Sight observations were rejected out of hand for any reported out-of-range or unusual bird. A lot of birds were killed during this period establishing the range of each species and subspecies.

When Roger Tory Peterson prepared his 1941 *A Field Guide to Western Birds* he consulted a number of ornithologists on how to handle subspecies. Almost all asked that he drop subspecies and use only full species names. Apparently the American Ornithologists’ Union (AOU) was listening.

Sightings

April and May are the main months for spring migrations, and there is no better local place for observing the movements than Mt. Tabor Park. There were several outstanding days including the days these birds were located. On May 23 John and Kathie Powell while checking out a brushy area of the park began hearing the distinctive “teach-er, teach-er, teach-er” calls of an **Ovenbird**. After considerable searching they finally saw and photographed the secretive bird. Then on May 14 Tom McNamara checking out another brushy area of the park observed a **Clay-colored Sparrow**.

However, the most outstanding and enjoyable sighting of the season was at the Koll Center Wetlands in Beaverton where a very cooperative, apparently slightly injured **Blue Grosbeak** was found April 29 by Dwight Porter along the roadway in the area. It remained through the period for many birders to see and photograph.

Other good sightings included the **Black-and-white Warbler** Lynda Corbin noted near McMinnville and the **Black-throated Sparrow** Carol Guttman saw at



Canada Geese with the smaller subspecies Cackling Canada Geese. Photo: Dominic Sherony

In the 1953 Checklist of North American Birds the AOU officially dropped English names for subspecies, giving only the scientific names. Although the AOU insists that it is very important to study and identify subspecies, they have not published a list of subspecies since 1953. Today all field guides and published works, except formal works based on subspecies, use the name of the species and mention subspecies only when they are distinct in the field.

These changes opened a whole new field of bird study allowing identifications by sight and photos to be accepted as verified records, thus stopping the need to kill the bird to identify it. Sightings by birders began to be taken seriously and were included in professional studies. Birder reports published in the American Birding Association’s *Audubon Field Notes* and *American Birds* increased greatly, overwhelming the editors.

In 1969 the American Birding Association was formed as a clearinghouse for birding information and issues of interest. It also introduced the sport of birding, and the art of listing.



Yellow-breasted Chat. Photo: Emily Willoughby

Mountindale near North Plains. Dwight Porter noted an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** May 13 at Commonwealth Lake in Beaverton. Kent Searight saw two **Avocets** May 9 at Smith & Bybee Lakes. On May 2 Stefan Schlick found a singing **Grasshopper Sparrow** along Sellers Road near Banks.

On May 30 John Powell reported that two **Eastern Kingbirds** had returned to the Sandy River Delta. Justin Cook observed a **Red-eyed Vireo** there May 3, and on May 6 Jack Holly reported a **Yellow-breasted Chat** in the delta.

Considerable renovation is taking place at Fernhill Wetlands leaving large open mudflats. On April 14 Jason Wolf counted 18 **Black-bellied Plovers** on the mudflats. Then on May 26 Lauretta Young observed 15 **Whimbrel** while checking the flats.

On May 13 Jim Gorter spotted a **black-backed Lesser Goldfinch** at his home in Cedar Mill. Although more regular farther south, the trait occurs throughout the population and is seen in Oregon from time to time.

Volunteering at Audubon Is Fun and Rewarding!

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

Volunteer photos © Portland Audubon

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

- Help restore habitat in our wildlife sanctuary.
- Be a conservation activist!
- Care for and feed injured native wildlife at the Wildlife Care Center. (There is often a wait list for this volunteer opportunity, but seasonal positions will soon be available for “Baby Bird Season.”)
- Help visitors find the perfect gift, bird guide, or pair of binoculars by being a clerk at the Nature Store.
- Lead school groups through a fascinating exploration of our nature sanctuary.
- Be a voice for Audubon by volunteering as a receptionist or an Audubon Docent.
- Help make Audubon’s special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, International Vulture Awareness Day, and Swift Watch.

New Volunteer Orientation is **Thursday, August 6, 6:00pm–8:30pm**. Participants are required to complete a Volunteer Application at **audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/volapp** before attending Orientation. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a capacity **beyond special events** must also attend General Volunteer Training on **Saturday, August 15, 9:00am–4:30pm**.

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



Cecile Valastro and Jean Schoonover in the Wildlife Care Center



Jackie Sparks hanging out in the Nature Store



Rie Luft at the Wildlife Care Center phone

Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for professional wildlife photographs including 3 framed, 12 unframed, and 22 digital images
- Kenneth Love for a collection of birding and guide books for sites around the world
- Ginnie Ross for a generous donation of supplies for cleaning the Wildlife Care Center Education Bird mews, and refreshments and lunch for the cleaning crew
- Linda Vick for an ergonomic office chair
- Faye Yoshihara for 66 native trees and shrubs for the Sanctuary

Our Wish List

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

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

Sponsor a Camper

Connect kids with amazing experiences in nature with Audubon Society of Portland’s Community Summer Camps! Make it possible for a deserving young person to have fun and learn about the environment this summer. For some of these kids, a Portland Audubon Community Camp is their very first experience with nature! Your generous gift of \$36 will provide one day of camp, and \$180 will give a child a complete week of natural history fun.

Whatever you give, it will help connect deserving kids to impactful opportunities in nature. Sponsor a camper at <http://bit.ly/14xkUcn> or use this form:

Sponsorship Amount:

☐ \$25 ☐ \$36 ☐ \$180 ☐ Other \$ _____

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

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Payment Method:

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You can sponsor a community camps camper! © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

Wild Arts Festival 2015: Start Planning for November!

Summer has barely begun, but here at Portland Audubon we're already planning for fall! The 2015 Wild Arts Festival, presented by the **Backyard Bird Shop**, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, **November 21 and 22**, at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn). The 2014 Festival (which broke every record) raised \$175,000 for the Audubon Society of Portland and brought in 5,500 visitors. We can't wait to see what's in store for our 35th year!



© Anna Campbell

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

The success of the show has already attracted a first-rate list of sponsors. **Backyard Bird Shop** is back again as our Presenting Sponsor. **SELCO Credit Union** is our Eagle Level supporter, and Miller Paint Co. is our Hawk Level supporter. Major sponsors at the **Great Blue Heron** Level include Grow Construction, Elk Cove Vineyards, Morel Ink, Miller Nash Graham Dunn LLP, New Seasons Market, John Osborn, McCoy, Foat & Company PC, and the Audubon Society of Portland Board of Directors. In addition, we have a growing list of businesses and individuals who sponsor the show at the **Owl**, **40 Friends of Wild Arts**, or **Community Sponsor** Levels.

If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, there are many levels, including our new **Community Sponsor** Level (\$50–\$249). For information, please check wildartsfestival.org/sponsors.

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

6x6 Wild Art Project. Local professional and aspiring artists donate a one-of-a-kind piece of bird-themed art on a 6"x6" canvas. The 6x6 display is always a Festival favorite — over 200 canvases at last year's Festival sold fast, so be sure to plan accordingly for the morning of Saturday, November 21st!

Volunteer. If you would be interested in volunteering, go to the Wild Arts Festival website above, or email the Festival's volunteer coordinator at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.

Silent Auction. We welcome your generous gifts of donations such as:

- Bird houses, feeders, binoculars, spotting scopes
- Getaways to B&Bs, hotels, beach houses, mountain cabins
- Gift Certificates to restaurants and stores
- Pottery, jewelry, garden art, books
- Limited-edition prints, metal sculptures, wood carvings, and glass pieces may be accepted on an individual basis.

Please note that we will not take *used* items, with the exception of a small number of high-quality items which may be accepted on an individual basis, such as nature-themed limited-edition prints or original art.

Donors may download the Silent Auction Form at wildartsfestival.org/silent-auction, and drop off items between October 1 and November 12. If you have questions about donations, contact Marilyn Scott at mwestlinn@comcast.net or 503-722-8136.

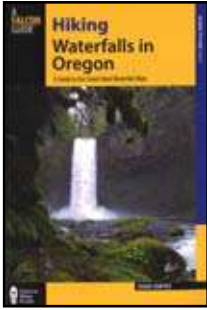
But most of all, we hope you will mark your calendars for **the weekend before Thanksgiving**: Saturday, November 21st, 10–6; and Sunday, November 22nd, 11–5. See you there!

Nature Store Highlights Some Summer Getaway Guides

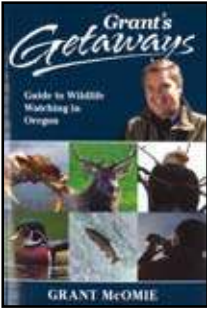
by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

Summer's here and it's time to hit new hiking trails and otherwise discover the amazing natural beauty of the Northwest. Here are a few new hiking guides and other resources to make your adventures more enjoyable. You will find these and many more titles in the Nature Store.

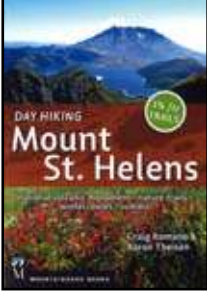
Hiking Waterfalls in Oregon by Adam Sawyer (Falcon Guides, \$21.95) takes you around the state for our most noteworthy waterfalls and helpful information about how to access them. Of course the Columbia River Gorge is well represented, but other regions of Oregon are also included. These walks can be refreshing destinations for hot summer months.



Popular TV personality Grant McOmie has another fun collection of outdoor adventures, **Grant's Getaways Guide to Wildlife Watching in Oregon** (Westwinds Press, 16.99). Arranged chronologically by month and season for peak enjoyment, the book captures possible nature experiences for all ages and activity levels. It would also be a great gift for someone new to the region.

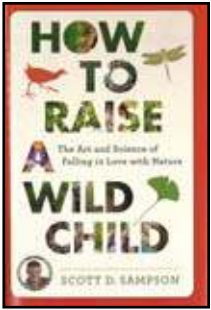


2015 is the 35th anniversary of the Mount St Helens eruption, and Mountaineers Books are celebrating it by releasing a new hiking guide to the mountain, **Day Hiking Mount St Helens** by Craig Romano and Aaron Theisen (\$18.95). This compact yet comprehensive guide covers easy



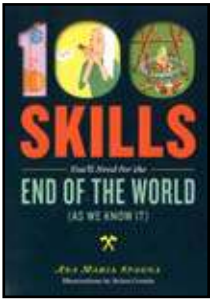
strolls and summit scrambles and everything in between. The helpful "hikes at a glance" chart identifies such things as kid-friendly hikes, wheelchair accessibility, and access to old-growth.

Share your love of the outdoors with the children in your life with a little help from Scott D. Sampson, host of the PBS Kids show *Dinosaur Train*. His new book is **How to Raise a Wild Child: The Art and Science of Falling in Love with Nature** (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$25.00). There are lots of useful hints for making a child's summer vacation both fun and meaningful.



While you are exploring your summer outdoor adventures, consider taking along a light-weight, convenient pair of compact travel binoculars. The Nature Store has models with either regular or ED (extra-low dispersion) glass that are small enough to slip into a pocket, waist pack, purse, or field bag. Our stock covers many different price levels. New to our selection is the Nikon Trailblazer binocular in a 10x25 model.

While you're on the trail, you can ponder your survival knowledge courtesy of Ana Maria Spagna's fun new book **100 Skills You'll Need for the End of the World** (Storey, \$14.95). Spagna lives off the grid near Stehekin, Washington, so she knows her material. Based on an article she wrote for *Orion* magazine, some of the suggested skills include dowsing, home brewing, and tinkering. Not exactly a how-to guide, this is a thought-provoking list of essential skills.



Sanctuaries Updates

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

Improving our Sanctuary Trails

It has been a warm, dry spring up here on Cornell Road and it looks like summer will be bringing more of the same. Every year I am newly amazed that our winter rains can so effectively support our lush, verdant forests through the annual summer drought. Balch Creek, fed only by seasonal rainfall, flows year round and supports resident cut-throat trout even through 4 lean, dry months. This is made possible by the clay-rich soil in the west hills which can absorb and store tremendous amounts of water (sometimes as much as 20 times its weight in water!).

My amazement often comes to a crashing halt when I see the effect that our local soils, and their ability to store massive amounts of water, can have on our trail system. Waterlogged soils on steep slopes are a recipe for landslides and related trail problems. This winter that problem was magnified by some rather unusual weather conditions in which our seasonal rains manifested in fits and starts rather than the more typical slow, steady, incessant drizzle that we are used to. These periodic heavy rains contributed to a lot of wear and tear on our trails. And while we were fortunate to escape the wet season without any major slides, our trails are sloughing off the hillsides in many locations and we have a lot of work to cram into the relatively short summer season this year.

If you happen to be walking our trails this summer and keeping cool in the shade of the Doug firs, there is a good chance you will see us out repairing sections of trail. We have a great group of TALON apprentices, as well as interns and volunteers, lined up to help with this work. And if you happen to have some extra time this summer, let us know — we would love to have some extra help!

So what will we be working on? Our ambitious project list includes: **"armoring"** damaged sections of trail with gravel, flagstone, landscape blocks, or other treatments



Eagle Scout Austin Sandifer (top left) supervises his volunteers on a trail bridge reconstruction project (photo courtesy Austin Sandifer)

to help hold the soil in place and facilitate drainage; **constructing** drains and gutters to move water off the trail and keep the trail tread from saturating; **relocating** particularly problematic sections of trail; **repairing** aging boardwalks and bridges; and **installing** new sections of split-rail fencing to improve safety on needed areas of trail.

Lastly we will be creating new trailhead maps and information kiosks for our trailheads. These new kiosks will have more detailed information about trail conditions and accessibility than our current trailhead signs. The new kiosks will also have space dedicated to posting up-to-date trail conditions as well as relevant natural history information, recent sightings, and more.

Many of these planned trail improvements have been influenced by our work with Elders in Action and Access Recreation. Both organizations have provided assessments and feedback on our current trail conditions and have made many welcome suggestions to our trail plan. Access Recreation has also provided a set of guidelines that not only influences how we design and maintain our trails, but also in how we provide information regarding our trails. The new kiosks in particular are a direct response to the suggestions made by our trail partners. For more information, please see the Access Recreation Trail Guidelines at accessrecreation.org/Trail_Guidelines/Title_page.html.

Audubon Announces 2015 Mamie Campbell Award Winners

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

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

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

John Osborn has been volunteering at Portland Audubon as a Board Member since 2012 and has given over 800 hours of service. Dan Rohlf, our current Board President, says “John took over unexpectedly as Board President and superbly led Portland Audubon through two monumentally important decisions that will shape and strengthen the organization for years to come. He devoted countless hours to the committee charting the future of the Wildlife Care and Education Center, and did an amazing amount of work running the committee charged with finding a new executive director.” Dan and everyone else feel privileged to have worked with John and are grateful for both the amazing volume and tremendous quality of his work on behalf of the organization.

Come to Audubon and there’s a good chance you’ll see **Joe Chapman**. He practically lives at Audubon. While he only began volunteering four years ago, he has already given over 3,500 hours of service. You’ll usually find Joe in the Wildlife Care Center or handling an Education Bird, but he’s also on the Volunteer Council and the Wild Animal Rescue Team. He has participated in Birdathon every year and helped with repair and remodeling projects and Swift Watch. Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager, describes Joe as being “well loved by his fellow volunteers not only for his dependability but also for his friendship. Joe is a proficient Education Bird handler and will often take on tasks at the last minute when he’s needed the most.”

Tanya Cecka began volunteering at Audubon in 2002 and has since given over 2,200 hours to the Wildlife Care Center. While she had to give up handling Education Birds due to her busy schedule, she still helps with the Wild Arts Festival and is also a WART. That’s the Wild Animal Rescue Team. Lacy Campbell says “Tanya’s empathy for the animals and her great personality make her a wonderful fit in the Wildlife Care Center. Tanya is an engaged and incredibly helpful volunteer who really cares about all aspects of wildlife rehabilitation. She is a natural with the animals and great with people. She will often go out of her way to educate people and works to solve many wildlife conflicts with her caring and understanding.”

Mary Ratcliff began volunteering in 2011 in the Nature Store and has since given over 1,800 hours of service. She counts birds for the Christmas Bird Count and helps others find and identify local birds by leading Magpie Field Trips and helping at Swift Watch. Mary is one of the wonderful volunteers who make up the Wild Arts Festival Book Fair Committee, logging a huge number of hours toward

A New Variety from Sauvie Island Coffee!

Sunset Guatemalan is a new smooth-bodied medium roast from Sauvie Island Coffee Co. It is Certified Smithsonian Bird Friendly and shade grown under banana, guava, and plantain trees that are intercropped with banana, cardamom, and citrus plants. Drinkable any time of the day, you’ll experience notes of rum and baker’s chocolate and a bright fruity finish!





Back row, left to right: Joe Chapman, Tanya Cecka, Amira El-Cherbini, John Osborn. Seated, left to right: Susan Little, Jay Withgott, Mary Ratcliff, Courtney Shannon © Deanna Sawtelle

making the book fair as wonderful as it has grown to be. Xander Patterson, Audubon’s Finance Manager, says “Mary has brought diligence and order to the Wild Arts Festival Book Fair. Whatever she does at Audubon — the book fair, the Nature Store, and everything else — she always does it with plenty of pep and good cheer.”

Courtney Shannon has volunteered at our Leach Office since 2012 by inputting conservation information into the Geographic Information System (GIS) and helping with other conservation needs. Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist, adds that “Courtney has helped provide analysis and maps supporting our advocacy in improving access to nature in the metro region, especially in neighborhoods that need it most.” Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager, really appreciates all that she does, saying “Courtney has been more than willing to help with her GIS mapping expertise on projects ranging from tracking feral cats on Hayden Island to creating maps for our Black Oystercatcher surveys on the coast.” When Joe has a GIS need, Courtney is there to help.

Jay Withgott has been an advocate for all things Audubon by serving as a Board Member since 2012. He is currently Board Secretary, supports our conservation agenda, and participates in Birdathon. Joe Liebezeit says that “Jay has helped organize the Streaked Horned Lark and Fernhill Wetlands citizen science projects. His enthusiasm, connections with the birding community, and his collaboration have helped advance one of Portland Audubon’s goals of connecting people with conservation.” Dan Rohlf is certainly impressed by how well Jay does so much. “Jay’s work is always top-notch, his opinions and guidance always well thought out and thorough, and his minutes and record-keeping for the Board impeccable. If Congress was even half as competent as Jay, we’d solve most of the nation’s problems by summer recess!”

If you’ve helped with Swift Watch, you know **Amira El-Cherbini**. As Volunteer Lead, she helps make sure the whole event runs smoothly. She has been volunteering since 2011 and also has served on the Kids’ Day Committee and helps with the Wild Arts Festival and Raptor Road Trip every year. In addition, Amira is a Swift Monitor and helps in the Native Plant Nursery. Eric Scheuering, our Adult Education Programs Manager, is grateful for Amira’s help with Swift Watch especially since he was hired just a few weeks before the event last year: “By coordinating all the volunteers, co-leading their training, organizing materials, and helping to manage the event for the entire month of September, including working as a Night Captain once a week, Amira shows she’s an amazing advocate for Vaux’s Swifts, birds, and Portland Audubon!”

You’ll find **Susan Little** welcoming guests and answering the phone with a smile on her face as a receptionist, or you’ll find her giving tours to school kids as she leads them through our sanctuary. She has been volunteering since 2011 and has given over 500 hours of service. Susan also helps with lots of special events, serving on the Kids’ Day Committee and also helping with the Wild Arts Festival, International Culture Awareness Day, the Native Plant Sale, the Christmas Bird Count, and the Halloween Event. According to Ian Abraham, Onsite Programs Manager, “Susan’s commitment to the Sanctuary Tour program is invaluable. We have relied on her heavily throughout the busy school season, and her teaching abilities shine each time she leads a group through the Wildlife Sanctuary. She is truly committed to inspiring kids to love and protect nature.”

Please join the Audubon staff in congratulating the 2015 Mamie Campbell Award winners.

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

Audubon Society of Portland’s Nature Store is the headquarters for naturalists in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. We feature nature books, hiking & field guides, binoculars & spotting scopes, bird feeders & seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. **Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.**

Manfrotto Summer Instant Rebates!

This summer Manfrotto is featuring rebates on some of our most popular tripod legs. Their basic MT190X3 aluminum model (member price \$179.99) has a **rebate of \$30**. Their light-weight carbon fiber models offer even sweeter deals. The 3-section MT190CXPRO3 (member price \$409.99) has a **rebate of \$110** and the 4-section travel tripod MT190CXPRO4 (member price \$429.99) has a **\$100 rebate**. Both carbon fiber models weigh in at less than 3½ lbs for easy-to-carry comfort during long days of birding, plus they feature Manfrotto’s exclusive Q90 rotating center column which allows camera buffs to easily switch between portrait and landscape modes. **Instant rebates are taken right at our cash register through July 31!**

Please note: The Nature Store will be Closed on Saturday, July 4.

New from Jim Morris — Environmental T-shirts!



Spotlight on Backyard Bird Shop Good Friends Indeed!

by Ann Takamoto, Development Director

You may have noticed the Backyard Bird Shop name and logo at various places throughout the *Warbler* newsletter over the years, and in this very issue. That’s because Backyard Bird Shop is an amazing supporter of the Audubon Society of Portland, and in so many ways! Besides providing wonderful financial support through event sponsorships and Business Alliance membership, Backyard Bird Shop is a generous colleague to our Nature Store, sharing valuable retail knowledge and experience; and throughout their five Portland-area stores, Backyard Bird Shop employees are passionate advocates for our work.

Owner Scott Lukens explains:
“I support Portland Audubon because the Society shares many of my personal values. No other local organization has the staff or resources to work for the preservation of native birds and their habitat. No other organization has the staff and commitment to educate young people about the value of preserving our natural world. I want Audubon to continue the great success it has had over the years in preserving our city and state natural resources that we are all so proud of.”

Visit any Backyard Bird Shop and you’ll find copies of the *Warbler* newsletter, Wild Arts Festival postcards, and in May a Birdathon promotion complete with an offer to match any donation made to Audubon! During the month of May, ***Backyard Bird Shop’s wonderful employees are the wings that make this Birdathon promotion fly.***

While you may have been graciously asked for a Birdathon donation on a recent visit to a Backyard Bird Shop, perhaps you didn’t know that the employees have a friendly competition to see which store raises the most funds. And while three Backyard Bird Shop employees led Birdathon teams, a total of ten participated in Birdathon trips, taking time out of their busy schedules to personally help spread Birdathon fun and raise money to protect birds across Oregon.

“Who else will hold decision makers’ feet to the fire on behalf of our wildlife?! I cannot imagine Oregon or the Pacific Northwest without Audubon Society of Portland’s conservation and education programs. Ask for donations? You bet I will!” says Darlene Betat, West Linn Store and “Pacific Wrenners” Team Leader.



“Put An Owl On It” Birdathon Team Leaders: Joe Liebezeit (on left) and Rhett Wilkins © Scott Carpenter

You’ve heard the adage that a company is only as good as its employees? For this reason we want to put the spotlight on the amazing employees of Backyard Bird Shop. We truly appreciate their generosity, their passion for birds, and their seemingly limitless support of Audubon Society of Portland.

“My favorite aspect of Portland Audubon Society is their Wildlife Care Center. I love that there is an organization in Portland that will take in, rescue, and rehabilitate birds in need. My favorite Audubon-related experience occurred during our ‘Put An Owl On It’ Birdathon trip. When our team approached our fourth owl species of the day, a Western Screech-Owl, I spotted the bird, walked the group up to it, and said ‘You are all standing within 15 feet of a Western Screech-Owl. Can you see it?’ The group’s eyes lit up with excitement and they proceeded to play a game of ‘Where’s Waldo?’ After about two minutes of searching the trees in front of them, I asked if they wanted me to tell them where the bird was, but no, they insisted on continuing the game. After about four minutes, a team member spotted the bird, which was more like 10 feet from us in full camouflage, and screamed, ‘I see it! I see it!’” — Rhett Wilkins, Lake Oswego Store and “Put An Owl On It” Team Leader.

Thank you for this, Backyard Bird Shop employees. Thank you for everything!

Thinking about doing some banking?

Three ways to bank with Audubon partner SELCO Community Credit Union, and protect birds across Oregon! All through the month of July 2015, SELCO is running a promotion that benefits Audubon Society of Portland!

When you open a SELCO Select Checking Account with linked direct deposit, open or refinance an auto or RV loan with SELCO, or open a home equity line of credit — and mention the word “**birds**” — SELCO will gift \$75 to Portland Audubon and deposit an additional \$75 into your SELCO account!*

Visit a branch, call 800-445-4483, or check out **selco.org** to participate in July. Don’t forget to mention the promo code when talking with them!

SELCO Community Credit Union believes in giving back to the communities they serve. Since 2012, SELCO has been an Audubon Society of Portland Business Alliance member, providing much-appreciated support to our Explorador Community-based Summer Camp and as an Eagle Sponsor of our Wild Arts Festival.





Photo by: Jill Nelson-DeBord

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Leave a Legacy that will last for Generations to Come

Join the **Portland Audubon Legacy Circle**. A planned gift to the Audubon Society of Portland will carry forward your compassion for birds and our natural spaces.
Gifts of stock or property, bequests in your will, or charitable remainder trusts may help you achieve certain financial goals while providing substantial support for the Audubon Society of Portland’s mission.

We would be glad to discuss your giving options with you in confidence and with no obligation. Contact Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 503-292-6855 ext.117.



Sandhill Crane feeding chick. Photo: nigel

A Living Trust to Benefit Wildlife

Virginia Ross,
Legacy Circle Member

Ginnie Ross had little knowledge of birds when she retired from labor relations advocacy. She just knew that she had a lot of energy to give to a just cause.



Ginnie Ross © Portland Audubon

Now she advocates for birds and habitat at more than 30 local Audubon events a year, usually with a very persuasive Education Bird on her arm. Ginnie began with hands-on learning at the Wildlife Care Center and continued with immersive experience. “It has invigorated my retirement years; it opened my eyes to a whole new world of awareness,” she says. She volunteers 600 hours a year to awaken that interest in others.

Ginnie even advocates to her fellow volunteers. “I encourage volunteers to think about giving resources as well as their time, because it takes more than volunteer hours to run a nonprofit,” she says, setting a good example by giving when she can from her fixed income. As for the future, she has set up a Living Trust that will provide for her daughter and two granddaughters, with a percentage allocated to the Audubon Society of Portland. Ginnie’s commitment is appreciated by all who know her.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these special gifts:

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