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Millennial Falcons. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

## Birdathon 2016

# COUNTING BIRDS BECAUSE BIRDS COUNT!

Registration begins March 15th!

Join the Biggest, Baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi—you'll enjoy our region's birding hotspots, learn from expert birders, AND help raise money to protect birds and habitat across Oregon!

Now in its 36th year, Birdathon is like a walkathon, but instead of counting miles, we count birds! There are many ways to participate. You can register for one of our exciting guided teams, you can assemble your own team of bird enthusiasts, or you can Birdathon on your own—whatever

way you choose, you'll be championing the importance of protecting the species and lands that you love.

Then you'll invite your friends and family to sponsor your Birdathon efforts with a donation or pledge. We have some great prizes lined up to reward participants who see the most species, receive the most pledges, raise the most money, take the best photos, and more. **Participants are asked to raise a minimum of \$35 in pledges unless otherwise indicated.**



Birdathon Coordinator **Mark Fitzsimons** will lead you and your canoe or kayak on this birding and paddling adventure. **A minimum of \$75 in pledges is requested.**

**The Bountifowls: May 22 (Sun), 9:45am–1pm**  
Attention birding foodies! Get a backstage pass to a local premier organic farm: Our Table Cooperative. Enjoy special access to hot birding habitats on this 58-acre farm, including riparian woodlands and open water. Veteran leader **Barb Grover** will help birders of all levels spot and identify birds. Conclude the morning with a special farm lunch to celebrate our birding success! **A minimum of \$100 in pledges is requested.**

**Jackson Bottom Ramblers: Date TBD (Sat), 7am–Noon**  
Join **Steve Engel**, Hillsboro's Nature Program Supervisor and former Portland Audubon staffer, for a morning at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Designated an Important Bird Area (IBA,) over 200 species of birds have been identified here, with over 150 expected annually. Bird its quiet, open waters, rolling meadows, and upland ash and fir woodlands. Watch for nesting eagle activity, and see what's happening at the heron rookery.

**A Song in the Morning: Date TBD (Wed), 7am–9am**  
Spend the morning with **Gerard Lillie**, Mt Tabor's renowned birdsong expert, and work on an impressive list of residents and spring migrants by identifying their songs and calls! Join this special "Birdathon Edition" of Portland Audubon's spring series of Bird Song Walks.

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In the coming weeks, tens of thousands of shorebirds and hundreds of thousands of waterfowl will pass through Malheur. Greater Yellowlegs photo by Candace Larsen

## Malheur: Looking Forward

by **Bob Sallinger**,  
Conservation Director

On February 11, the last occupiers of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge surrendered to federal authorities, and the 41-day long, illegal armed occupation of Malheur came to an end. Audubon Society of Portland appreciates law enforcement officials who worked to end the occupation, Malheur Refuge staff who were displaced by this occupation, and the local community which strongly rejected this occupation. Migration is already underway. By early February, Tundra Swans and Sandhill Cranes were already passing through the refuge, and tens of thousands of shorebirds and hundreds of thousands of waterfowl are not far behind. Malheur is one of the most important bird refuges on the Pacific Flyway, and there is much work to be done to prepare the refuge for migration.

The armed, illegal occupation of Malheur, which included threats and intimidation, destruction of public property and natural resources, and interference with Native American artifacts, was a criminal activity that put the community, the environment, and irreplaceable cultural artifacts at risk. Audubon urges the federal government to fully prosecute the perpetrators and send a strong message to others who might follow in their footsteps.

For Portland Audubon, Malheur is a particularly special place. Our 114-year history is intimately intertwined with Malheur. In fact, Portland Audubon was created in 1902 in part to advocate for the protection of Malheur. It was photographs taken by William Finley, our founder and first president, of Malheur's vast bird populations and the wanton slaughter of birds by plume hunters that convinced Theodore Roosevelt to protect Malheur in 1908. We have remained actively engaged ever since.

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## Birdathon 2016 Teams

Here's a partial list and a synopsis of Half-Day, Full-Day, and Gonzo Trips (2+ days). Visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for additional trips and more details.

### Half-Day Trips:

#### Great Big Sit: April 24 (Sun), 8am–3:30pm

The perfect Birdathon experience for beginning birders! **Phyllis Wolfe**, **Dena Turner**, and **Diane Stone** welcome you to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Give your legs a rest, and spend a leisurely morning in your lawn chair; sit back with your thermos amidst great company, and relax as the birds come to you. 35–50 species frequent this idyllic setting!

#### Whittemore's Whatzits: May 8 (Sun) 8am–1pm

Beginning Birding and Birding by Ear instructor **Laura Whittemore**, and Birdathon Coordinator **Mark Fitzsimons**, guide this Steigerwald Lake NWR trip. Songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl abound—we expect to see 50 species among the marshes and mature cottonwoods. **A minimum of \$75 in pledges is requested.**

#### Millennial Falcons: May 14 (Sat) 8am–Noon

Calling all young adult birders, photographers, and nature lovers ages 21 to 35... Join naturalist **Robin Juskowiak** and avid birder **Molly Sultany** for a causal half-day of birding at Fernhill Wetlands. Explore this 700-acre hotspot for waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors, and scan the marsh for the elusive Sora, American Bittern, and Virginia Rail. Bird this Important Birding Area (IBA), then head to nearby McMenamins Grand Lodge to debrief over an IPA.

#### NEW TRIP! Ducking Responsibility:

#### May 15 (Sun) 7am–1pm

We head deep into the hidden waterways of the Columbia Slough, then walk trails into some lesser known eastside wetlands and ponds. We'll follow "the road less traveled"!



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# From our Executive Director

## On Refuges and Common Ground



Nick Hardigg

Now that the occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has ended, we can breathe a collective sigh of relief. The occupiers have gone, and the protection and restoration of this globally significant refuge can resume, as can the benefits the land has provided for centuries to both people and wildlife.

Relief is especially due to the people of Burns and the Burns Paiute Tribe, many of whom have seen their lives hijacked by the armed confrontation. The community had invested years in collaboration with all stakeholders, including Portland Audubon, to reach consensus on a healthier future for their region. And though \$6 million in funding has now been promised for the Refuge recovery plan (see story, page 1), the damage to families, friendships, and community trust has no price tag.

Organized opposition to federal management of public lands is of growing concern across the west. It is alarming to consider the outcome if the local community had embraced this takeover, and encouraged even greater participation. Fortunately, a collaborative process over many years had resulted in support for the refuge management plan, and quelled the urge to join. Though consensus is not always possible, Malheur shows that collaboration can be a valuable tool with some unforeseen benefits. There are unsung heroes in these efforts who worked to avert an even greater disaster for Harney County and the battle over public lands nationwide.

As an organization, the Audubon Society of Portland can be proud of the foresight and commitment our founders showed in protecting Malheur in 1908, as well as our continued role in its protection. Further, recent events show that the protections established for our natural heritage are only as strong as the community that protects it. That means we must always be looking forward—a generation or more ahead—to ensure that tomorrow's conservation movement remains strong and diverse, in every meaning of the term. Of particular importance now is our leadership role in the Outdoor School for All campaign, which would introduce every child in Oregon to the outdoors (see update, page 4). Our educational programs are as vital a program for Oregon's healthy future as the long record of conservation victories they've inspired.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the *Warbler*, and the ways our complementary roles of advocate and educator have the potential for historic impact: one inspired mind at a time.



White-faced Ibis. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Stay current on everything that's happening with Audubon Society of Portland by subscribing to our email newsletter, the **BirdWord**. Visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) and click 'sign up for e-news.'

## FREE EVENT!

### Welcome Back Vulture Day

is coming to Nadaka Nature Park and St. Aidan's Church!

Saturday, March 19, 2016  
Noon–3pm

Nadaka Nature Park and  
St. Aidan's Church  
17405 NE Glisan St  
Portland, OR 97230



Did you notice you see Turkey Vultures in the metropolitan area only in the spring and summer? That's because they migrate to warmer climates in the winter, but it's time to welcome them back. We're lucky to still have good populations of Turkey Vultures in Oregon. Around the world vultures are facing hazards in the wild and their numbers are dwindling. As "Nature's Recyclers," they play an important role in reducing disease — and it's up to us to help save them.



Ruby the Turkey Vulture  
photo by Tom Schmid

#### Welcome Back Vulture Day is filled with fun and educational activities:

- Meet Ruby, Portland Audubon's Turkey Vulture, up close (along with many of Audubon's other Education Birds)
- Compare your "wingspan" to that of a California Condor
- Make a crafted vulture and mask
- Play "Upchuck Chuck!"
- Learn fun vulture facts
- Find out the differences between Old and New World vultures
- Discover why vultures are important

**Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!**

## NATURE NIGHTS

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

FREE and open to the public!

### Malheur National Wildlife Refuge: Past, Present, and Future with Bob Sallinger

Tuesday, March 8, 7pm  
Special Location: Montgomery Park

Because of the great interest in Malheur, this Nature Night will take place in the lower ballroom at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn St, Portland, OR 97210). The venue has ample parking and seating as well as access from public transportation. There will be a small admission charge (\$5 suggested donation). Doors open at 6:00 pm.

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge is a cherished place for Oregonians, and the recent armed occupation has created even broader awareness of these marvelous lands and the diverse wildlife inhabiting them. Join us for a special Nature Night on March 8 as Conservation Director **Bob Sallinger** speaks about Malheur's rich history, its current status, and the future of the Refuge.

Birders and conservationists have long been aware of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge—one of the most important bird refuges in the United States. For the Audubon Society of Portland, Malheur is a place that is intimately intertwined with our history dating back to our founding in 1902; one of our earliest priorities was convincing President Theodore Roosevelt to designate Malheur as one of the first national wildlife refuges in the western United States. Today Malheur remains one of Portland Audubon's top conservation priorities as we work with a broad coalition of stakeholders including the refuge, ranchers, the Burns Paiute, and other conservation organizations to implement some of the most important and collaborative restoration projects in the west—work that has continued even during the occupation.

Come to this special Nature Night where we will discuss Malheur's fascinating history, its amazing wildlife, the path forward to ensuring that Malheur is truly protected and restored, and building an even stronger movement to defend our public lands. Just over a century ago, Portland Audubon members fought to protect Malheur and get it established as a wildlife refuge; today your voice is every bit as important as we continue to fight to protect this incredible place.

Conservation Director Bob Sallinger has worked for the Audubon Society of Portland since 1992, directing its local, regional, and national conservation policy initiatives. He has been actively involved in Malheur-related issues for many years.



American Avocet. Photo by Candace Larson



Bob Sallinger (submitted photo).

### Freeway and Phantom: Birding I-5 and the Great Gray Owl with Harry Fuller

Tuesday, April 12 • 7pm Heron Hall

Rescheduled after the talk was canceled in December due to heavy rains!

The Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) is a huge owl of the boreal forest and western mountains. It's the tallest owl in North America yet is rarely seen. Getting a glimpse or a photo can be a daunting quest for any birder or biologist. Journalist and expert birder **Harry Fuller** spent countless hours in the field searching for this elusive owl. And while living in northern California and southern Oregon for many years, Harry also became deeply familiar with great birding areas located just minutes from the Interstate Highway 5 (I-5) corridor.

Join us for a Nature Night talk and book signing on December 8th as Harry shares his knowledge of both subjects: the Great Gray Owl and birding along I-5. Using photos and colorful stories, Harry will discuss several birding hotspots along I-5 in southern Oregon—all within 20 minutes of a freeway exit. He'll explore the biology and breeding range of the elusive Great Gray Owl in that same area. Harry will share maps of the owl's true breeding range on the Pacific Slope and explore what effects climate change may have on this species.

Harry Fuller has been leading birding trips and teaching birding classes on the Pacific Slope for 20 years. A retired TV and Internet journalist, he is the author of two birding books. *Freeway Birding* (2013) covers the I-5 corridor from Seattle to San Francisco. *Great Gray Owl: California, Oregon and Washington* (2015) contains a summary of what we now know about this owl—and some of what we don't know. It includes original, detailed range maps and over 100 photographs by co-author Peter Thiemann. In addition to being president of the Board of Klamath Bird Observatory and co-founder of the Mountain Bird Festival in Ashland, Oregon, Harry is a trip leader for Partnership for International Birding. He and his wife recently settled in McMinnville.

Both of Harry's books will be available for sale in the Nature Store, and he will be signing them after the talk. So buy a book, grab a seat, and join us for a fascinating evening!




Great Gray Owl. Photo by Harry Fuller




Harry Fuller (submitted photo)

# 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

## March 5 (Sat), 9am–noonish Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge

Join **Patty Newland** and **Candace Larson** for a walk around this SE Portland refuge. We'll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about the history of this amazing urban wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering waterfowl. Meet at the Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th at Malden at 9am sharp. Expect to walk 2-3 miles on both paved and uneven dirt trails. Rain or shine. Suitable for adults and children over 12.

## March 6 (Sun), 8am–12pm Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island

Join **Ron Escano** to walk Rentenaar Rd (1.6 miles round trip) for a waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure. Meet at 8am at the Eastside Check Station at the corner of Reeder and Rentenaar Rds. **All vehicles will need a Sauvie Island parking permit** (\$10 at Cracker Barrel store near the bridge). From the bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles to Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and continue 9 miles to Rentenaar Rd and check station on left (allow 25 minutes from bridge). Dress for weather. **Registration required** with Ron at 503-771-3454.

## March 24 (Thurs), 8am–10:30am Tualatin Hills Nature Park



Join **Dena Turner** and **Bonnie Deneke** to look and listen for songbirds and hawks within the diverse habitats of this popular Beaverton park. From Portland take Hwy 26 (Sunset Hwy) west to Murray Rd. exit. Turn left, head south 2 miles on Murray to SW Millikan Way, turn right (west), go 1 mile to Nature Park on right. Meet at the trailhead by the building. Questions: Bonnie at 503-644-7335.

## March 25 (Fri), 8am–10:30am Whitaker Ponds Nature Park



Join leaders **Mary Ratcliff** and **Dena Turner** at this hidden urban oasis to walk the half-mile loop and observe from docks at the west pond and Whitaker Slough. A variety of spring migrants and waterfowl can be found here, even a Black Phoebe on occasion. Meet leaders at the park entrance at 7040 NE 47th Ave, one-quarter mile north of Columbia Blvd. TriMet bus #75 stops at NE 47th and Columbia. Questions: Mary at [mratclif@aracnet.com](mailto:mratclif@aracnet.com).

## March 26 (Sat), 9am–11am Brown's Ferry Park

**Sarah Swanson** and **Max Smith** will lead a walk to look for waterbirds, woodpeckers, and songbirds in this compact Clackamas County park. Dress for weather, all ages and experience levels welcome! Meet in the parking area at 9am. Directions: from I-5, take exit 289, follow SW Nyberg Street east, and turn left onto SW Nyberg Lane. The parking area will be on your left at 5855 SW Nyberg Lane, Tualatin, OR 97062.

## April 2 (Sat), 8–11am Powell Butte Nature Park



Join **Ron Escano** to explore the unique habitats of Powell Butte. We will look for early spring vagrants like Say's Phoebe and Townsend's Solitaire. Park entrance is on SE Powell Blvd at 162nd. Meet at 8am in the lot at the top of the butte. Bring binoculars, dress for weather. **Registration required** with Ron (503-771-3454).

## April 14 (Thurs), 8:30am–11am Steigerwald Lake NWR



Join **Barbara Allen** for a 2-mile walk through this spectacular wetland refuge to look for American Bittern, Virginia Rail, Marsh Wren, Purple Martin, migrant songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Meet in refuge parking lot off SR-14 about 3 miles east of Washougal, WA. Questions: Barbara at 970-209-9209.

## April 20 (Wed), 8am–noon Sauvie Island (Oak Island)

Join **Karen Chaivoe** and **Mary Ratcliff** to look for early spring migrants. We meet on Sauvie Island in the TriMet Park and Ride lot at 8am and carpool from there. Bring water and sunscreen and plan to walk 2–3 miles. Scopes welcome! **Cars going to Oak Island need a Sauvie Island parking permit** (\$10 at the Cracker Barrel store near the bridge). Questions: Karen at [kchaivoe@comcast.net](mailto:kchaivoe@comcast.net) or 503-241-4750, or Mary at [mratclif@aracnet.com](mailto:mratclif@aracnet.com). **Limited to 18 participants. Registration required at [tinyurl.com/jvaqe89](http://tinyurl.com/jvaqe89)**

## April 24 (Sun), 8am–11am Cooper Mountain: Botany, Birds, and Butterflies



Join **Bonnie Deneke** and **Dan van den Broek** to observe spring flowers, birds, butterflies, and possibly dragonflies. Please note that Cooper Mountain has steep terrain. From the north take Murray Blvd south to Weir Rd and turn right (west). Continue up the hill and turn right and then left on Kemmer Rd. After the four-way stop, continue on Kemmer Road to the top of the hill. The park is on your left at 18892 SW Kemmer Road. **Limited to 15 people. Registration required** with Bonnie at [bonniedeneke@gmail.com](mailto:bonniedeneke@gmail.com).

## May 4 or 5 (Wed or Thurs) 8:30am–3pm Tillamook Bay

Meet **Dick Demarest** and **Ken Chamberlain** at 8:30am in the Safeway parking lot at 4th St. and Stillwell Ave. in Tillamook. We expect to bird from Barview Jetty to Bayocean Spit as we look for Wrentit, shorebirds, raptors, and early spring migrants. Bring lunch and dress for weather. Due to the popularity of this trip, we now offer it on two days. **Limited to 16 participants per day. Registration required** with Dick Demarest at 503-407-7912 or [rdd@demarests.com](mailto:rdd@demarests.com).

## May 5 (Thurs), 7:30am–12:30pm Columbia County Slough

Join **Marilyn Abend**, **Karen Chaivoe**, and **Dena Turner** for birding in the Columbia County Slough and Water Treatment Plants. We will look for spring migrants who are singing and settling into territories. Meet on Sauvie Island in the TriMet Park and Ride lot. Please plan to carpool and drive about 40 miles round trip. A \$3 parking fee required for the Port of St. Helens. **Limited to 18 participants. Registration required** with Marilyn at [abendlaugher@gmail.com](mailto:abendlaugher@gmail.com) or Dena at [denaturn62@gmail.com](mailto:denaturn62@gmail.com).

## May 6 (Fri), 7am–9:30am Cooper Mountain Nature Park



Join **Sue Carr** and **Bonnie Deneke** to explore the park's forests, oak woodlands, and prairies to find songbirds in their best breeding plumage. Please note that some trails are steep. For directions search [oregonmetro.gov](http://oregonmetro.gov) for Cooper Mountain, or call Sue at 503-313-8086.

## Bird Song Walks 2016

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

Audubon Society of Portland is proud to sponsor the 2016 season of weekday-morning Bird Song Walks! From beginners to advanced birders, anyone who is fascinated by the sounds of birds should take advantage of these volunteer-guided walks to the metro area's prime spring migration hotspots. By starting with the earliest trips you can become familiar with the songs of the common resident species and then keep pace with the migrants as they arrive.

**Bird Song Walks begin at 7 a.m.** No pre-registration required. Leave whenever you like. Bring binoculars and a field guide, and be sure to dress properly for the weather: Spring mornings can be surprisingly chilly.

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

### Mondays

April 4, 11, 18, 25 and  
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

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

### Tuesdays

April 5, 12, 19, 26 and  
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

#### Cooper Mountain Nature Park Leader: Hailey Walls

Please be aware that Cooper Mountain has steep terrain. Directions: From Highway 217, take the Scholls Ferry Rd exit and head west on Scholls Ferry past Murray Blvd. At 175th Ave, turn right and go north, uphill, about 1.8 miles and turn left on Kemmer Rd. The park entrance is on the south side of Kemmer. From the north (Hwy 26 or Hwy 10), turn south on 185th (which will become Gassner Rd), turn left on 190th Ave and left on Kemmer Rd. Cooper Mountain Nature Park is a partnership between Metro and Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District. More on Cooper Mountain programming at [thprd.org](http://thprd.org).



Lazuli Bunting. Photo by Jim Cruce

### Wednesdays

April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 11, 18, 25

#### Mt. Tabor Park

Leaders: Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara

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

### Thursdays

April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12, 19, 26

#### Pittock Mansion

Leader: Wink Gross

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

### Thursdays

April 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Jackson Bottom Wetlands Education Center

Leader: Steve Engel

Meet at the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve Education Center (2600 SW Hillsboro Highway, Hillsboro, OR 97123). For more information, call 503-681-6283 or visit [ci.hillsboro.or.us](http://ci.hillsboro.or.us).

### Fridays

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20, 27

#### Camassia Preserve

Leader: Jackie Wilson

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

# Conservation

## Malheur: Looking Forward

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In recent years, Malheur has become a place of consensus and collaboration as the refuge has worked with the local community, the Paiute Tribe, conservation groups, and other stakeholders to develop a long-term plan to protect and restore wildlife habitat both on the refuge and on surrounding ranchlands (<http://bit.ly/malheurcollaboration>).

This collaborative work has spanned many years and continued even during the height of the occupation. On January 31, 2016, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board recognized this important collaborative work with a \$6 million multiyear grant to support efforts to restore Malheur Lake and to promote flood irrigation on surrounding ranchlands (<http://bit.ly/malheurgrant>).

It is this spirit of collaboration that is the real story of Malheur and should light the path forward. There will continue to be disagreement over natural resource issues in Eastern Oregon, but this makes it all the more important to nurture those places where consensus and collaboration have been established. When we do disagree, we should do so in a way that is civil and respectful. The best way to repudiate the illegal occupation of Malheur is to continue to move forward together in the spirit of collaboration while the illegal occupiers sit in prison.

The occupation of Malheur also exposed a broader movement that seeks to eliminate federal ownership of public lands and turn those lands over to private interests. The protection of these public lands is widely and strongly supported by the public—our national parks, national forests, wilderness areas, BLM lands, and wildlife



Photo of a Burrowing Owl taken by Portland Audubon Malheur Intern Candace Larson in 2015. Portland Audubon funds a bird research position on the refuge every spring.

## Speak Up for a Clean River

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

For generations, Portlanders have lived with a toxic river running through the center of our city. A century of industrial pollution has left the Willamette from near the confluence with the Columbia all the way to the Broadway Bridge—an area covering more than 2,000 acres—infused with a witches' brew of more than 180 toxic contaminants, including PCBs, DDT, PAHs, and heavy metals. It is so contaminated that a healthy adult is supposed to consume no more than a piece of fish the size of a deck of cards from this stretch of river. For pregnant and nursing mothers, no amount of fish is considered safe. Wildlife populations that use this stretch of river—from otters to eagles—have been negatively affected by exposure. In 2000, this 10-mile stretch of river was listed as a Federal Superfund Site—a designation reserved for the most toxic sites in the country.

In April 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency will release a draft Superfund Cleanup Plan. The public will have 60 days to submit comments on this plan. After 16 years of work to characterize the nature and extent of the contamination, determine its impacts, and develop cleanup options, this comment period represents the most important opportunity the public will have to influence whether our river is restored to levels considered safe for people and wildlife.

Based on preliminary information released by the EPA, it appears that none of the options being considered by the EPA will be adequate. Even the most aggressive option



Portland Audubon founders William Finley and Henry Bohlman driving to Malheur in 1908. The inscription written by Finley on this photo reads, "A modern prairie schooner used for a 2,000 mile trip in Oregon. Results of this trip created the Malheur Wildlife Reservation."

refuges are national treasures. The illegal occupation of Malheur drew national and international outrage, and it will continue to be crucial for the public to send a strong message about the importance of protecting public lands.

Portland Audubon's investment in Malheur has spanned more than a century, and we plan to increase that investment in the coming months and years. We received tremendous interest from our members and the public during the occupation about how people might support the refuge. Portland Audubon had over 800 people sign up for information about upcoming opportunities to participate in Malheur-related volunteer work parties, birding trips, lectures, and opportunities to advocate in support of the restoration efforts (<http://bit.ly/malheursignup>). In the coming weeks, we will be working with the Refuge to develop and facilitate opportunities for public involvement.

## Update: Saving Outdoor School

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

Audubon Society of Portland is taking a leadership role advocating for a statewide ballot measure that would fund Outdoor School for every child. Since 1957, Oregon has offered the program to inspire youth to love and protect nature, but programming has decreased by more than half as a result of education budget cuts. Our goal is to ensure that **every 5th or 6th grader** in Oregon has the opportunity to spend a full school week in the woods learning about nature. By potentially doubling the number of youth receiving a formative wilderness experience, the measure would have historic impact on strengthening future generations of conservationists.

Funding would be provided by directing just 4% of the more than \$500 million raised by the Oregon Lottery to Outdoor School programs. For more information, follow the link on our website, [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org), or visit [www.outdoorschoolforall.org](http://www.outdoorschoolforall.org)

## Malheur before Dawn

William Stafford

*An owl sound wandered along the road with me.  
I didn't hear it – I breathed it into my ears.*

*Little ones at first, the stars retired, leaving  
Polished little circles on the sky for awhile.*

*Then the sun began to shout from below the horizon.  
Throngs of birds campaigned, their music a tent of sound.*

*From across a pond, out of the mist,  
One drake made a V and said its name.*

*Some vast animal of air began to rouse  
From the reeds and lean outward.*

*Frogs discovered their national anthem again.  
I didn't know a ditch could hold so much joy.*

*So magic a time it was that I was both brave and afraid.  
Some day like this might save the world.*

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Thank you to everybody who supported Malheur and Harney County throughout this illegal occupation. We look forward to moving forward together in the spirit of collaboration that has been the real story of Malheur in recent years.

Fish advisory. Photo by Bob Sallinger

would leave 64% of the river contaminated, and the option that they have indicated they will put forward in April would leave an astounding 84% of the river contaminated. The EPA is relying primarily on something it calls "monitored natural recovery" (MNR), in which contaminated sediments are left in the river to eventually be covered by cleaner sediments from upriver, or be dispersed by river currents. If this sounds like "doing nothing," we would agree. Much of this contamination has been in Portland Harbor for decades, and this strategy would leave it there for decades to come.

Stakeholders who have closely followed the Superfund Process, such as Portland Audubon, Willamette Riverkeeper, the Yakama Nation, and the Community Advisory Group (an advisory group officially sanctioned by the EPA made up of neighborhood reps and other community groups) have all told the EPA that its alternatives are inadequate. While MNR and capping will almost certainly be part of the suite of strategies employed to clean up Portland Harbor, these groups want to see far more dredging (removal), where toxic sediments are taken to appropriate landfills.

The EPA has come under tremendous pressure to limit the costs of cleanup from businesses and entities responsible for the contamination as well as from some politicians. The cleanup could cost as much as \$2 billion, but Superfund is a "polluter pays" law. Those costs will be distributed among more than 150 responsible parties, including local industries, multinational corporations, and public entities



such as the federal government, US military, city, and Port. A significant portion of the costs will be borne by insurance companies. The costs will also be spread out over 15 to 25 years. Nobody wants to waste money, but we also should not accept a river that does not come close to meeting safety levels set by the EPA.

It is time to get involved and demand a safe and healthy river for people and wildlife. To become an Audubon river activist and find out how you can help influence this important decision, contact Micah Meskel at [mmeskel@audubonportland.org](mailto:mmeskel@audubonportland.org). We will be posting information on our website and on the joint Portland Audubon-Willamette Riverkeeper Facebook page, Clean-up the Willamette River Superfund Site.

Sign up to get involved in the Superfund Process at <http://goo.gl/forms/b4R14FTCiQ>



Susan Spencer and her attractive front-yard pollinator garden. Photo © Portland Audubon

## Backyard Habitat Certification Program Turns 100 in Gresham and Fairview

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

Last May, Susan Spencer became the second Gresham resident to achieve “certification” through the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. Today, Susan’s yard is one of over 100 in outer east county that are enrolled in the program, which we implement in partnership with Columbia Land Trust. These residents receive bountiful perks like technical assistance, educational resources, and discounts to help create yards where both people and wildlife can thrive.



Following her initial program visit, Susan has been a force of nature. Her front yard is entirely transformed into a pond and raingarden, where she spots salamanders. A pollinator hedge flanks the sunny property line and features a diversity of native wildflowers boasting blooms for hummingbirds and bees from early spring through fall. Nesting Violet-Green Swallows, and over forty other birds, make excellent use of the steeply sloped, remnant riparian forest in back.

Not only is she enhancing the habitat value of her yard, Susan is an ambassador for change in how we care for urban lands. Her neighbors watch as she’s outside loving the land, proudly posting signs that designating it a “Certified Backyard Habitat” and a “Pesticide Free Zone.” Best of all, they have begun asking questions about native plants and pesticide alternatives; questions that lead to sharing information, changing attitudes, and building a new culture around how we steward our urban habitats.

Join the momentum by enrolling today!  
[www.backyardhabitats.org](http://www.backyardhabitats.org)

## Tales from the 90th Annual Portland Christmas Bird Count

Candace Larson, CBC Compiler, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

The 90th annual Portland Christmas Bird Count was pulled off successfully on January 2nd. Over 300 intrepid birders participated in this year’s count including 238 field birders and 116 feeder watchers. We give a heartfelt thanks to the outstanding team of Area Leaders: Colby Neuman, Dan Strong, Lynn Herring, Lori Hennings, and Eric Scheuering. Together, they organized the “flock” of field birders into 34 sectors that blanketed the Portland CBC circle on a sunny but frigid day.

The Eagle Eye Award, given to the field counter who finds the most unusual bird, was won by Mary Coolidge, who spotted a Say’s Phoebe at St. John’s Prairie. Mary and 10 others enjoyed good looks at this dapper flycatcher, more commonly seen east of the Cascades during spring and summer. This is a first-time find in the 90-year history of the Portland CBC.

All areas contributed exciting species to the count. N/NE Portland found both the Say’s Phoebe and an out-of-season Turkey Vulture. Beaverton recorded the day’s only Greater White-Fronted Geese. Southeast Portland discovered two Yellow-shafted Flickers. Lake Oswego posted four species of owls including the count’s only Northern Saw-Whet Owl. NW Portland found four Common Ravens! Feeder watchers added two more species to the count: Band-tailed Pigeon and Red Crossbill, bringing our species total to 115, a respectable showing for the day.

Both goldeneye species were at all-time highs for the count, as were Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Hutton’s Vireos, Barred



Say’s Phoebe. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Photo by Ali Berman

Owls and Brown Creepers. Underrepresented species included Canvasbacks, Ruddy Ducks, and both kinglet species. European Starling and House Sparrow counts were also well below average. For a summary of the 90-year history of the count, including details of the last 10 years, go to [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc/90](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc/90).

The CBC count here in Portland feeds into a dataset including over 1,000 CBC count circles scattered across North America and as far south as Brazil. At 112 years, the CBC is one of the longest running large-scale data sets in existence. Over 200 studies have been published using CBC data, and findings have been used to inform important management and conservation decisions that have helped us protect birds across their flyways.

Thanks to all the field counters and feeder watchers for making this year’s Portland CBC a resounding success. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

## Wildlife Care Center



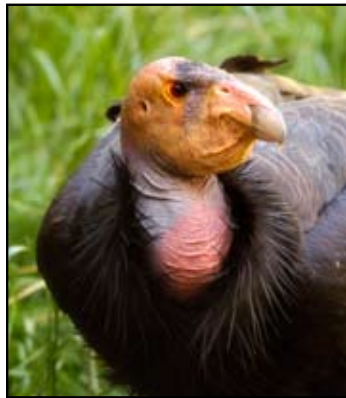
Help save over 3,000 wild animals every year by having a great time in nature!

Our 6th annual Call of the Wild Online Auction runs from February 15th through March 7th and directly supports the Wildlife Care Center.

You can choose from over 60 once-in-a-lifetime nature-based experiences such as releasing a raptor back into the wild, touring the Oregon Zoo’s California Condor Recovery Facility, or going on a guided rock climbing adventure, just to name a few of the amazing items up for bidding.

Check out our website: [portlandaudubon.tofinoauctions.com/callofthewild/](http://portlandaudubon.tofinoauctions.com/callofthewild/) to see the full list.

Bid early and often to help support all of the amazing work we do in the Wildlife Care Center!



California Condor © Oregon Zoo



Great Horned Owl. Photo by Scott Carpenter

## Bald Eagle Rescued from Fishing Line in the Willamette River

by Ali Berman

On February 10, 2016, the Wildlife Care Center received a call from the Portland Harbor Master about a Red-breasted Merganser tangled in fishing line in the Willamette River. Lacy Campbell, our WCC Operations Manager, and Kathleen Studdert, a volunteer, headed down to the South Waterfront with a small net, box, and towel to cut the bird out of the fishing line and bring it back for assessment.

However, about halfway down to the location, the Harbor Master called again to tell Lacy that the merganser was no longer the only bird in need of rescue. A Bald Eagle who spotted the stationary duck swooped down to try and make the caught bird a meal. In the eagle’s attempt to catch the duck, she became stuck in that very same fishing line.

Remember that small net, towel, and box Lacy brought with her? Those were perfect for rescuing a large duck, but not at all ideal for capturing an injured twelve pound female Bald Eagle.

“We arrived and assessed the situation,” recalled Lacy. “We figured out the easiest course of action would be for me to get into the river and remove the eagle first and then get the merganser out.”

Lacy Campbell enters the Willamette River to rescue a Bald Eagle and Red-breasted Merganser. Photo by Kathleen Studdert

Easy is perhaps an understatement, but thankfully Lacy, who has been at Audubon Society of Portland since 2011, has been handling Bald Eagles since she was a teenager and was able to make use of the tools she had at her disposal.

“She had one leg and one wing that were caught together in the fishing line and that fishing line was connected to the merganser,” explained Lacy. “The other leg was free. The bird was very alert and very defensive.”

Lacy was able to use the eagle’s grip on the towel to turn the bird upside down, an unnatural position for this species, so that she’d be easier to handle. She then took hold of the other leg as well so she could safely cut the fishing line.

Once the eagle was free, the volunteer was able to retrieve the merganser. Both were brought back to the Wildlife Care Center for assessment and treatment. Sadly, the Red-breasted Merganser had to be euthanized due to the severity of its injuries.



Despite her brief entanglement with the fishing line, an all too common hazard for wildlife, the Bald Eagle appeared to only have minimal injuries including a slight head trauma which resolved within 24 hours and superficial abrasions.

After an exam and a day of observation, the eagle was brought to our flight cage where she showed that she was able to fly. She appears to be a healthy bird in her fourth year.

In February, the WCC had five injured Bald Eagles in its care, a record number since the rehabilitation facility was established in the 1930s. By the time you read this, two of them will have been released back into the wild.

# Educational Trips

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

## Australia!

**November 12–23, 2016**

(depart U.S. on Nov. 10 if not on the Tasmania Pre-trip)

4 spaces remain!

Beginning in beautiful Queensland, we'll bird the area surrounding Cairns, the northern coast and the Atherton Tablelands, regions world-renowned for their avian diversity. We'll be on the lookout for the **Scarlet Honeyeater**, **Laughing Kookaburra**, and the **Lovely Fairy Wren** as we traverse the countryside with our local guide. **Royal Spoonbills**, **Black Swans**, and **Great Crested Grebes** are a few of the species we'll look for when we visit the Mareeba Wetlands, and we'll search for the stunning **Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher** and massive **Australian Bustard** in nearby forests and scrub. Within the first week, you will have explored the jungles, wetlands, and dry scrublands of this unique region in search of the 150+ birds we hope to see. Along the way, we will do our best to add **Brolga** and **Sarus Cranes** to our list, as well as the elegant **Red-tailed Black Cockatoo**, and with luck, the very rare **Southern Cassowary**.



Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher. Photo by Steve Robertson

But this is more than just a birding trip. We will also spend **three days and two nights** on the **Great Barrier Reef**, on a certified, live-aboard dive-boat, complete with private sleeping berths and a full galley. We will snorkel several of the finest reefs (you may scuba dive if desired), where **Sea Turtles**, **Giant Clams**, and a myriad of reef fish abound.

We'll also find time to peruse the cosmopolitan town of Cairns, shop for souvenirs in the charming village of Kuranda, and see **Flying Fox Bats** up close and personal when we go behind the scenes of a local bat rehab center. We'll end our trip with two nights in the beautiful city of **Sydney**, where we'll bird the **Botanical Gardens** and see the famous **Sydney Opera House**. We'll also enrich our Australian experience with a tour of the Australian Museum, which has fascinating exhibits on both the cultural and natural history of the land Down Under. This trip is designed to thrill the avid birder and novice alike. Please contact Steve Robertson at **971-222-6118** or **srobertson@audubonportland.org** if you have questions or would like to sign up.



Sydney Opera House. Photo by Shannon Hobbs

**Leaders:** Steve Robertson, Education Director, and Local Guides  
**Fee:** \$3895\* members / \$4195\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$2400 required to secure your place

## Tasmania Pre-trip

**November 5–12, 2016 (depart U.S. on Nov. 3)**

Tasmania is simply enchanting. We'll fly into Hobart, dine on the waterfront, then it's off to Bruny Island, where, with a little luck, we'll spot the island's **12 endemic species of birds**, including the **Forty-spotted Pardalote**. We will also witness the charming **Little Penguins**, "Fairies" as they are called in Tassie, as they come up onto the beach at dusk. We then head north to Mole Creek, a region known as a stronghold for both the **Duck-billed Platypus** and the **Tasmanian Devil**. Then it's up to **Cradle Mountain**, a World Heritage Area, where you'll have time to hike and explore before we head to Queensland. Please contact Steve Robertson at **971-222-6118** or **srobertson@audubonportland.org** if you have questions.

**Leaders:** Steve Robertson, Education Director, and Local Guides  
**Fee:** \$1995\* members / \$2195\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1000 required to secure your place

## France April 30–May 14, 2016

2 spaces remain!

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 and bird-rich eastern Pyrénées. We'll conclude in Paris, the City of Lights. Contact Eric Scheuering at **971-222-6119** or **escheuering@audubonportland.org** for more information.

**Leaders:** Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager & Steve Robertson, Education Director  
**Fee:** \$4375\* members / \$4675\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$2200 required to secure your place

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

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

## SOUTHWEST OREGON:

### ROGUE RIVER & SISKIYOU MOUNTAINS

**June 2–5, 2016**

This trip explores the natural history of the beautiful Rogue River watershed and the Siskiyou Mountains. The Rogue and its tributaries cut through the forested canyons of southwestern Oregon, providing glimpses into the region's geologic history. Farther south, the Siskiyou Mountains straddle the Oregon-California border, marking a transition between ecoregions to the north and south. On short hikes and easy walks we'll focus on trees, wildflowers, reptiles and amphibians, butterflies and other insects, and geology. And as always, we'll watch for birds! Contact Eric Scheuering at **escheuering@audubonportland.org** or **971-222-6119** for more information..

**Leader:** Dr. Ivan Phillipson, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$595\* members / \$695\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$300 required to secure your place

### MALHEUR FORAY

**June 4–8, 2016**

Join us on our annual tour of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, a world-class birder's paradise located in remote and beautiful SE Oregon. Contact Eric Scheuering at **971-222-6119** or **escheuering@audubonportland.org** for more information.

**Leader:** Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$845\* members / \$1045\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$400 required to secure your place

## Northeast Oregon

**June 12–17, 2016**

Rugged Northeast Oregon is full of scenic beauty with spectacular mountains and gorges and is home to many bird species that are easier to find here than anywhere else in the state. We will explore the rolling hills and grasslands of the Zumwalt Prairie as well as Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area and the nearby Grande Ronde River. Contact Dan van den Broek at **dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org** or **971-222-6105** for more information.

**Leaders:** Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator & Dr. Ivan Phillipson, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$995\* members / \$1195\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$500 required to secure your place

## Costa Rica

**September 16–30, 2016**

Costa Rica offers diverse habitats — mountains, cloud forest, rainforest, and mangroves — and we'll explore them all. We'll begin in San Jose, and over the following days we will search for **Keel-billed Toucan**, **Blue-crowned Motmot**, and **American Pygmy Kingfisher**. In the Caribbean foothills we will look for **Violet Sabrewing** and **Copper-headed Emeralds** on our way to the lowlands. **Golden-hooded Tanagers** and **Masked Tityras** will be a highlight at La Selva Biological Station. A boat will take us to the remote village of Tortuguero, where **Green Sea Turtles** arrive each night to lay eggs. Next is El Copal, rich with tanagers, euphonias, and hummingbirds. Then it's up to the mountains and cloud forest to search for the **Resplendent Quetzal**, perhaps the most beautiful bird in the world. Our final destination is the mangroves and lowland rainforest of Carara National Park and the Rio Tarcoles, where we will search for **Southern Lapwing**, and **Scarlet Macaw**. Contact Dan van den Broek at **dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org** or **971-222-6105** for more information.

**Leader:** Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator  
**Fee:** \$3895\* members / \$4295\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1900 required to secure your place

## OAXACA, MEXICO

**December 9–18, 2016 (tentative dates)**

Oaxaca straddles the biological border separating the ranges of northern temperate and tropical birds and is home to over 600 species! It is also renowned for its colorful markets, vibrant native cultures, and relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

We'll begin in Oaxaca City, located in a large inter-mountain valley at 5,000 feet; it basks in a balmy climate year-round. We'll search for specialty birds like **Berylline** and **Dusky Hummingbirds**, **Boucard's Wren**, **Red Warbler**, and **Chestnut-sided Shrike Vireo**, and then visit artisan villages famous for their handwoven textiles. We'll experience pine/oak forest and humid cloud forest, and we'll encounter local species such as **Dwarf Jay**, **Aztec Thrush**, and **Collared Towhee** along the way.

Finally, the trip continues west to the Sierra Madre del Sur, and on to the Pacific coast. We'll watch for species like **Collared Forest-Falcon**, **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, **Pheasant Cuckoo**, **Emerald Toucanet**, **White-throated Magpie-Jay**, and **Orange-breasted Bunting**. Contact Eric Scheuering at **escheuering@audubonportland.org** or **971-222-6119** for more information.

**Leaders:** Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager & Candace Larson, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Tentative Fee:** \$3195\* members / \$3495\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1500

## HOW TO REGISTER Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

**1. Register and pay online:** Visit class description at [www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult) and follow registration link.

OR: Contact Marissa Duncan 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 Marissa Duncan (971-222-6131) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover.

Contact Marissa Duncan, Education Program Assistant, at [mduncan@audubonportland.org](mailto:mduncan@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6131.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!  
[audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes)

### Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners:

**Mar 2 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Mar 5 and 12 (Sat), 9am–Noon: Local Field Trips**

Join **Laura Whittemore** to learn how to identify some of the more common waterfowl species using shape, plumage, habits, and habitat as guides. Experience the satisfaction of mastering identification of a notoriously difficult family of birds!

**Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants:**

\$55 members / \$75 non-members

**Class-only Option:** \$14

### Lava Flows and the Missoula Floods: Geology of the Columbia Gorge

**(Session A): Mar 23 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Mar 26 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)**

**-or-**

**(Session B): Mar 23 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Mar 27 (Sun), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)**

The beautiful Columbia River Gorge has been shaped by violent natural forces over millions of years. Lava flows, volcanoes, giant floods, and landslides have all played their parts. Join **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** to learn about the origins of the cliffs and waterfalls of this awe-inspiring region.

**Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:**

\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

**Class-only Option:** \$14

### Little Brown Birds

**Mar 24 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Mar 26 (Sat), 8am–Noon: Local Field Trip**

**John Rakestraw** will help you learn the field marks and behaviors that make all these little brown birds unique.

**Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants:**

\$45 members / \$60 non-members

**Class-only Option:** \$14

### The Art of Bird Illustration

**Apr 6, 13, 20 & May 4 (Wed), 6:30–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**

In this workshop we'll celebrate all things related to birds: from nests and feathers, to skeletal and physical features. **Stacey "Zebith" Thalden** will provide instruction geared to all levels, and everyone will receive individual assistance. Specimens, magnifiers, and drawing materials will be provided.

**Fee:** \$95 members / \$115 non-members

(includes \$15 for supplies)

*Limited to 12 participants. 10 minimum.*

### Amphibians of the Pacific Northwest

**Apr 19 (Tues), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Apr 24 (Sun), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)**

Over 30 species of frogs and salamanders inhabit the Pacific Northwest, and **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will introduce you to the basics of their fascinating world. On the field trip, we'll have a fun day searching for amphibians in several natural habitats.

**Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:**

\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

**Class-only Option:** \$14

### Birding By Ear

**Laura Whittemore** will help you learn to identify birds by their songs! There's no time like now to begin developing this very enjoyable and important bird watching skill. Three field trips provide the opportunity for repetition, repetition, repetition!

**Fee per session:** \$100 members / \$130 non-members

*Each class limited to 14 participants.*

### Birding By Ear – Resident Birds (Session A)

**Mar 30 and Apr 20 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**Apr 3 (Sun), 9 and 23 (Sat), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips**

### Birding By Ear – Resident Birds (Session B)

**Apr 7 and 21 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**Apr 10, 17, 24 (Sun), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips**

### Warblers & Flycatchers

**May 6 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**May 7 (Sat), 7am–11am: Local Field Trip**

This class will focus on two groups notorious for giving birdwatchers a stiff neck and bewildered stare: warblers and flycatchers. Local author and guide **John Rakestraw** will show you how to identify these birds by sight and sound as well by as posture and performance. The field trip will visit a local migrant hotspot to solidify your new skills.

**Class with Field Trip, limited to 14 participants:** \$45

members / \$60 non-members

**Class-only Option:** \$14

### Nature Journaling: Add birds to your pages!

**May 21 (Sat), 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall**

Explore ways to add birds to your nature journal with **Jude Siegel**. Easy ways to see and get the essence of that bird! A combination of drawing techniques, simple watercolor, and writing, plus other fun ways to create a unique and interesting journal page! Add to your birding experience with a handmade record. No art experience required, just enthusiasm and willingness.

**Fee:** \$45 members / \$65 non-members

*Limited to 16 participants.*

### Birding By Ear – Migrant Birds

**May 11 and 25 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**May 14, 21, 28 (Sat), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips**

### Birding By Ear – Nesting Birds

**June 1 and 15 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**June 4, 11, 18 (Sat), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips**

**Spring Break Camps run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise noted.**

## Spring Break Camp 2016 at Portland Audubon is March 21-25

Registration for Spring & Summer Camps begins January 14 at 8:00am. To register, go to [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6131 to save a place if you are mailing your form.

MONDAY, MARCH 21 – FRIDAY, MARCH 25			THURSDAY, MARCH 24	FRIDAY, MARCH 25
<p><b>Tails of the Forest:</b> <b>Mammals (Mon), Raptors (Tues), Amphibians (Wed), Birds (Thur), Habitats (Fri)</b> <i>1st grade</i></p> <p>During this week-long camp, you'll learn about all the tails of the forest and the animals they belong to. Each day we will focus on a different theme as we tell tales about animals, play animal games, and make art projects inspired by what you learn. We will be sure to spend lots of time in Audubon's wildlife sanctuary searching for bushy squirrel tails, slippery newt tails, and spiky woodpecker tails.</p> <p><b>All 5 days: \$240 member/ \$260 non-member</b>      <b>Single days: \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</b> <b>Pick up/Drop off Location: Audubon</b></p>			<p><b>Newts and Boots</b> <i>2nd–3rd grade</i></p> <p>Strap on your mud boots and head out to one of Portland's best wetlands in search of salamanders and reptiles. Springtime is truly amphibian time and we'll search for egg masses and pollywogs. We'll be on the lookout for native amphibians throughout the day and will safely collect, study, and release them back to the wild.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 mem/ \$75 non-mem <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Upper Macleay Park</p>	<p><b>Forest Mask-arade</b> <i>2nd–3rd grade</i></p> <p>Come dressed in your own camouflage as we investigate how animals hide themselves in the forest. We'll learn new skills as we search our Sanctuary for hidden homes of forest creatures. Make and take home your very own forest mask.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Audubon</p>
<p><b>The Art of Invisibility</b> <i>2nd–3rd grade</i></p> <p>To ambush, to lie in wait, to surprise, and to hide in plain sight... these will be our goals as we use the Audubon Sanctuary to focus on the skill of disappearing. We'll sneak through the woods trying to stay undetected, play games, and follow maps that lead to delicious bounty.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Audubon <b>Trip Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator</b></p>	<p><b>Junior Wildlife Vet 101</b> <i>2nd–3rd grade</i></p> <p>Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 mem/ \$75 non-mem <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Audubon</p>	<p><b>Wild Art Adventure</b> <i>2nd–3rd grade</i></p> <p>Spend a day exploring the forest, pond, and trails surrounding Portland Audubon and let your creativity run wild! Come join us while we paint, draw, construct, and adventure to our hearts' content!</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Audubon <b>Trip Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator</b></p>	<p><b>Coil Basketry</b> <i>4th–8th grade</i></p> <p>Have you ever wanted to make something beautiful using all-natural materials? Learn to create an elegant simple basket from ponderosa pine needles gathered from the forest floor! In this ancient art of basket making, pine needles are assembled into bunches and sewn in spiraling coils that gradually grow into a unique basket. Spend a day at Portland Audubon's wildlife sanctuary, adventuring through the forest, playing games, and of course, creating your very own basket to take home!</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 mem/ \$75 non-mem <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Audubon <b>Leader: Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator</b></p>	<p><b>Junior Wildlife Vet 102</b> <i>4th–8th grade</i></p> <p>Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 member/ \$75 non-member <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Upper Macleay Park</p>
<p><b>Surf's Up</b> <i>4th–8th grade</i></p> <p>Join Audubon's Educators on this day-long exploration of the coast. We'll discover the awesome animals that live in tidepools, explore a few caves, learn some cool geology, and find time to build a sandcastle or two.</p> <p>Note: the camp returns at <b>5:00 PM</b>.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 member/ \$75 non-member <b>Pick up/Drop off:</b> Upper Macleay Park <b>Leader: Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator</b></p>	<p><b>Birding the Buttes</b> <i>4th–8th grade</i></p> <p>Spend a day traveling to many of our local east side mini-volcanos. We'll grab binoculars and hand lenses to learn about the geology of Portland's volcanic vents, while searching out the birds that call these greenspaces home.</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 mem/ \$75 non-mem <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Upper Macleay Park</p>	<p><b>Map, Compass &amp; Beyond</b> <i>4th–8th grade</i></p> <p>Come spend the day at Portland's scenic Mt. Tabor Park to learn how to use a topographical map and compass. We'll discover the hidden art of field navigation as we learn how to interpret a topographic map and how to use a compass. Learn how to read contour lines, understand map scale, and orient a map to the surrounding landscape. With treasure map in hand, your team will navigate to hidden treasures and clues on Portland's only extinct volcano. The search is on!</p> <p><b>Fee:</b> \$65 member/ \$75 non-member <b>Pick up/Drop off Location:</b> Upper Macleay Park <b>Leader: Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator</b></p>		

**Keeping kids in touch with nature!**

# Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

## Listen Carefully for Whisper Songs

One morning several years ago a lady brought a healthy male **Evening Grosbeak** in a bird cage to the Wildlife Care Center. She stated she had cared for the bird for several years but now was moving and could no longer do so. The care center seldom accepts caged birds, but one of the staff volunteered to take it.

The bird lived for another couple years before apparently dying of old age. During its stay, it seldom gave any of the loud calls or songs typical of the species. However, it would regularly relax on its perch, seemingly half asleep, and sing a quiet, musical, finch-like song completely unlike the regular expected calls.

Birders in the field often report similar quiet songs from other species of birds, usually given while the bird is perched in a quiet pocket within the tree or bush. The birds also appear half asleep and very relaxed. The song is so low that the observer must be very close to the bird to hear it. The songs they sing are unlike their regular calls and songs.

Birders call these songs “whisper songs,” while more scientific types call them “secondary songs.” Scientists are highly puzzled over why the birds give songs so low that other birds can’t hear them. They are not territorial or attraction calls, so what is their value?

## Sightings

It has been an interesting winter in the Portland area. **Mountain Chickadees** were reported throughout right into spring. There were reports indicating fewer **American Goldfinches**, but some feeders continue to attract good numbers. A **Common Redpoll** visited Kate Lauber’s feeders in Southeast Portland during late January and early February. Individuals occasionally are found among wintering **Pine Siskin** flocks.

Swallows created considerable interest this winter. The **Barn Swallows** did not stage the mid-winter movement they occasionally do, but one was in the Tualatin NWR December 13, and Gerry Ellis noted three at the Steigerwald NWR January 24.

On January 18 Steve Nord observed 10 **Tree Swallows** at Hagg Lake south of Forest Grove. Gerry Ellis reported one January 24 at Steigerwald NWR. Reports from Ridgefield NWR indicated that a group of **Tree Swallows** attempted to overwinter on the refuge. On December 13 a group of 14 were observed. On December 20 the flock was reduced to six, and by January 8 only three remained. There were no further sightings. The first migrant flocks of **Tree Swallows** began entering southern Oregon about January 30.

On January 9 Em Scattaregia observed an unexpected female **Williamson’s Sapsucker** at Mt. Tabor Park in east Portland. Even more unexpected was the **Red-Flanked Bluetail**, an Asian species rarely seen in North America,

Birders observing the birds while they sing note that they are quiet and apparently quite content. Perhaps the birds are singing such musical songs for their own enjoyment. The captive Evening Grosbeak sang its whisper song throughout the year.



Evening Grosbeak. Photo by Jim Cruce

Ornithologists seldom mention or describe whisper songs or secondary songs, and often confuse them with “subsongs.” Subsongs are given by young birds and adults as they tune up prior to the spring singing season. These tune-up songs are similar to the typical songs and are never as quiet and musical as the whisper songs.

While in the field, listen for these low, quiet songs, and record what they sound like. Whisper songs are so rarely reported that these low songs should be described in detail. Other bird songs not typical of the regular songs should also be noted. And keep in mind that bird songs have regional dialects and often can be traced to certain breeding locations within their range.



Tree Swallow. Photo by Hayley Crews

reported by Sergio Perez December 26 near Wilsonville. On December 22 Jay Withgott and Beverly Hallberg spotted two **Black-Legged Kittiwakes** off Broughton Beach in North Portland.

On January 18 Steve Nord noted a male **Tufted Duck** at Jackson Bottom Wetlands in Hillsboro. Casey Cunningham spotted it again January 23 along nearby Minter Bridge Road. Christopher Reidy found another January 23 at the Marine Park in Vancouver.

On December 15 Andy Frank reported a **Surf Scoter**, 100 **Common Goldeneyes**, and 20 **Barrow’s Goldeneyes** off Hayden Island in North Portland. Craig Turner noted a **Surf Scoter** at the Koll Center Wetlands in Beaverton December 24. On December 17 Mike Boger reported four **Trumpeter Swans** along Anderson Road near Aurora. Others were reported in the more expected areas about Forest Grove and Sauvie Island.

On December 2 Sherry Hagen reported a **Chipping Sparrow** in Vancouver. Bob Flores and Lyn Topinka photographed a **Harris’s Sparrow** December 31 at Skamania Landing. On January 8 Lyn Topinka reported a **Palm Warbler** at Ridgefield NWR. Randy Hill found it again January 24. George Neavoll observed a distinctively plumaged **Harlan’s Red-Tailed Hawk** at Ridgefield NWR January 15.



Photo by Cogswell Family

Sharon jumped right in with sanctuary tours, volunteered at Raptor Road Trip and the Wild Arts Festival, and served two terms on the volunteer council. She has helped with our annual coast overnigher for schoolchildren, and has assisted Don and Portland Audubon staff leaders on several eco-tours. She and Don have continued to take trips as participants. “We love Portland Audubon trips!” says Sharon. “I really enjoy photography, and it’s a good fit with Don’s birding.”

Although a return to full-time work has limited her free time, Sharon manages to help with our special events as well as volunteer in her neighborhood with CERT, the Citizen Emergency Response Teams. “We help out with blood drives and public community events, and are trained for natural disasters—to help out our neighborhoods in case something happens.” Sharon looks forward to re-retiring in a couple of years and getting back to volunteering for us “full force” again.

Thank you, Sharon, for the force you have been for Portland Audubon. We appreciate all you do!



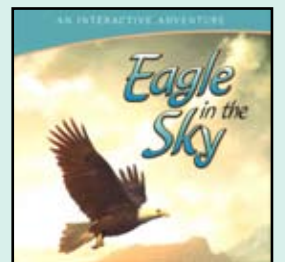
Storytime volunteers Cindy Cleary and Ellen Cantwell perform. Photo by Michael Barton

## Storytime at Portland Audubon Returns!

After a little break, our **free** Saturday storytime programs for families with small children return on the **first** and **third Saturdays** of each month. We feature fun, nature-based children’s stories, plus activities for children **ages 4–8**. Look what we have planned for you!

On **March 5** we explore the magic of bat communication with the charming story **Nightsong**, by Ari Berk. Help little bat Chiro see the world and get safely back to his mother. Learn how bats use echoes to sense the world around them!

On **March 19** we have a fun interactive adventure, **Eagle in the Sky**, by Ryan Jacobson and David Hemenway. The book takes you into the life of an eagle chick as it grows: “Rub your beak. Flap your wings. Gobble some fish.”



On **April 2**, as part of the Nature Store Optics Fair, we will have a binocular activity for children, plus a chance to play with magnifying glasses and other optical toys.

On **April 16** we have a special presentation of Native American stories and music by local musician **Stephanie Baldrige**. Come join us for an hour of storytelling with the Native American flute and animal puppets.

Programs are held in the interpretive center at 12:30pm and again at 1:30pm. No sign-up needed. Questions? Call the Nature Store at (503) 292-9453.

## Volunteer of the Month: Sharon Cogswell

by Pam Meyers, Membership Development Manager

Since 2006, Sharon Cogswell has added her special combination of enthusiasm, love of the natural world, and organizational skills to a plethora of Audubon Society of Portland events. From lending her superb efficiency to donor events, to leading sanctuary tours as a volunteer naturalist, Sharon has touched many parts of our organization. To date, she has contributed over 1,200 volunteer hours, and she earned the Mamie Campbell Award in 2008.

Sharon helped the Development team host the Holiday Donor Party for the first time five years ago and was an immediate superstar in that role. Her artistic eye, good cheer, and love of entertaining were immediately apparent. Thanks to Sharon, our guests feel welcomed and well cared for.

Sharon became interested in volunteering after she and her husband, Don, took their first Portland Audubon eco-tour to Costa Rica in 2005. Sharon says, “Don is a life-long birder, and it was a natural fit for me to get involved. My job at a local school had ended, so I had plenty of time to volunteer—and I did!”

## Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for 323 professional wildlife photographs of various sizes
- Daniel Deutsch for a Pro-Care 18 CCU incubator for the Wildlife Care Center
- Ilene Ferrell for 3 boxes of Nitrile exam gloves for the Wildlife Care Center
- Alan Locklear and Marie Valleroy for a new Panasonic 1250W microwave and fire extinguishers for the Administration Building
- Bill Naito Co. for the generous rental of Montgomery Park for the 2015 Wild Arts Festival
- Majida Nelson and Mark Hodges for a Bosch Electric Vehicle Charger
- Deanna Sawtelle for 750 handmade birthday and thank you cards for the Volunteer program

## Our Wish List

### For Conservation:

Recreational Vehicle or Travel Camper in good condition for field work  
Small motor boat and trailer  
4x8 foot exterior grade plywood  
Digital Video Camera

### For Sanctuary:

Loppers  
Pruning saws  
Work gloves

### For Wildlife Care Center:

Science Diet Kitten Growth  
Bleach  
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent  
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)  
Paper lunch bags  
Small leather work gloves  
Kevlar animal handling gloves

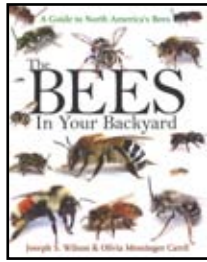
If you can donate these items, please first contact Audubon Society of Portland at 503-292-6855 ext. 102, Mon–Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.



# Nature Store Highlights

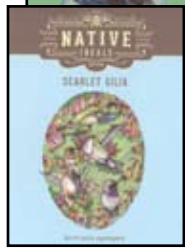
## Keep Your Pollinators Happy!

We continue to learn more about the important role of pollinators and other beneficial insects in our yards. Several new books reveal more insights on the subject, both for casual gardeners and the dedicated insect enthusiast. ***The Bees in Your Backyard*** (Princeton University Press, \$29.95) by Wilson and Carril is an accessible introduction to over 4,000 species of native bees, with over 900 photographs and lots of cool behavioral information. ***Pollinator Friendly Gardening*** (Voyageur Press, \$21.99) by Rhonda Fleming Hayes focuses on the plants bees and other pollinators love, and how to incorporate them into your landscaping. Lots of photos and plant lists are included, featuring both native and non-native plant species. Due out in March is a new title from our friends at the Xerces Society, ***Gardening for Butterflies*** (Timber Press, \$24.95). We haven't seen it yet, but it is eagerly anticipated here!



### Native Ideals Seed Farm

Native Ideals Seeds are grown and harvested in western Montana using harvesting methods aimed at maintaining resiliency and wild traits. Native plants are adapted to thrive in our climate, so they use less water and have a higher survival rate than many traditional landscape plants. They also provide superior wildlife habitat and forage for birds and beneficial insects.

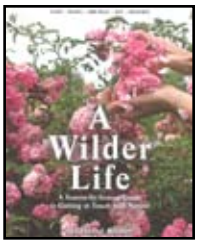


### Connect with the Land!

Blaine Wetzel is a chef working on Lummi Island in the Salish Sea, and a winner of the James Beard Foundation Best Chef Northwest award. He's also the author of the stunning new cookbook, ***Sea and Smoke: Flavors from the Untamed Pacific Northwest*** (Running Press, \$40). Beautiful photos accompany recipes using ingredients foraged from the sea and land.



Celestine Maddy is the editor of the lifestyle magazine *Wilder*, focusing on creative and survival skills that connect us to the natural world. The lushly illustrated ***A Wilder Life*** (Artisan, \$29.95) draws on that experience with a multifaceted seasonal guide full of recipes, crafts, and explorations of natural history.



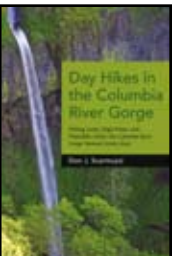
### Nest Boxes

We'll spare you the birds-and-the-bees talk—all you need to know is that nesting season is upon us. You can provide a perfect baby bird nursery right in your backyard with one of the variety of nest boxes carried in the Nature Store. From chickadees all the way up to Wood Ducks, the nest boxes we carry are meticulously crafted to meet the nesting requirements of each species. Our nest boxes are durable and come equipped with features for easy cleaning from season to season.



### Go For a Hike!

Here are two suggestions for guides to hiking trails close to home. Don Scarmuzzi presents a new guide, aptly called ***Day Hikes in the Columbia River Gorge*** (WestWinds Press, \$24.99) that gives a comprehensive look at the Gorge trails, with lots of info about degrees of difficulty and special features. He includes some of the more rigorous trails that other hiking guides leave out, so hardy folks will find some new adventures. We also stock the new ***Sauvie Island Recreation Guide*** (Fibonacci Enterprises, \$6.95), which is a handy waterproof, tear-proof map and recreation guide to the island.



## Nature Store Optics Fair

**Saturday, April 2, 10am–3pm**  
with a special 2pm Digiscoping Workshop  
**Heron Hall**

The Nature Store is hosting a free spring Optics Fair, and we've invited representatives from all our optics lines: Nikon, Swarovski, Zeiss, Leupold, Opticron, Zen-ray, Kowa, Novagrade, and Vortex.

Shopping for binoculars or sighting scopes can often seem like a daunting task. To make it easy, we are gathering all the experts and quality lines carried by the Nature Store together for one day. You'll be able to see and try a huge range of optics and quickly get the answers you need to make a wise decision. See the



Photo by Jason Gebhart

newest models and the latest features and accessories. We've even invited Celestron to stop by with their new Hummingbird scope (almost small enough to hold in the palm of your hand!).

At 2pm we'll set up scopes outside and try all the new cell phone and camera digiscoping adapters. Bring your own scope along and we'll find a compatible adapter!

### Dreamspirit Jewelry

This small local company is located right in the Columbia River Gorge. Their jewelry offers chic yet playful designs and vibrant colors in its recycled metals and hand-painted accents. Each pendant hangs on a 20-inch adjustable chain, and the earring wires are nickel-free.



# Sanctuaries Happenings

## 20th Annual Native Plant Sale!

by Tom Costello, Director of Operations

Come celebrate 20 years of the biggest and best **Native Plant Sale** in the Willamette Valley on **Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 10am–4pm both days**. As always, we will close our main parking area to cars and load it with thousands of beautiful, habitat-enhancing native plants—over 100 species of native trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, grasses, and vines will be available for sale.

We strive to make our plant sale as user friendly and accessible as possible by providing a cadre of native-plant experts to help you select plants that will suit you and your property best.

Longtime volunteer and Sanctuaries Committee member Gregg Everhart will once again provide her assiduously prepared shopping lists, providing a wealth of information on all the plants available: typical size, growing conditions, habitat value, and even the color of the flower and fruit type. Use this list to find out what will grow in that moist, shady back corner, or which plants will attract butterflies and hummingbirds. More comprehensive information on individual plants is posted above the plants themselves, including photographs of the plant in bloom.

As a preview, last year's shopping lists will be available in the lobby of the Nature Store in March and April. With a few exceptions you can expect the same selection of plants at this year's sale. We apologize, but digital copies of the lists are not available.

During the sale, Portland Audubon's Sanctuaries Committee members, in partnership with Oregon State University's Master Gardener Program, will be on hand to

answer your questions about native plants, with information specifically geared toward:

- Why Native Plants Benefit Habitat
- How to Design a Native Plant Area
- Planting and Caring for Native Plants

Come get the big picture on naturoscaping, rain gardens, invasive plant removal, and more. Turn your own yard into a wildlife sanctuary! And if you want to learn more and come up with a comprehensive plan, the Nature Store stocks a wonderful collection of books about native plants, wildlife, and naturoscaping. Audubon staff and volunteers will also be on hand with information on our Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

### More on the Ivy Dialogue

In the last *Warbler* I wrote a piece regarding ivy and the language often used in working with volunteers, especially youth, on ivy pulls. I received some wonderful feedback on the article, both supportive and constructive. Looking back on the article, I can see how in making my point I created some confusion and ambiguity.

To be clear, I firmly believe that ivy, if left unchecked, interrupts the healthy function of ecosystems and needs to be removed if we are to have healthy forest ecosystems that support high levels of biodiversity. In my nine years at Portland Audubon we have removed over 90% of the ivy in our sanctuaries, and we have seen significant improvements in ecosystem health and wildlife habitat in that time.

I also firmly believe that when talking to children we should not perpetuate the idea that some plants are bad while others are good. We cannot perpetuate the idea that ivy has any conscious ability or intent to harm our forests. I do think we need to own up and let our kids and volunteers know that ivy is a problem because we (i.e., humans) planted it here and let it grow unchecked for the better part of a century. Removal efforts are our best attempts to correct the mistakes of the past, not an idealized war against a malicious plant.

As Richard Louv, Jon Young, and other visionary teachers have pointed out, our culture is growingly disconnected from the natural world. It is our responsibility as adults who care about the environment to foster a strong nature connection in our children. I think we create more problems for ourselves in this task if we start making up stories of how some plants are bad. Kids will and do see through this, and they lose trust in those who tell these stories. By changing the way we talk about ivy, we can better foster a nature connection in the children we work with, while still being effective in our removal of ivy.



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# 2016 Board Elections

## CANDIDATES FOR 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Audubon Society of Portland is a membership organization governed by a board that is elected by its membership. Members can vote for their preferred candidates by mailing us the completed ballot form (see below) or by submitting it in person at our Reception Desk during regular business hours until March 17th.

Statements from candidates are provided below (some edited for brevity). All candidates in this year's election are running unopposed. Write-in candidates are not permitted. All candidates were interviewed and thoroughly vetted by the Elections Subcommittee of the Board Affairs Committee. You may contact the Committee by calling our office or sending an email to [info@audubonportland.org](mailto:info@audubonportland.org), with "Elections Subcommittee" in the subject heading.

### BOARD OFFICERS

#### Dan Rohlf, President (Candidate for reelection)

Dan is on the environmental law faculty at Lewis and Clark Law School, where he teaches Wildlife Law and other classes. He also works on wildlife conservation cases as an attorney with the law school's domestic environmental law clinic, and has represented Portland Audubon in several matters. Dan has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2010 and was a Portland Audubon supporter and volunteer before that date. One of his favorite pastimes is watching birds that visit his home and office feeders. "I spend as much time in the Oregon outdoors as possible," Dan said, "and I think Portland Audubon is one of the state's most effective conservation organizations."

#### Anne Sammis, Vice President (Candidate for reelection)

A geriatrician and internist with Legacy Health System, Anne has been a bird and animal watcher for over 30 years. She and her husband, Eric, have traveled extensively with Portland Audubon and enjoyed many of their education classes. Anne joined the Board because she was impressed with the organization's work with education, conservation, and animal care at the Wildlife Care Center. "I have long admired Portland Audubon, its staff, and its volunteers. I am eager to do some work and give back to the organization."

#### Russell Jones, Treasurer (New Officer)

Russ spent his career in finance and accounting. Prior to his retirement, he was the Senior Vice President & CFO of Western Family Foods. His background includes public accounting, financial management consulting, and corporate financial management experience. Russ has served on the boards of a number of Portland-area nonprofit organizations, all of which worked on behalf of youth or the environment. He joined the Portland Audubon Finance Committee in 2014. "I developed a deeper appreciation for green space and conservation through my experience on the Portland Parks Foundation Board. I have great respect for Portland Audubon's conservation and education efforts and would like to assist in those efforts."

#### Jay Withgott, Secretary (Candidate for reelection)

An author of three leading college and high-school environmental science textbooks, member of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, and a former director of Western Field Ornithologists, Jay also helps to lead the Wild Turkeys Birdathon Team and has co-led one Portland Audubon ecotour. A lifelong birder, Jay brings writing skills, communications and media experience, and field trip leading abilities. "I strongly believe in the organization's mission, values, and activities. Portland Audubon is, quite simply, an organization in which I feel at home. Moreover, it's one that is vitally important, fulfilling many essential roles in our community."

### BOARD DIRECTORS

(You may vote for as many candidates as you wish. Up to 8 shall be elected.)

#### Jennifer Miller (Candidate for reelection)

An Environmental Consultant for more than 20 years, Jennifer has worked on environmental planning, conservation, and restoration efforts throughout Oregon, including Klamath Basin. She has a strong background in Ornithology as well as Northwest and Great Basin wild and urban ecology. "I'm a certified Project Management Professional, and my task and budget management skills will be assets to Portland Audubon. For the last 9 years I've been part of the illustrious Surly Birders Birdathon team. I'm eager to be a greater part of Portland Audubon with its potential to improve our little corner of the world for future generations."

#### Tammy Spencer (Candidate for reelection)

Tammy Spencer serves as the Senior Director of Marketing and Communications at Portland State University Foundation. From her work at PSU and as the former Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Pacific University, Tammy brings extensive knowledge and expertise in marketing and communications strategy development and implementation as well as successful event, volunteer, and fundraising experience. A long-time supporter of Portland Audubon and passionate about its mission, she is an enthusiastic birder and has a strong interest in protecting habitat. As a Board member Tammy looks forward to continuing the legacy of her father, Ron Spencer, an active and engaged member of the Board and volunteer for many years.

#### Adrienne Wolf-Lockett (Candidate for reelection)

Adrienne has served multiple nonconsecutive terms on Portland Audubon's Board and as Vice President and Secretary. Previously, she served as president of Redwood Region Audubon and Northcoast Environmental Center in Arcata, CA. Adrienne coordinated two Northern California Birdathons and participated in numerous Christmas Bird Counts. She is a member of the Sanctuaries Committee and volunteers at the Nature Store and annual Swift Watch. Adrienne also served with husband Bob in the US Peace Corps in Jamaica from 2009 to 2011, and continues birding ecotourism projects. "I'm continually impressed by Portland Audubon's creativity and accomplishments. Our society requires dedicated volunteer efforts to help in carrying out its mission."

#### Merril Keane (Candidate for reelection)

Merril is a business attorney with the law firm of Miller Nash LLP, whose practice covers general business transactions, international business and trade, and compensation matters. As a lawyer, Merrill frequently works with nonprofit organizations and is well acquainted with their unique issues. Merrill enjoys birding (especially in her backyard) and Portland's natural areas. A Portland native, she has benefited from Portland Audubon's work since childhood. "Portland Audubon helped shape my appreciation for our birds and wildlife, and I am committed to doing my best to further the organization's mission and impact within the community."

#### Robb Cowie (New Member)

Robb is a lifelong birder and supporter of biodiversity and habitat protection. He has more than 15 years of experience leading communications in large public and private organizations, as well as nonprofits. At the Biodiversity Project, he organized a national poll on Americans' attitudes toward biodiversity and helped environmental groups across the United States develop messages to expand support for habitat conservation. Recently, Robb has served in senior communications roles at Portland Public Schools, Cambia Health Solutions, and Multnomah County. He is currently the communications director for the Oregon Health Authority. "Our forests, waters, and species are facing unprecedented threats. At the same time, our communities are changing and becoming more diverse. I'm excited to help Audubon speak to the hopes and values of a broad range of Oregonians and expand our reach and impact."

#### Dan Rohlf (Candidate for reelection)

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#### Anne Sammis (Candidate for reelection)

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Please see biography above.

## 2016 Board of Directors Election Ballot

If you are a current Audubon Society of Portland member, you are eligible to vote for our officers and directors. Individual Members are entitled to one vote per candidate. Those with a Family Membership or higher level are entitled to two votes for each of the candidates. You must sign your ballot for it to be counted. Write-in votes will be disregarded.

Members may submit their ballot in person at the Reception Desk, or submit by mail. We must receive your ballot by **6:30 pm on March 17, 2016**.

Please mail to:

**Board Nominations Committee  
Audubon Society of Portland  
5151 NW Cornell Rd  
Portland, OR 97210**

Your Name (please print):

Your Signature:

Membership Level:

- Individual (entitled to one vote per candidate)  
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**Board Officers:** (Please note: All positions are running unopposed. Officer roles are for one year.)

- President:   Dan Rohlf  
Vice President:   Anne Sammis  
Secretary:   Jay Withgott  
Treasurer:   Russ Jones

**Board Directors:** (Please note: All positions are running unopposed. Director terms are for three years and end in 2019.)

- Merrill Keane (reelection)  
  Jennifer Miller (reelection)  
  Anne Sammis (reelection)  
  Tammy Spencer (reelection)  
  Adrienne Wolf-Lockett (reelection)  
  Robb Cowie (new member)  
  Dan Rohlf  
  Anne Sammis  
  Jay Withgott

## April is National Volunteer Month!

**And we wouldn't be Audubon Society of Portland without our volunteers!**

Our rich history as one of the most effective conservation organizations in the country is a history of the hearts, minds, and tenacity of volunteers. Founded in 1902 by a group of activists, Portland Audubon helped enact one of the first national and state laws protecting birds; advocated for the creation of Oregon's first national wildlife refuges at Klamath Basin, Three Arch Rocks, and Malheur; and planted our sanctuary on NW Cornell Road with the purchase of 12 acres of former dairy land in 1929.

Now with a staff of 35 and a membership of over 15,000, we continue to be powered by the hearts, minds, and hard work of volunteers as they administer medications to sick and injured animals in the Wildlife Care Center, ring up sales in the Nature Store, lead children and adults through our sanctuary, introduce visitors to our education birds, participate in citizen science projects, help homeowners create native habitat in their backyards, enter data in numerous databases, manage our most successful events, and provide vision and direction to the organization as board members—volunteers impact every facet of our work. In fact, in 2015, over 450 volunteers contributed 49,604 hours, providing the equivalent of \$1,034,243 in service, effectively increasing our staff by 23.8 FTE. **During this month of appreciation, we want to acknowledge our amazing volunteers, who give so much of themselves to protect the things we love here in Oregon. Thank you so much for all you do!**

**Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these special gifts:**

**In Memory**

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You can honor a special person with a gift to Audubon Society of Portland. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature. You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) or by calling 971-222-6130. A songbird card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

**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!**

This is the time to plan your upcoming spring and summer travels. It's always best to have a fun travel companion, and we think the perfect one just might be a new pair of **Zeiss Terra ED Compact binoculars!** The Terra is extra space-saving due to the bi-fold hinges that allow you to fold them to less than 3" wide. The length of both the 8x and 10x versions is just under 4 1/2". Though small in size, Zeiss has packed the Terras with top-quality features like ED (extra-low dispersion) glass for a crisp image, water- and fog-proofing, a comfortably wide field of view and a super close focus of just over 6. The 8x25 model sells for \$333.32 (member price \$299.99) and the 10x25 for \$366.66 (member price \$329.99).

Need something even more compact? We still have a few pairs of **Opticron Explorer 8x21** remaining at the special **Members Only sale price of \$84**. These little gems fold to only 2 3/4" by 3 1/4". Just the right price and size for that extra pair to tuck under your car seat for birding emergencies, or into your luggage when your trip isn't all about birding (really?).

**Donor Profile**

**Miriam and Charlie Rosenthal They Take a Long-term View**



Miriam and Charles Rosenthal. Photo by Katy Ehrlich

**M**iriam and Charlie Rosenthal recall Western wilderness adventures back when there were no limits: they could camp, backpack, and climb practically anywhere they liked. It was a delightful time, but that was 60 years ago when only a few people shared their passion for wilderness experiences. Still fewer recognized that there was any damage in roaming freely.

By the 1970s the Rosenthals saw a change. More people were out hiking and camping, and they quickly came to realize the need for trail and campsite restraint. "The way you observe something will have an impact on it," says Charlie, an electrical engineer, paraphrasing the Heisenberg Principle. To observe nature is to bring change to it.

The Rosenthals raised their four children on skiing and backpacking adventures, and a healthy respect for conservation values. Now they visit the sanctuary, enjoy nature nights, and shop at the Nature Store; their grandchildren know the education birds and attend education camps.

Charlie, who has volunteered for a number of civic committees himself, has a particular appreciation for

the expertise lent by Portland Audubon's conservation department to resource planning and development processes. "That can have an enormously long-range effect on the community," he says. The Rosenthals praise efforts of the last few years to reach a broader audience and include non-traditional communities, because those people brighten Portland's future long-term.

"All species are tied together: we succeed and fail *together*," Charlie says. It is with that sense of enlightened self-interest that the Rosenthals have been regular supporters of Portland Audubon for more than 20 years.

**Leadership Giving Circle**

**Investing in Oregon's Environmental Future**

**M**any bird and nature lovers join in Audubon Society of Portland's mission through an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more. These leadership gifts strengthen our capacity to lead in conservation across Oregon, from bird and habitat protection, advocacy, and citizen action, to environmental education for children, youth, and adults.

We invite you to deepen your investment in Oregon's future, joining others as founding members in our Leadership Giving Circle. As you renew or begin your membership with the Audubon Society of Portland, one of the most effective conservation organizations in the country, please consider making this special commitment to keep Oregon green and to build a region where people and wildlife can flourish together.

Donations at any level may be made in full, or put on monthly or other schedules. Audubon Society of Portland is pleased to acknowledge the leadership donors who do so much to ensure the stability and growth of our organization. Donations may also be made anonymously or in honor of others.

*"We get the satisfaction of seeing the organization's long-term accomplishments and knowing we were part of that. If this is an organization that embodies your beliefs, please step up with me to support it."*  
—Steve Berliner, Leadership Giving Circle Member

**Leadership Gift Levels**

**Great Blue Heron: \$1,000–\$2,499 (Leadership level for many years)**

Benefits include acknowledgment in our annual report and the opportunity to attend exclusive events.



**Peregrine: \$2,500–\$4,999 (New)**

Above benefits, plus a personal tour of Portland Audubon programs and biannual updates from Executive Director Nick Hardigg highlighting the specific impacts of your support.



**Osprey: \$5,000–9,999 (New)**

Above benefits, plus invitations to annual informational events on conservation and environmental education issues impacting our region.



**Eagle: \$10,000 (New)**

Above benefits, plus a meeting with Executive Director Nick Hardigg to discuss the impacts of your support and strategies for the future.



For more information about leadership gifts, please contact Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 971-222-6117 or [atakamoto@audubonportland.org](mailto:atakamoto@audubonportland.org).

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# Birdathon 2016

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## Full-Day Trips:

**Mult Madness: May 7 (Sat), 6am–7pm**

**Wink Gross** and **Andy Frank** lead a tour of birding hotspots in Multnomah County. Begin at Vanport Wetlands, then catch the migrant fallout at Mt Tabor. Seek pygmy-owl and solitaire at Larch Mountain, travel all the way to Eagle Creek for dipper, goldeneye, and Harlequin Duck, then finish up at Sauvie Island. Expect 95 to 110 species. This is an intensive trip with a lot of fast-paced walking.

## NEW TRIP! Weekday Warblers:

**May 12 (Thu) 6:30am–8:30pm**

Join **John Rakestraw**, author of *Birding Oregon*, instructor for Portland Audubon, and birding guide. Cover the northern Oregon coast from Cannon Beach to Fort Stevens with stops at several upland sites. We'll avoid the weekend crowds as we seek nesting seabirds, migrant shorebirds, and songbirds. The pace will be brisk, but there is always time to enjoy the birds. **A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.**

## Soggy Bottom Birders: May 20 (Fri), 9am–4pm

Join Portland Audubon Education staffers **Ian Abraham**, **Tim Donner**, and **Laura Newton** for an exclusive tour of Greater Columbia River Basin wetlands. Stop at Smith and Bybee, Ridgefield NWR, and, if time allows, Steigerwald Lake NWR. This is an ideal trip for people of all ages who appreciate birding in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Transportation is provided. **A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.**

## Raven Maniacs: May 21 (Sat), 6:30am–6:30pm

Join **Steve Robertson**, Portland Audubon Education Director, and **Hailey Walls**, Oregon Zoo Educator, for a day of birding from the city to the sea! Visit a dozen birding hotspots from Portland to Tillamook and back, including Fernhill Wetlands and Haystack Rock. We hope to see at least 100 species. Highlights from recent trips include Acorn Woodpecker, Tufted Puffin, and Harlequin Duck. Transportation is provided. **A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.**

## Crow-Magnons: May 22 (Sun) 6:30am–8:30pm

Explore the diverse habitats of Wasco County with **Eric Scheuering**, Portland Audubon Adult Education Programs Manager. Search the mouth of the Deschutes River for Yellow-breasted Chat, Bullock's Oriole, and others, then explore the east slopes of Mt Hood for Lewis's Woodpecker and Lark Sparrow. Add some montane species on the loop back to Portland through Pine Grove and Camas Prairie. Transportation is provided. **A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.**

## Clackamas Creepers: May 28 (Sat), 8am–3pm

Bird Clackamas County sites with Portland Audubon educator and long-time local birder **Dan van den Broek**. Check out some of the best Willamette floodplain wetlands for Cinnamon Teal, oak woodlands for migrating warblers and flycatchers, and the Cascade foothills for bluebird and solitaire. **A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.**

## The Murre the Merrier: May 14 (Sat), 7am–8pm [Wait List only]

**Sarah Swanson** and **Max Smith**, authors of *Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest*, lead this day-long trip beginning in Portland for wetland species then head to the coast. **A minimum of \$50 in pledges is requested.**



Raven Maniacs. Photo by Arlen Snyder

## Red-breasted Winesuckers: Date TBD, 8am–6pm

(Open to Wildlife Care Center Volunteers only.) Join **Deanna Sawtelle** and **Candy Plant** as we head out for a full day of fun and birding. We'll start the day with some backyard bird watching and a light breakfast, and then carpool to the coast.

## The Joy of Birding: Date TBD (Sat), 6:30am–9:30pm

**Paul Sullivan** leads this sunrise-to-sunset adventure. Visit Mt Tabor, Sauvie Island, Forest Grove, Killin Wetlands, then on to the coast before returning in the evening. All levels of expertise are welcome! You can expect to see about 110 species.

## Gonzo Trips: 2+ days

**Cream of the Crop: May 7–8 (Sat–Sun)**

Join **Mariha Kuechmann** and **Nancy Johnson** for this one-and-a-half-day bird quest through the Willamette Valley and out to the coast. Explore at least 10 great birding locations including Killin Wetland, Jackson Bottom Wetlands, Fernhill Wetlands, Bayocean Dike Road, and Fenk Road, Tillamook, where we hope to see 100+ species! Stay overnight for rest and revelry in the town of Neskowin. Breakfast and lodging are provided. **A minimum of \$300 in pledges is required.**

## Wild Turkeys: May 13–15 (Fri–Sun)

Join **Mike Houck**, **Ron Carley**, and other notorious birders for the ultimate gonzo Birdathon. A once-in-a-lifetime, desert-to-coast, mountains-to-valleys birding experience will take you from Malheur to the Bend/Sisters area and on to Florence, Yachats, and finish in Newport. Celebrate our National Wildlife Refuges with a visit to Malheur! It is more important now than ever to show our support for the refuge and local community. Transportation and lodging are provided. **A minimum of \$700 in pledges is required.**

## Lager Head Shrikes: May 20–22 (Fri–Sun) [Wait List only]

**Dan van den Broek** and **Mark Greenfield** guide this 3-day trip to Medford, Klamath Falls, and the Bend/Sisters area. Our focus is on quality, not quantity, but we expect to see 100–150 species. Transportation and lodging provided. **A minimum of \$600 in pledges is required.**

## NEW TRIP! Owl Be Darned: May 28–29 (Sat–Sun)

Join **Hailey Walls**, Oregon Zoo Educator, **Kayla McCurry**, and **Christine Jervis** for a 2-day trip geared toward women birders. Spend Saturday in the Willamette Valley looking for warblers and wetland birds, then it's into the Cascades for woodpeckers. We'll camp near Sisters and listen for owls. Sunday we search for Eastern Oregon specialties, and head home that evening. **A minimum of \$200 in pledges is requested.**

## NEW TRIP! Put An Owl On It: June 4–5 (Sat–Sun)

Join **Joe Liebezeit**, **Rhett Wilkins**, and **Scott Carpenter** for a fun-filled journey to the Blue Mountains of Oregon. We



Put an Owl on It. Photo by Audrey Addison

will take in all that the forests of the Spring Creek area have to offer, with the hope of spending quality time with Great Gray Owls, and any other owl species we can turn up. Leave Portland in the wee hours of Saturday and return Sunday night. **A minimum of \$600 in pledges is requested.**

**More trips will be available on our website**, where you can also find out how to create your own team—or just fly solo! To register and for more information, visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org).

Thanks to everyone's efforts, Birdathon raised over \$164,000 last year. We hope you'll help make Birdathon 2016 another fund-raising success as we keep growing and more folks get out there and COUNT because BIRDS COUNT!

Questions? Feel free to contact Mark Fitzsimons, Birdathon Coordinator, at [mark.birdathon@gmail.com](mailto:mark.birdathon@gmail.com).

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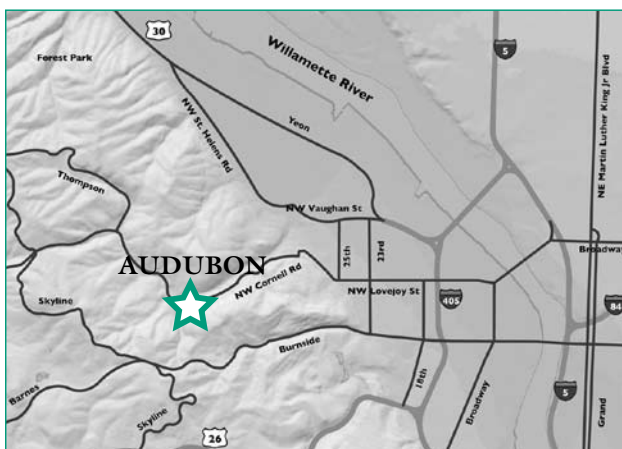
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