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Wild Arts Festival November 19–20

Audubon Society of Portland’s **Wild Arts Festival**, the Northwest’s premier Art and Book Fair celebrating nature through the fabulous work of regionally and nationally renowned artists and authors, is only a couple of weeks away! A signature fundraiser for Portland Audubon, last year’s Festival raised \$170,000 for our conservation and education programs.

Now in its 36th year, the Wild Arts Festival will be resplendent again this year at **Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn, Saturday, November 19, and Sunday, November 20.** Hours are **Saturday 10am–6pm and Sunday 11am–5pm.** Tickets are \$8 (ages 14 and under free) and **2-for-1 coupons** can be found with this article and at our website, [wildartsfestival.org](http://wildartsfestival.org).

Held the weekend before Thanksgiving, the Festival is perfectly timed for holiday shopping—like feeding two birds with one seed, you can support local artists and authors while protecting birds and habitat across Oregon!

We are excited to showcase an amazing group of artists and authors, along with a complement of exciting additional attractions.

Artists

A wide range of arts and crafts will be available—**painting, photography, textiles, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, wood, glass art**—you’re sure to find something wonderful at Wild Arts. Among the many Festival favorites returning this year are **Ann Cavanaugh** (glass), **Dean Crouser** (acrylic and watercolor), **Chris Moench** (ceramics), **Larry Olson** (photography), and **Jim Piper** (wood). This year we welcome 19 exciting new artists, including textile artist **Deborah Hilleary**, ceramics artist **Julia Jenkins**, jeweler **Rone Prinz**, and painter **Zebith Thalden**. The Art Fair is a delight for the eyes! Check out [wildartsfestival.org](http://wildartsfestival.org) for a full list of our talented artists.

Presented by Backyard Bird Shop

Authors

We are welcoming an impressive group of authors, including **Paul Bannick**, with his beautiful new book *Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls*; **Brian Doyle**, with his new book *Chicago*; and authors for young readers **Nikki McClure, Rob & Laura Sams, Eric Kimmel, Bart King, and Melissa Hart**, to name just a few. Joining festival favorite **Robert Michael Pyle** will be Xerces Society authors **Candace Fallon** and **Matthew Shepherd**. If you like nature guides, you have to meet **Laura O. Foster** with her new book *Columbia Gorge Getaways*, and **William Sullivan**, with his extensive list of hiking guides. We’re delighted to announce that **Ursula K. LeGuin** will be joining us once again! Our hometown literary hero is being recognized this year with the publication of her *The Complete Orsinia* by the Library of America. A complete signing schedule can be found at our website.

Silent Auction

Every year the Wild Arts Festival’s Silent Auction features a huge variety of items and experiences, including **paintings, photography, jewelry, garden art, pottery, weavings, sculpture, metalwork, birdhouses**, and much more. Many participating artists donate their work to the Silent Auction. You’ll be able to bid on two wonderful **African safaris; stays at beach, mountain, and lake cabins; and kayak trips**. Also available is a beautiful **marble slab etched with a family of loons**, several **one-of-a-kind pottery pieces**, and unique outdoor experiences such as an **outdoor photography lesson** with premier Oregon photographer Steve Terrill, and a **geologist-led tour of the lower Columbia River**. The list of auction items is extensive, so make sure to come up to the third floor of Montgomery Park and take a look! You may be one of the lucky bidders to win a treasure...at a very attractive price.

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Make a Difference for Nature on the November Ballot

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director



This November there are some amazing opportunities to protect wildlife and ensure that every child in Oregon has the opportunity to experience a week of science-based outdoor education. The Audubon Society of Portland Board of Directors has reviewed the November Ballot and strongly urges your Yes vote on the following initiatives:

- YES! Measure 99—Outdoor School for All:** Will provide every 5th or 6th grader in the state of Oregon with a full week of Outdoor School. Outdoor School has been a life-changing event for so many people in Oregon, but today less than half the children in the state get to go to Outdoor School, and those who do go typically go for only a couple of days. This measure would direct lottery funds to ensure that every child in the state has the opportunity to experience a full week of Outdoor School.
- YES! Measure 100—Save Endangered Wildlife:** Will increase penalties for trafficking in 12 species of highly endangered wild animals, including sea turtles, elephants, rhinos, sharks, and cheetahs.
- YES! Measure 26-178—Save Our Natural Areas:** Renews Metro Natural Areas Levy with no increase in taxes to restore local natural areas, increase access to nature, and provide community grants for nature-based projects and environmental education.
- YES! Measure 34-269—Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Funding Initiative:** Will provide a permanent source of funding to the Tualatin SWCD to promote environmentally protective agricultural practices, protection and restoration of local natural areas, and environmental education (only on ballots within Washington County).

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# From our Executive Director



## VOTE Our most important charge of the year

by Nick Hardigg

This issue of the *Warbler* arrives at a critical time, as we contemplate one of the most precious rights and responsibilities in a democracy: voting. Uncertainty is perhaps our only certainty, as negative campaigning has the opportunity to greatly impact voter turnout.

The Audubon Society of Portland is advocating for four important measures (see box on front page): extending the Metro Natural Area Levy (Measure 26-178), stopping trafficking of endangered wildlife (Measure 100), and permanently funding the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District. We've been particularly invested in Measure 99, Outdoor School for All, committing substantial funds, volunteer and staff time, and support gathering signatures that helped place the measure on the ballot. Measure 99 is our historic opportunity to improve not only the education and health of children, but the strength and diversity of tomorrow's conservation movement as well.

During politically polarized times, when people from all walks of life feel democracy is being tested, it's worth recognizing how nature can be something that speaks to all of us, especially in Oregon. Outdoor education and campaigns with the opportunity to inspire more people to love and protect nature are especially important today. This election is of historic importance for protecting nature. In turn, our common connection with nature may be one of our wisest strategies for a healthier, more civil democracy as well.

Thank you for voting and encouraging a strong turnout in this year's election.

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## Fernhill Wetlands Restoration: How are the birds responding?

Nov 3, 2016, 7pm–8:15 pm • Heron Hall

Fernhill Wetlands is a beautiful example of habitat restoration that benefits wildlife but can also provide a vital service to the community by treating wastewater naturally. This 600-acre wetland near the confluence of Gales Creek and the Tualatin River contains essential marsh, lake, and riparian habitat and is host to thousands of migrant and resident bird species. Join Portland Audubon's **Avian Conservation Program Manager Joe Liebezeit** and **Carol Murdock, Water Resources Program Manager at Clean Water Services**, on Thursday, November 3, at 7 pm to learn more about the innovative Natural Treatment Systems (NTS)/Habitat Enhancement Project at the Fernhill

Wetlands site in Forest Grove and learn how Portland Audubon and its team of citizen scientists are learning how the bird community is responding to the habitat-enhancement efforts.

Clean Water Services has transformed the site in an ambitious effort to enhance wastewater treatment by creating 90 acres of open water and emergent wetland habitat that will cool wastewater and provide diverse habitat for a variety of bird species while saving ratepayers money. This project builds on the success of other high-profile NTS wetland projects at wastewater treatment



Green Heron. Photo by Candace Larson

### Nature Night Speakers Series 2016–2017 Calendar

For EXPRESS ENTRY to any or all Nature Nights, go to [bit.ly/NATURENIGHT](http://bit.ly/NATURENIGHT)

**November SPECIAL NIGHT**  
Owl: A Year in the Life of North American Owls, with Paul Bannick  
Tuesday, November 15 • 7pm, Montgomery Park  
Book signing: *Owl: A Year in the Life of North American Owls*  
Discount Hour 6–7pm, Rae's Lakeview Lounge

**December**  
Saving Amphibians & Reptiles in the Midst of Earth's Sixth Extinction  
with Tierra Curry  
Tuesday, December 13 • 7pm, Heron Hall

**January**  
TBA • Tuesday, January 10 • 7pm

**February**  
Malheur: One Year Later, with Bob Sallinger  
Tuesday, February 14 • 7pm, Montgomery Park  
Discount Hour 6–7pm, Rae's Lakeview Lounge

**March**  
How to Make Backyard Habitats and Influence Native Wildlife  
with Nikkie West and Friends  
Tuesday, March 14 • 7pm, Heron Hall  
Pre-Talk Seed Exchange 6–7pm, Heron Hall Interpretive Center

**April**  
Dynamic Geological History of Oregon, with Scott Burns  
Tuesday, April 11 • 7pm, Montgomery Park  
Discount Hour 6–7pm, Rae's Lakeview Lounge

**May**  
Songs, Brains, and Genes: The Fascinating Science of Birdsong  
with Claudio Mello  
Tuesday, May 9 • 7pm, Heron Hall

**All Montgomery Park Nature Nights Hosted by  
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plants, such as Arcata Marsh in California and Talking Water Gardens in Albany, Oregon, and could be a model for other facilities across the nation.



Fernhill Wetlands. Photo by Portland Audubon

**Seating is limited. Please RSVP here: [bit.ly/FERNHILL](http://bit.ly/FERNHILL).**

## NATURE NIGHTS

**Second Tuesday of the month from September to May unless otherwise specified.**  
Before all Montgomery Park Nature Nights, Audubon members are invited to Rae's Lakeview Lounge, 1900 NW 27th Ave, for a special discount. Just be sure to mention that you are a Portland Audubon member!

### Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls with Paul Bannick

**SPECIAL NIGHT Tuesday, November 15**  
**7pm Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St.**  
**Hosted by SELCO Community Credit Union**


Owls are fascinating birds—beautiful, silent on the wing, and elusive. They can be hard for even the best birders to spot, much less capture in photographs. Naturalist and photographer **Paul Bannick** has an uncanny ability to not only find them but to spend hours observing them in their habitat without disturbing them. His photos reveal their daily behavior and life cycle in ways few humans have seen.

Please join Audubon Society of Portland on a special post-election night with Paul as he takes us on a journey exploring the lives of North American owls throughout the course of a year. The award-winning photographer will share his special insight into these enigmatic creatures at our larger event space, Montgomery Park.

Paul's new program will feature gripping stories gleaned from his ten-year pilgrimage tracking owls in the field, as well as dozens of striking new images from his brand-new book *Owl: A Year in the Lives of North American Owls*. He'll use these dramatic photos, as well as videos and sound recordings, to envelop us in the world of these head-turning creatures. We will witness the four seasons on owl territory, as each stage in an owl's life is chronicled through rare images: courtship, mating, and nesting in the spring; fledging and feeding of young in summer; dispersal and gaining independence in fall; and, finally, winter's migrations and competitions for food.

Owl is a stunning follow-up to Bannick's bestselling title *The Owl and the Woodpecker*, giving bird lovers yet another gorgeous photographic tribute, engaging natural history, and a compelling call to preserve the habitats that sustain these most iconic of birds.

This talk is sure to fill up fast, so we encourage you to grab your seat early!



Rough-skinned Newt.  
Photo by Rhett Wilkins

### Saving Amphibians & Reptiles in the Midst of Earth's Sixth Extinction

**with Tierra Curry of the Center for Biological Diversity**  
**Tuesday, December 13**  
**7pm Heron Hall, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.**

Reptiles and amphibians have thrived on planet Earth for 300 million to 400 million years, but now nearly one-third of them are at risk of extinction. Populations of frogs, salamanders, and turtles of Oregon, including Red-legged Frog, Pacific Giant Salamander, and Western Pond Turtle, are rapidly declining. From local wetlands to tropical rainforests, researchers are scrambling to save these fascinating animals from disappearing due to ever-increasing threats such as habitat loss and pollution. **Tierra Curry** from the **Center for Biological Diversity** will discuss local species and the national effort to gain policy protections for our country's most imperiled amphibians and reptile species.

Under current trends, it is estimated that 10% to 30% of all species on Earth will be in danger of going extinct by 2050. With escalating loss of plant and animal species and increasing temperatures around the world, scientists believe that humans have ushered in a new geologic epoch—the Anthropocene. Tierra will highlight recent extinctions and the national efforts using science, policy, and advocacy to protect endangered species and the habitat and conditions they need to survive.


Tierra Curry is a senior scientist and campaign director at the Center for Biological Diversity, working to protect endangered species and garner support for the Endangered Species Act across the country. Prior to working on policy, Tierra worked as an amphibian biologist in the forests and wetlands of the Pacific Northwest. She cut her teeth as an activist fighting surface coal mining in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, where she first fell in love with frogs and wild things.

**NEW!**  
For EXPRESS ENTRY to any or all of our Nature Nights, go to [bit.ly/NATURENIGHT](http://bit.ly/NATURENIGHT) (case sensitive). This is not an RSVP but gains you quick access to the event.




# Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

 = Mostly weekday excursions

 = Sign-up needed

 = Fee involved

## November 1 (Tues), 8:30am–3pm Tillamook (Wait List Only)

Meet **Dick Demarest** and **Ken Chamberlain** at 8:30am in the Safeway parking lot at 4th St. and Stillwell Ave. in Tillamook. We will spend the day looking for waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, and fall migrants and expect to bird from Barview Jetty to Bayocean Spit. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. Contact Dick Demarest (503-407-7912, rdd@demarests.com) for questions. Limited to 16 participants; **registration required** at [tinyurl.com/Tillamook-11-1](http://tinyurl.com/Tillamook-11-1)

## November 5 (Sat), 7am–5pm Tillamook County

Join leader **Tim Shelmerdine** for this fall trip to Tillamook County. We can expect to see waterfowl, gulls, and raptors. We will choose our exact destination based on condition and reports. Meet Tim at 7am at the North Plains Chevron (10025 NW Glencoe Rd). From Portland, head west on Hwy 26 approximately 16 miles until the North Plains exit (Exit 57). Turn right on Glencoe Road. You will see the Chevron station on your left, just past the McDonald's. Please plan on carpooling. Pack a lunch and dress for the weather. Birders of any level welcome. Questions? Phone Tim at 971-221-2534.



Surf Scoter. Photo by Hayley Crews

## November 5 (Sat), 8am–2pm Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge

Never ventured down to Ankeny? Join **Dena Turner** and **Bonnie Deneke** to tour this Willamette Valley refuge just ten miles south of Salem. It's home to thousands of geese and other waterfowl species during the winter, as well as an active Acorn Woodpecker colony. Meet at 8am at the Tualatin Park & Ride near the Bridgeport Village mall to carpool (I-5 exit 290). The Park & Ride is just west of I-5 off Bridgeport Road. Bring water and lunch, and dress for weather. **Limited to 15 participants; registration required** with Bonnie at [bonniedeneke@gmail.com](mailto:bonniedeneke@gmail.com).

## November 13 (Sun), 8am–Noon Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island

Join leader **Ron Escano** for a waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at 8am at the East Side Check Station parking pot on the corner of Reeder and Rentenaar Roads. We will walk Rentenaar Road and back (1.6 miles round trip). Should be done by noon. **All vehicles will need a Sauvie Island parking permit.** From the Sauvie Island bridge take Sauvie Island Rd. north 2 miles to the intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and continue north 9 miles to the Eastside Check Station and Rentenaar Rd on the left (allow 25 minutes to drive from the bridge to the check station). **Registration required.** Call Ron at 503-771-3454 to reserve a spot.

## November 18 (Fri) 8am–10am Whitaker Ponds

Please join **Patty Newland** for a bird walk at Whitaker Ponds, a hidden urban oasis in NE Portland. We will circle the pond looking for ducks and wintering songbirds. 7040 NE 47th Ave. (TriMet #75). No sign-up necessary.

## December 3 (Sat), 9am–11am Browns 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 the weather, all ages and experience levels welcome! We will 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.

## December 8 (Thur), 9am–11am Dawson Creek Park

Join **Richard Arnold** for a walk through this manmade yet very lively group of ponds. This is an excellent time to see Acorn Woodpeckers on the back side of the park, as well as Wood Ducks, Common Mergansers, and other ducks up close. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Hillsboro Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy in Hillsboro. Questions? Call Richard at 503-746-4640.

## December 10 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** to scope Vancouver Lake for waterbirds, then explore the riparian woodland for White-throated Sparrows and others. Meet at 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms and we should be done by 11am. Directions from I-5 north: take Exit 1-D (4th Plan Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. Beginners welcome. **Registration required.** Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

## The Portland Christmas Bird Count wants YOU...

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

...to count birds on Saturday, December 31, 2016! Whether spending an entire day in the field or even just an hour watching your bird feeder, you can contribute significantly to our knowledge of birdlife in the Portland area—even if you're a beginning birder. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is the longest running "citizen science project" in North America. Its results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the 116 years it has been conducted.

All over the Americas, birders will be participating in **one-day counts between December 14, 2016 and January 5, 2017**. This winter, our **91st Portland Count will be held on Saturday, December 31**. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year 238 field observers and 116 feeder watchers found 115 species. Those 354 participants made the Portland CBC the largest in the United States and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. Please join us this year!

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

If you want to participate as a field observer, look at the map of the Portland CBC circle on this page and pick an area you would like to help cover. **Contact the area leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on December 31.** The area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am–5pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can't decide which area? Contact **Joe Liebezeit** at [jliebezeit@audubonportland.org](mailto:jliebezeit@audubonportland.org) (971-222-6121) or **Candace Larson** at [clarson@audubonportland.org](mailto:clarson@audubonportland.org) (503-720-4010).

### Area Leaders for Portland Count (Saturday, Dec 31, 2016)

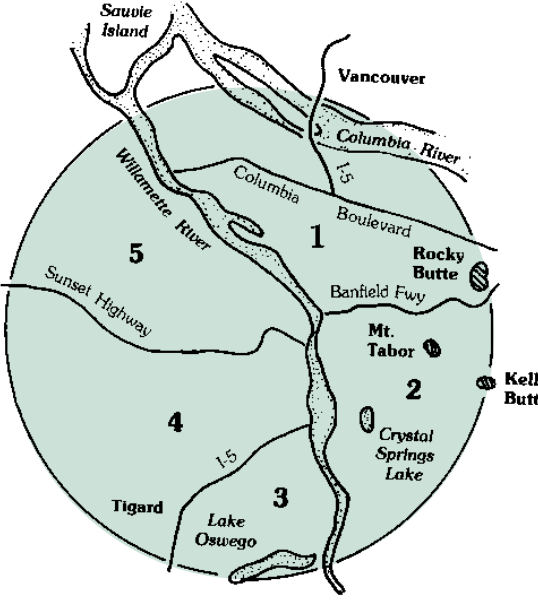
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For up-to-date Christmas Bird Count info, see [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc).

### A few of Oregon's Winter Residents



Green-winged Teal © Jim Cruce



Townsend's Warbler © Scott Carpenter



Great Blue Heron © Scott Carpenter



Red-tailed Hawk © Scott Carpenter

Another important way to participate is as a **Feeder Watcher**. Even if you can **watch for only an hour**, your observations will be helpful. If you want to be a Feeder Watcher, check your location first at [tinyurl.com/26pmmmf](http://tinyurl.com/26pmmmf) to be sure the feeder you'll watch is **within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle** and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc). Remember, only birds seen on **December 31** "count"!

Can't do the Portland Count on December 31? In addition to the Portland Count, roughly 50 other Counts will be conducted in Oregon and SW Washington during the

three weeks surrounding the holidays. A list of Counts in NW Oregon and SW Washington can be found at [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc)—and **it'll be updated regularly as Counts are added**, so check often! Pick one that suits your schedule, and contact us directly.

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



# Conservation

## Oregon Politicians Attempting to Roll Back Hard-Fought Protections for Salmon and Floodplains

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

After years of effort by Portland Audubon and other conservation groups, Oregon is poised to implement important and long overdue protections for Oregon’s floodplains (flood-prone areas). However, some Oregon politicians are now doing the bidding of big developers and trying to make a last-ditch effort to undo these reforms. We will need your help to send a strong message to the Governor and the Oregon Delegation that they need to support these reforms and put protection of our communities, our environment, and our economy above the profits of irresponsible developers.

The National Flood Insurance Program, implemented by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides taxpayer-subsidized, low-cost flood insurance to cover risks incurred through construction or rebuilding in floodplains. Without taxpayer subsidies, most building in floodplains would not occur. For years this program has subsidized irresponsible development that puts people, property, and the environment at risk. Today the program is \$24 billion in debt, reflecting the irresponsible way in which it has been administered.

In 2009, Portland Audubon and other conservation organizations successfully sued FEMA, asserting that by subsidizing development in critical salmon habitat, the National Flood Insurance Program was harming listed salmon and violating the Endangered Species Act. Despite continual delay tactics by FEMA and politicians more interested in serving the interests of big developers rather than protecting communities, taxpayers, and the environment, the litigation was finally resolved in April 2016, when the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a biological opinion, determining that the flood insurance program was “likely to jeopardize the continued existence” of 16 salmon and steelhead species in Oregon. NMFS issued a series of reforms that FEMA must meet when providing federally subsidized flood insurance, in order to comply with the Endangered Species Act.

These commonsense reforms include requiring municipalities that want to qualify for the federal flood insurance program to update floodplain maps, some of which are decades out of date; restrict development in the most hazardous flood areas; and mitigate for the impacts to the environment caused by floodplain development.



Coho pair. Photo by Bob Sallinger

However, just as Oregon is poised to move forward with these long overdue reforms, Representative Peter DeFazio has introduced legislation into Congress that attempts to exempt FEMA from having to comply with the Endangered Species Act. Sadly, Governor Kate Brown has indicated that she supports his efforts. Representative DeFazio makes a number of false arguments in pushing this ill-conceived legislation.

First, Representative DeFazio claims that the new reforms usurp local land-use planning authority. Just the opposite is true. Under Oregon’s land-use planning system, local municipalities are still free to continue to allow irresponsible, dangerous, environmentally destructive development in floodplains just as they have in the past. However, those jurisdictions that do allow irresponsible development in floodplains may no longer continue to qualify for taxpayer-subsidized federal flood insurance. The

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### Join Audubon’s Conservation Activist Team

Grassroots activism has always been at the core of our efforts to protect wildlife, wild places, and the health of our community. Your voice is more important than ever as we head toward critical environmental decisions at the local, state, and national levels.

Join the team by checking out our webpage or emailing Audubon staffer Stephanie Taylor at [staylor@audubonportland.org](mailto:staylor@audubonportland.org).

Upcoming trainings offered by Portland Audubon:

<b>November 14</b> Presentation: Battle for the Elliott State Forest BARK office in SE Portland 351 NE 18th Ave Portland, OR 97232 6:30-7:30pm	<b>November 16</b> Training: Endangered Species Act 101 with Dan Rohlf – Audubon Attorney Audubon’s Heron Hall 6:00-8:00pm	<b>December 14</b> Migratory Bird Treaty Act Presentation with Bob Sallinger – Conservation Director Audubon’s Heron Hall 6:00-8:00pm
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More details below

**Battle for the Elliott State Forest—11/14**  
Join Portland Audubon at BARK’s (Mt. Hood National Forest Watchdog Group) November Ecology Club to learn about the history of the Elliott State Forest, including updates on past and present litigation, the State of Oregon’s current process to divest the forest, and how we as Oregonians can advocate to keep this forest in public hands and the natural resources protected. For more info check out the event page on <http://bark-out.org/>

**Endangered Species Act 101—11/16**  
Come learn about the Endangered Species Act and how this cornerstone environmental law came to be and is applied today in the efforts to protect and recover imperiled species. The presentation will be given by a regional expert of the law, Dan Rohlf, Professor of Law and Of Counsel at Earthrise Law Center. Dan is also Portland Audubon’s Board President and lead counsel on several of its lawsuits, including our case against the federal government’s killing of Double-crested Cormorants.

**Migratory Bird Treaty Act – 12/14**  
Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger will give a presentation on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a cornerstone law protecting our region’s migratory birds. Learn how Bob and the Conservation department have used the MBTA in the last 20 years to advance conservation efforts and protect thousands of birds across the state of Oregon.



Photo by Micah Meskel

### Rally to Keep the Elliott State Forest Public

On October 11, well over one hundred people from across the state rallied in Salem to urge State leadership to retain the Elliott State Forest in public ownership and protect its natural resources for all Oregonians. After rallying outside the State Land Boards meeting, many from the crowd delivered powerful testimony in favor of protecting the forest to the board, made up of Governor Kate Brown, State Treasurer Ted Wheeler, and Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins.

A 93,000-acre state-owned forest land located northeast of Coos Bay, the Elliott provides a stronghold of critical habitat for the federally threatened Marbled Murrelets and Northern Spotted Owls. Half of the coast range forest is untouched mature native forest, with salmon-rich streams and high biodiversity of plants.

Ultimately the Elliott is at risk of privatization because of lack of political leadership. The Elliott has a unique fiduciary link to education: timber harvest on the forest provides funding for the Common School Fund. This antiquated system has led to clearcutting of nearly half the Elliott, and recent forest management has been unsustainable and often illegal. Instead of altering their forest management or looking to decouple school funding from forest management, the State has taken a path toward privatizing the forest.

The State Land Board will be making a decision on December 13 on whether the State should sell off the public forest. For more information, visit [bit.ly/protectesf](http://bit.ly/protectesf).

Please call the State Land Board today and urge them to find a real solution for the Elliott that keeps the forest in public ownership, decouples forest management from school funding, and permanently protects native forests that Marbled Murrelets, Northern Spotted Owls, Coho Salmon, and other wildlife depend on.

Gov. Kate Brown      503-378-4582  
Ted Wheeler          503-378-4329  
Jeanne Atkins          503-986-1523



Photo by Rick Rappaport, 350PDX

### Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Zoning Code Proposal Moves to Portland City Council

Portland’s Planning and Sustainability Commission recently forwarded a draft code change proposal regarding fossil fuel infrastructure in the City of Portland. After holding work sessions, a public hearing, and collecting public comments the commission drafted together a proposal that takes steps to put City Council’s Fossil Fuel Ban Resolution of 2015 into binding city code.

The proposal is headed in the right direction, but in order to live up to the global praise it received last year in passing the resolution, City Council must further strengthen the proposal and remove loopholes that the fossil fuel industry could exploit.

**Email Portland City Council Members to let them know you support strengthening the code change proposal to follow through on Councils fossil fuel ban resolution passed last year. Email subject – Fossil fuel Infrastructure Code Change.**

Mayor Charlie Hales  
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- Enact a full ban on all new fossil fuel terminals large or small
- Place a non-conforming use designation for existing fossil fuel terminals
- Reject NW Natural’s exemption for regulated utilities
- Use this process to encourage seismic safety

**Attend November 11 City Council Hearing at 2pm at City Hall**



# Protections for Salmon and Floodplains

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reforms do not usurp local control of land-use planning; they simply mean that taxpayers will no longer be required to subsidize insurance for irresponsible development.

Second, Representative DeFazio argues that Oregon’s current land-use system is sufficient to protect floodplains, private property, and the environment. In doing so he is willfully turning a blind eye to on-the-ground reality. The NMFS biological opinion makes it clear that the current land-use regulations have been insufficient to protect salmon and other listed species. And FEMA’s own statistics demonstrate the current system’s failure to protect taxpayers. FEMA has identified 251 Oregon communities as flood prone. These communities have experienced damaging floods in 41 of the last 53 years. Since 1995, there have been 12 flood-related presidential disaster declarations in Oregon. Since 1978, Oregon has had 5,299 flood claims under the National Flood Insurance Program totaling more than \$91 million, costs that were directly borne by taxpayers. Oregon currently has more than 31,600 flood insurance policies in place totaling a publicly subsidized liability of more than \$7.5 billion dollars. In the face of these statistics, and even as climate change forecasts predict increased risk of major flood events, state and local governments continue to allow the development of floodplains at an alarming pace and in increasingly hazardous locations. Contrary to Representative DeFazio’s assertions, Oregon’s existing land-use regulations have been woefully insufficient to address the risks of developing in floodplains.

Finally, Representative DeFazio has gone so far as to claim that the Federal Flood Insurance Program is not taxpayer subsidized. In fact this federal program was created precisely because private insurance companies either charged very high premiums to cover development in high-risk floodplains or would not insure this activity at all. The program is currently an astounding \$24 billion in debt, costs that will in fact be covered by the taxpayer.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has provided a clear, commonsense roadmap to reforming the Federal Flood Insurance Program and a generous timeline to meet these requirements. It is time to move forward with a strategy for federal, state, and local governments along with nongovernmental stakeholders to implement these long overdue reforms. These reforms will not prevent floodplain development altogether. Nor will they usurp local authority. What they will do is provide local jurisdictions with strong incentives to reduce unwise floodplain development and mitigate for floodplain impacts when construction does take place. These are the reforms needed to protect our economy, communities, ecosystems, and the taxpayer who for far too long has subsidized outrageously irresponsible floodplain development practices.

Please take action today and let Governor Brown and the Congressional Delegation know that you want them to support implementing reforms to the Federal Flood Insurance Program: [bit.ly/protectfloodplains](http://bit.ly/protectfloodplains)



Meryl Redisch. Photo by Nikkie West

## Former Executive Director Achieves Backyard Habitat Certification

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

The birds of SW Portland have something exciting to chirp about. For more than one decade, Meryl Redisch dedicated herself to serving birds and other wildlife as the Executive Director of Portland Audubon. But today, about one year after her formal retirement, her luscious yard was officially certified as a backyard habitat.



Meryl and her partner, Scott Lukens (of the famed Backyard Bird Shop franchise), have entirely transformed their oversized lot for both beauty and wildlife. The mostly sunny front yard boasts dozens of new native kinnikinnick, sedum, and milkweed plants for neighborhood pollinators to enjoy. As you wrap around their mid-century modern abode toward the sloping backyard, mature conifers assume a commanding overstory. Of course, this is to the delight of neighborhood woodpeckers, grosbeaks, nuthatches, and countless other backyard birds that call Meryl’s neighborhood home. To complement these majestic trees, Meryl and Scott have added a wildlife-friendly small tree and shrub layer of vine maple, ocean spray, low Oregon grape, and more. To top it off, they’re entirely pesticide-free and keep water out for birds and bees alike. Plus, they love their adorable felines, inside-only at all times.

Congrats to Meryl for her silver-level certification, for the decade of organizational leadership she provided to Portland Audubon, and the inspiration she provided to the young women in our organization. Your achievements as Portland Audubon’s Executive Director, and in your Backyard Habitat, are immeasurable.

# Wildlife Care Center Crane Conundrum

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

This October, the Wildlife Care Center had an uncommon visitor, a Sandhill Crane. Although cranes breed throughout much of Central and Eastern Oregon and migrate in large numbers through local wildlife areas such as Sauvie Island Wildlife Area and Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, it is extremely rare that they show-up injured at our hospital.

The Sandhill Crane has the distinction of being Oregon’s tallest bird, but weighs-in at only ten pounds. This red-headed, long-legged, marsh-dwelling bird is famous for its elaborate mating dances and “rattling bugle” calls that can be heard up to two and a half miles away.

Our October patient was found down and unable to fly by a Good Samaritan in Rainier, who reported it to the Wildlife Care Center. Wendy Shoemaker, one of our longtime seasonal staff, responded. It is no easy task to capture a very alert and upset crane that is almost as tall as you are. Eye protection and quick wits are mandatory when faced with a crane’s very pointed beak, normally used to eat aquatic plants, invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals. By the time Wendy made it to the scene, the bird was hiding in blackberries. Luckily, it was easily captured; a prolonged chase can be fatal.

Once at the Wildlife Care Center, the bird was given a thorough examination, sedated for x-rays, and found to have bruising along the wing and shoulder consistent with a collision with a car. Our plan was to wait a couple of days, give it anti-inflammatories and test fly it when it looked stable. Cranes become very stressed when they are confined—it isn’t uncommon for them to go without eating while in captivity. This puts us in a difficult situation: the animal needs to eat, which means we must force-feed it



Sandhill Crane. Photo by Jim Cruce

multiple times per day to maintain its weight, but force-feeding in turn elevates their stress levels, making it even more unlikely that they will eat on their own. Long-term care for cranes can be difficult.

Luckily, after a couple of days (and multiple tube feedings), the bird seemed to be doing well. It was bright, alert, and wanted nothing to do with anyone. It used its wing as if nothing had happened. Our opportunity to test fly it for release had come: we moved the bird to a large flight cage, and it passed with flying colors, so to speak.

That same day, the crane was released where it had been found. The bird flew out of the crate and into the wild where it belonged, no worse for wear.



Photo by Portland Audubon

While this bird didn’t spend a long time in our care (less than a week), it was given a chance it would not otherwise have had. This was an incredible animal to work with, and it is an honor to able to care for these majestic birds. If you have never seen a Sandhill Crane in the wild, I suggest you grab a pair of binoculars and go to Sauvie Island right now. The best place to spot them is while they are coming into roost around Sturgeon Lake, but just about anywhere on the island works—you will know you are close when you hear their raucous calls. If you want to learn more about conservation of these birds, check out the work we do at Malheur and Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, two very important areas for crane habitat that are currently being threatened.



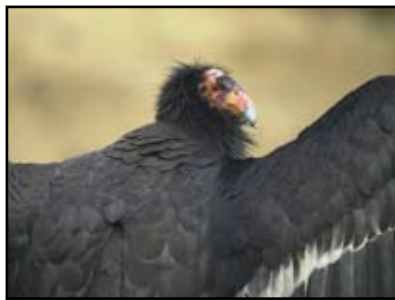
# Educational Trips

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early. Trip deposit required to secure your place on the trip. To register, visit our website at [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult) and follow the registration link

## California Condors and the Big Sur Coast

**April 23–28, 2017**

Join us to search for North America's largest bird, the endangered **California Condor**, in the wild! The central California coast and inland areas offer excellent opportunities to see these majestic birds and a wide variety of other species.



California Condor. Photo by USFWS

The trip begins with a visit to the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve, one of the largest tracts of undisturbed marshes remaining in the San Francisco Bay, where we will search for shorebirds, sea ducks, and other saltmarsh associated birds. Our journey south of the San Francisco Bay will bring us to Pinnacles National Park, where a unique volcanic landscape affords a chance to see cliff-nesting Condors, **Peregrine Falcons**, and **Prairie Falcons** as well as the California endemic **Yellow-billed Magpie** and colonial-nesting **Acorn Woodpecker**. The Condor Gulch trail will take us up a lush canyon of Live Oak and Chaparral, where we may see **Rufous-crowned Sparrow** on our way to the High Peaks area where Condors are frequently seen.

Our travels will continue along the stunning Big Sur coast south of Monterey, where coastal mountains of forest and grassland dramatically plunge into the sea. The scenery is breathtaking, and the chances of seeing Condors soaring above the rugged coastline are very good. We will visit the world-famous Monterey Bay Aquarium and take in the sights of Old Town Monterey during our three nights there. On our final day, we will explore coastal marshes and search for Northern Elephant Seals as well! Contact **Eric Scheuering** at 971-222-6119 or [escheuering@audubonportland.org](mailto:escheuering@audubonportland.org) for more information.

**Leader:** Kirk Hardie, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$1495 members / \$1695 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$750 required to secure your place

## BHUTAN

**February 23–March 10, 2017**

Join us on this journey of a lifetime to the “Land of the Thunder Dragon.” We will search for iconic birds of the Himalayas, including the **Ibisbill**, **Darjeeling Woodpecker**, **Spotted Nutcracker**, **Beautiful Nuthatch**, and the amazing **Fire-tailed Myzornis**.

2 spaces remain!



Rufous-necked Hornbill. Photo by Rohit Naniwadekar

We will also make stops in mountain forests and dwarf bamboo to search for **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide**, **Spotted Laughingthrush**, and **Great Parrotbill**, as well as search around Paro for **Wallcreeper** and **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**. Contact Dan van den Broek at [dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6105 for more information.

**Leader:** Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader & Educator, and local guides  
**Fee:** \$5395\* members / \$5695\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$2000 required to secure your place

## Trinidad & Tobago

**April 28–May 8, 2017**

2 spaces remain!

**Trinidad & Tobago** has well over 400 species of birds, and during this 10-day tour we will find our share of them, including **Blue-gray Tanager**, **Red-breasted Blackbird**, and **Blue-crowned Motmot**. On Trinidad we will spend three nights at Asa Wright, the famous birding lodge where **Chestnut-colored Woodpeckers** and the fascinating **Oilbird** may be found.

After six nights on Trinidad we'll travel to Tobago, roughly 5% of T & T's area, and only 116 square miles. We'll bird the hills and the coast then have time to swim, snorkel, or just relax on the beach. Contact Steve Robertson at [srobertson@audubonportland.org](mailto:srobertson@audubonportland.org) or 971.222.6118 for more information.

**Leader:** Steve Robertson, Education Director  
**Fee:** \$3295 members / \$3595 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1600 required to secure your place

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.

## MONTANA: PRAIRIES TO PEAKS

**June 27–July 2, 2017**

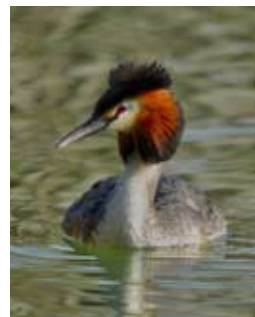
This six-day adventure will take in all that the Big Sky Country has to offer, from the expansive prairies of the Northern Great Plains to the peaks of Glacier National Park. We'll begin in Great Falls and explore Benton and Freezeout Lakes. In addition to abundant breeding waterfowl and waterbirds, the wetlands and grasslands here will give us the opportunity to find many species typical of the prairies, including **Sprague's Pipit**, **Chestnut-collared Longspur**, **Lark Bunting**, and **Grasshopper Sparrow**. We'll also be looking for **Upland Sandpiper**, **Marbled Godwit**, and **Sharp-tailed Grouse**. As we make our way north along the Rocky Mountain Front we'll look for **Veery** and **Northern Waterthrush** in the riparian habitats along the creeks coming out of the mountains.



Chestnut-collared Longspur. Photo by Rick Bohn

We continue on to Glacier, at the heart of a vast ecosystem referred to as the Crown of the Continent. Boreal and alpine specialties such as **Spruce Grouse**, **White-tailed Ptarmigan**, **Black-backed Woodpecker**, **Pine Grosbeak**, **Boreal Chickadee**, and **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** will all be highlights in the high elevations of this magnificent region. As we make our way south to Missoula and the conclusion of the trip, we'll stop to explore the wetlands of the Mission Valley and the pine-covered slopes of the National Bison Range. For more information contact Eric Scheuering at [escheuering@audubonportland.org](mailto:escheuering@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6119.

**Leaders:** Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Manager, and Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$1495 members / \$1695 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$700 to secure your space



Great Crested Grebe. Photo by Jean-Daniel Echenard

## THE NETHERLANDS

**August 2–11, 2017 (tentative dates)**

This small country famous for its windmills, canals, and tulips is also great for birding. With its coastline, many wetlands, and small woodland reserves, the Netherlands offer a remarkable diversity of species. We will begin our visit at Hoge Veluwe National Park, which contains the largest woodland in the country. A walk through the forests, heath, and dunes should produce **Hawfinch**, **Crested Tit**, **Great Spotted Woodpecker**, and **Goldcrest**, and this is also our best chance to see land mammals, including **Red Deer** and **Mouflon**. We will visit Flevoland and the Weerribben National Park, and in their lakes and marshes we should find **Eurasian Spoonbill**, **Tufted Duck**, **Barnacle Goose**, and **Eurasian Avocet**. After a short ferry ride, we will be on Texel, the largest of the Friesian Islands. Texel is one of the most important breeding grounds for waterfowl and shorebirds in Europe. We will look for **Common Redshank**, **Eurasian Oystercatcher**, **Greylag Goose**, and **Common Eider**, along with a variety of gulls, terns, and shorebirds that occur on the tidal flats and marshes. Heading south to the Rhine Delta in Zeeland, we will visit a series of small islands rich in wetlands and look for **Great Crested Grebe**, **Common Pochard**, **Yellow Wagtail**, and **Bluethroat**. On our last day we will spend time in Amsterdam, where you may want to visit one of its world-famous museums, such as the Rijksmuseum, or just wander the city as you like. For more information please contact Dan van den Broek at [dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6105.

**Leaders:** Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader & Educator, and Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$3295 members / \$3595 non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1600

## Join us on our three annual excursions!

Register now—these trips fill fast! More information on our website: <http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult>

### Klamath Basin March 23–26, 2017

The Klamath Basin, a designated Important Bird Area, has some of the best birding in the West, with six national wildlife refuges and a variety of habitats including freshwater marshes, wet meadows, coniferous forests, and sagebrush and juniper grasslands.

**Leaders:** Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader & Educator, Candace Larson, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and Don Coggsell, Portland Audubon Volunteer  
**Fee:** \$695 members / \$895 non-members **Deposit:** \$350

### Malheur Foray May 31–June 4, 2017

Field birding and natural history are the focus of this exciting program to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, a world-class birder's paradise in remote and beautiful southeast Oregon.

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

### Steens Mountain & Alvord Desert October 11–15, 2017

Steens Mountain is one of Oregon's most spectacular natural areas. From our base in Frenchglen we'll explore this diverse landscape as we venture around all sides and on top of the mountain itself.

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

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



HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

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)

**Winter Gull I.D.**  
**Nov 4 (Fri), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Nov 5 (Sat) 8am–5pm: Coast Field Trip (transportation provided)**  
We will come right out and say it: Most gulls are actually pretty easy to identify. You just need to know what to look for. In the evening class, local guide and author **John Rakestraw** will show you how to recognize our local wintering species by size, shape, and plumage. Then you'll take part in a full-day field trip to the coast to visit gull hotspots and practice your new skills. Let go of your fear and embrace your inner gull lover!

**Class with Field Trip**, *limited to 12 participants:*  
\$95 members / \$115 non-members  
**Class-only Option:** \$14

**Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners: Mallards to Wood Ducks**  
**Nov. 30 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Dec. 4 and 11 (Sun), 9am–12pm: Local Field Trips**  
The Willamette Valley is home to more than 25 species of waterfowl. Join **Laura Whittemore**, longtime birder and teacher, and learn how to identify some of the more common and abundant waterfowl species using shape, plumage, habits, and habitat as guides. Then practice your skills at some of the best spots for finding these species in the Portland metro area. 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



Glaucous-winged Gull. Photo by Jim Cruce

**Trees and Shrubs in Winter**  
**Jan 18 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Jan 21 (Sat), 9am–1pm: Local Field Trip**  
The natural world is mostly dormant and quiet in the depths of winter. Deciduous trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves, ceasing photosynthesis until next spring. You may think it's difficult to identify these plants in winter. But each species has telltale characteristics that you can learn to recognize. Naturalist **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will help you get your bearings in the winter woods by presenting information on how to identify the bark, buds, and overall shapes of leafless trees and shrubs. Some species covered will be bigleaf maple, red alder, Oregon white oak, beaked hazelnut... and many more!

**Class with Field Trips**, *limited to 14 participants:*  
\$50 members / \$65 non-members  
**Class-only Option:** \$14

**Beginning Birding**  
**(Session A): Jan 26 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Jan 29 and Feb 5 (Sun), 9am–12pm: Local Field Trips**  
**(Session B): Feb 16 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**Feb 19 and 26 (Sun), 9am–12pm: Local Field Trips**

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

**Class with Field Trips**, *limited to 14 participants:*  
\$65 members / \$85 non-members

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



Male Bufflehead. Photo by Jim Cruce

Winter Break Classes 2016

Register online at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) — or call Marissa Duncan at 971-222-6131.  
All classes run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY, DEC. 19	TUESDAY, DEC. 20	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21	THURSDAY, DEC. 22	FRIDAY, DEC. 23
<p><b>Expedition: Winter Gnomes</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Step into the world of the fabled Gnomes of the Pacific Northwest as we explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for the elusive woodland Gnomes, build homes to attract these little creatures, and make your very own Gnome hat. Equipped with magnifying glasses, campers will search Audubon's Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p> <p><b>Snow Shoe &amp; Hot Cocoa Adventure</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Join the Audubon Education Team on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mount Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon (weather dependent). We've been leading these snow shoe trips for over 14 years and cannot wait to guide another. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Fee includes snowshoe rental. Fee per person: \$80 member/ \$90 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park Time: 8:45am–5:00pm</p>	<p><b>Eco-Art Explorers</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Explore Audubon's forest trails searching for wildlife and signs of animals. Use your observations and imagination to create a mixed media wildlife sanctuary model with forest and creek habitat populated by wildly creative clay and 3-D pop-up paper animals. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p> <p><b>Fire!</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Are you fascinated by fire? Would you like to learn how to safely utilize this essential wilderness skill? Spend a day at Portland Audubon's <b>Marmot Cabin</b> just outside of Sandy, Oregon, diving into the art of fire making. We will learn how to build fires from forest materials, coax flames from friction fire kits, and explore ancient fire-building techniques. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Upper MacLeay Park</p>	<p><b>Hoots There?</b> <b>Grades 1–3</b> Investigate the amazing adaptations of these avian predators as you handle talons, skulls, nests, wings, and feathers. Meet Julio, Audubon's resident owl. Listen to owl calls, dissect an owl pellet, and hike in owl habitat. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p> <p><b>Crazy for Candles</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Design your own amazing candles and crafts. Spend part of the day exploring our wildlife sanctuary to inspire your art projects, and then create your own cool projects to take home. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p>	<p><b>Forest Animal Art</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Create imaginative drawings and a mixed media sculpture inspired by some of the animals and habitat you'll see while out hiking in the wildlife sanctuary and visiting the Wildlife Care Center. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p> <p><b>Wolves!</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Come experience the thrilling world of wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park</p>	<p><b>Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Have you ever wondered how the smallest birds handle the winter weather? How about the largest bears? Come spend a day journeying within the Audubon Sanctuary, exploring the amazing and unique adaptations that animals use to cope with the harsh winter weather. We'll scour the woods for animal sign and end the day working with the Audubon specimens that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, DEC. 26</b> <b>NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, DEC. 27</b> <b>Junior Wildlife Vet 101</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p>	<p><b>Birds of a Feather...</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> ...flock together! Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful, colorful birds that call Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary home. Spend time learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends and build your own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your yard! Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p>	<p><b>Homing in on Habitat</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Create imaginative drawings and clay sculptures inspired by some of the animals that live in the Sanctuary. We'll hike through the forest, along the creek and pond observing animal habitat and look for signs of wildlife all for inspiration to create our magnificent sculptures and drawings. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, DEC. 30</b> <b>Audubon's Winter Rangers</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Spend your day becoming a Winter Audubon Ranger! Learn to be a quiet presence in the forest. Venture deep into the Audubon Sanctuary to learn the secrets of local plants and animals. Fee per person: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Audubon House</p>
<p><b>Gorge-ous Photography</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Join us on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland! Discuss the basics of composure, sip hot cocoa, and snap pictures of jaw-dropping panoramas. Be sure to bring a camera and get ready to tell a story in pictures! This one-day camp will cover just the basics of photography, but all skill levels are welcome to join! Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park</p>		<p><b>Cookin' at the Cabin (overnight)</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Prepare your stomachs for fun and food as we head to Portland Audubon's Marmot Cabin for two days and one fun-filled night! We will learn different fire-building techniques and cook over an open fire. Anyone up for orange cakes, western hemlock tea, and homemade bannock (bread on a stick!)? Once we have cooked over an open flame, it's back to the kitchen for bread baking and much more! You are sure to return home with a tasty homemade treat for the whole family to enjoy! Fee per person: \$135 member/ \$155 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park</p>	<p><b>Elk Extravaganza</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Jump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve. Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the coast range. Participate in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close. Fee per person: \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park</p>	

Keeping kids in touch with nature!



# Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

## White-fronted and Cackling Geese on the Wing

During the eleven o'clock news on the evening of September 19, the weather map showed the entire Willamette Valley and the Great Basin area east of Pendleton completely covered in green—not rain, but migrating birds. Watching closely, the green areas could be seen moving slowly southward. The next day, spotters reported a heavy movement of **White-fronted** and **Cackling Geese** over Oregon during the night.

Following nesting, most White-fronts gather in the Yukon Delta or in the Bristol Bay lowlands. Others move south singly or in small family groups. Beginning about mid-August and continuing through October, small numbers are seen scattered throughout Oregon and Washington.

Two major flights occur each fall. These birds follow a route from Alaska, flying 2,000 miles over the ocean to the mouth of the Columbia River. Most continue inland to Portland, down the Willamette Valley, and over the Cascades to the Klamath Basin. The entire trip from Alaska to the Klamath Basin takes about 48 hours.

The first main flights are of Bristol Bay birds that usually arrive in Oregon during late September. This flight is often missed, as the birds are widely scattered, and the movement

## Sightings

During the morning of September 8, Skip Russell was checking out the birds in Gabriel Park in Southwest Portland, when he spotted a **Parasitic Jaeger** heading west over the park. On September 3 Colby Neuman observed a **Red Phalarope** among the shorebirds at Bybee Lake in North Portland. October 1 Tom McNamara found a loudly calling **Least Flycatcher** on Mt. Tabor.

Birding in the fall is always exciting, but the added possibility of finding an unexpected species in an unexpected location increases the excitement level even higher.

Broughton Beach near the Portland Airport continues to produce interesting and unexpected species. **Sanderlings** have been reported there all fall. Andy Frank spotted a group five there August 25. On September 25 Jay Withgott and David Leal found a **Sabine's Gull** there, and on September 28 Nick Mrvelj noted a **Franklin's Gull** among the gull flock. On September 24 Jeff Hayes found seven **Common Terns** at Broughton Beach. The **Parasitic Jaeger** Beverly Hallberg saw August 23 may have been attracted to the birds gathered there.

On September 25 Steve Nord found a **White-Tailed Kite** in the open fields at the south end of Oak Island on Sauvie

extends over several days. The second main flight is of the Yukon Delta birds and occurs about mid-October. Usually most pass southward over the Willamette Valley, but many are often seen east of the Cascades.

By late October nearly the entire population of White-fronted Geese has gathered in the Klamath Basin. Soon after, most move to the rice fields in the Central Valley of California and south to Mexico.

By mid-March early northbound migrants begin drifting into the Willamette Valley. West of the Cascades, peak numbers occur in late April, with stragglers seen to mid-May. Those White-fronts passing northward west of the Cascades are heading to the Yukon Delta. Bristol Bay lowland birds leave the Klamath Basin to stage at Malheur NWR before flying northward east of the Cascades to Alaska. Numbers at Malheur peak during late March, with stragglers seen through April and into May.

Island. It remained for several days, attracting many birders. On September 15 Jay Withgott reported a **Sabine's Gull** on the island. On September 15 he and Peyton Cook spotted two **Franklin's Gulls** on Sturgeon Lake. On September 15 they noted a **Marbled Godwit** there. As at Broughton Beach, **Sanderlings** were seen on the island through the season, with six noted there September 15.

Fernhill Wetlands hosted many shorebirds this fall including a **Pacific Golden-Plover** spotted by Steve Nord September 26. On September 20 Steve Runnels found a **Black-necked Stilt** at the Tualatin River NWR. Nick Mrvelj found a late **Wilson's Phalarope** at the Smith and Bybee Wetlands September 1.

On September 12 Tammi Hawkins found a **Black-and-White Warbler** at the Summer Creek Natural Area in Beaverton. John Powell noted one on Mt. Tabor September 9. On August 7 David Mandell saw a **Snowy Egret** on the Tualatin NWR. Colby Neuman found one at Smith and Bybee Lakes August 31.



Greater White-fronted Goose.  
Photo by Jim Cruce



Parasitic Jaeger.  
Photo by Dominic Sherony

## Changing the Face of the Environmental Movement

by Gladys Ruiz, Eastside Conservation Education Coordinator

The Audubon Society of Portland prides itself on our strong community—one that is passionate about conservation, with strong convictions in protecting birds for future generations. With an amazingly robust membership and grassroots advocacy base, we influence policy, fiercely advocate for habitat protection, and create some of the wittiest puns about birds ever seen on a banner.

But what happens when you have the passion, the conviction, and the will but don't see yourself reflected in this community? For our TALON members and people of color in our region, representation matters.

In the latest reporting of Green 2.0, Dorceta Taylor wrote, "Despite increasing racial diversity in the United States, the racial composition in environmental organizations and agencies has not broken the 12% to 16% 'green ceiling' that has been in place for decades" (Taylor, D. [2014]. *The State of Diversity in Environmental Organization.*) **To read the full report online, go to [bit.ly/2dGSKOG](https://bit.ly/2dGSKOG)**

Four years ago, we embarked on a path to help create change in Portland's environmental movement by launching the TALON program to **Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture**.

TALON focused on increasing the percentage of youth of color who pursue volunteerism, higher education, and/or employment opportunities in various fields of the

environmental movement, including, but not limited to, conservation, environmental education, land stewardship, and wildlife care. Dedicated to integrating nature education with environmental leadership opportunities, we also explored the topics of access and opportunity around environmental careers for people of color.

The program continues to provide amazing opportunities to members and alumni. During the spring trainings, members talk about the need for a welcoming and inclusive space. One member wrote, "During TALON training sessions, we were told that it was okay to make mistakes, and that brought out the best in us. That took away the shyness and nervousness in us, and from making those mistakes, we grew into perfection." For many, TALON has been more than a training and internship program, it has been a program committed to harnessing the power and ideas of a truly diverse and inclusive community. Another member wrote, "Establishing a safe learning environment was the most helpful because it allowed much growth and experience for everyone."

With a total of 28 TALON members served to date, we strongly believe in a holistic and long-term approach to environmental education, allowing each young person to bring their full selves into our community. Whether through



## Volunteer of the Month: Pat Gorman

by Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager

The Audubon Society of Portland offers a great range of opportunities for connection and participation. Volunteer **Pat Gorman** takes advantage of those choices. She just returned from an Portland Audubon Ecotour to Costa Rica with leaders Dan van den Broek and Don Cogswell. Days later she was back at her regular Thursday morning shift at the Audubon Nature Store. She has assisted with our off-site booths at Raptor Road Trip, Ridgefield's Birdfest & Bluegrass, and Swift Watch. She describes her past Ecotours to NE Oregon and Bend as "absolutely wonderful!"



Photo by Portland Audubon

Like so many of our volunteers, Pat's connection blossomed the year she retired. After 30 years with the Washington State Department of Corrections, she now relishes the free time that allows her to pursue her interests in travel, being outdoors in nature, and learning about birds ("Fascinating but challenging!"), all areas with a direct Audubon connection. Though she lives in Vancouver, she makes the long drive to our nature sanctuary weekly for her store shift, or more often, when she attends our special events or takes a class.

An avid walker, Pat belongs to a Volks Walk group. Organized walking trips have lured her to Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, France, the Czech Republic, Quebec Province and the Southwest United States. Closer to home, Pat takes advantage of the walking trails at Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge, where she volunteers as a Trail Steward. It's a very special place that Pat urges more people to visit. She is delighted to have an Important Bird Area as a "home base" where she can learn about migrating birds and observe the seasonal changes in the appearance and activities of the residents.

As a beginning birder, Pat especially appreciates that our classes and trips are geared to participants of all abilities and varied interests. "I especially like that ASoP is working to ensure that opportunities are available to a diverse audience." For her, volunteering at Audubon is all about "having fun, meeting nice people" and having the opportunity to "keep learning." We agree! And thank you, Pat, for being one of those especially nice people who is always fun to work and learn with!



TALON members from left to right: Allysa Gonzales, Ariadna Falcon Gonzalez, Victor Arteaga, Hannah McKinney, and City of Gresham Intern. Photo by Portland Audubon

inspiring hikes in the forest or deep conversations about race and racism, TALON continues to offer participants the tools to become well-informed leaders in their communities, while providing them with the opportunity to create meaningful relationships with the natural world.

Through consistent engagement on weekend nature outings, in ongoing opportunities for paid work, and at social gatherings, the TALON program has forged deep and lasting relationships with many TALON participants. And as they moved through their spring training and summer employment, many observed the organization's demographics—a good reminder that while we are moving in the right direction and are committed to these efforts, there is much more we can do.

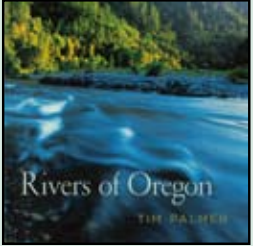
Next Steps: As we move into our organizational strategic planning process, we will reflect on the amazing impact of the TALON program and the lessons we've learned about creating an equitable culture. Through the success of the TALON program, we take this opportunity to look inward and see how better to lead with equity and strive to truly diversify the environmental movement.





## River Expert Comes to Audubon

The Nature Store is delighted to welcome back author and photographer **Tim Palmer** for a free presentation of his gorgeous new book, ***Rivers of Oregon***, on **Thursday, November 10** at 7:00 pm in Heron Hall. Please join us for a celebration of the wet and wild. Contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 if you have questions or wish to reserve a copy of the book.



Showcasing the beauty, the life, and the magic of Oregon's remarkable array of waterways, ***Rivers of Oregon*** (Oregon State University Press, \$40.00) captures the intrinsic qualities of the state's rivers with exquisite images and an illuminating text. With spectacular photos from all across the state, Tim will take you on a river tour that will change the way you think about water flowing across our land.

Tim Palmer has written over 20 books about rivers, the American landscape, conservation, and adventure travel. His recent ***Field Guide to Oregon Rivers*** was a bestseller in the Nature Store in 2014. A Port Orford resident, he was named one of the ten greatest river conservationists of our time by *Paddler* magazine.

*"Tim Palmer's gorgeous new Rivers of Oregon makes me want to live forever, so that I can float every riffle and eddy of every stream. His photographs are spectacular, his prose enticing, his love for the rivers intense. And the rivers themselves? Deep and beautiful and redeeming, the source of life itself."*  
—Kathleen Dean Moore, author of *Great Tide Rising*

### NATURE STORE FREE EVENT

## Nikon Binocular Workshop

Learn the techniques for selecting the best binocular for your outdoor activities.

**Saturday Nov. 12, 2016  
10:30am to 11:30am**

**In Heron Hall at the Audubon Nature Sanctuary**

Thinking of purchasing a new pair of binoculars or giving one as a gift? If you don't understand all those specification numbers, how "High Density Glass" improves your viewing, or what size binocular is best for your needs, we have a workshop for that!



Photo by Mike Freiberg

Mike Freiberg of Nikon Sport Optics will return to Portland Audubon to offer a free workshop that answers all your questions. Mike is also a hotshot international birder who will share his personal techniques to sharpen your skills in using binoculars. He's bringing along some free goodies from Nikon for participants. Please join us for this fun, free event!

## Nature Store Holiday Open House

**Saturday December 3 from 10am-6pm  
& Sunday December 4 from 10am-5pm**

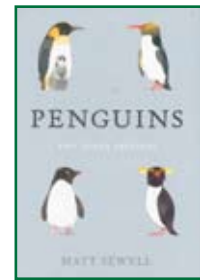
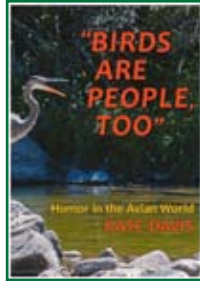
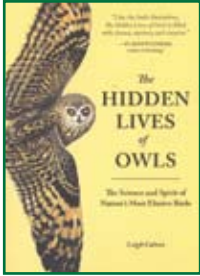
Join us for our **free** annual Holiday Open House to kick off the solstice season. A welcoming fire, delicious treats, warm beverages, and our great selection of holiday gifts and cards await your arrival! More details to come in our special December holiday issue of the *Warbler*.

# Audubon Society of Portland NATURE STORE

This month we are featuring some of our favorite nature books so far for 2016, along with many new titles arriving for the fall publishing season. We think these will make great gifts for the holidays or great reading for you! As always, membership entitles you to a 10% discount off the list prices shown. Please give us a call at 503-292-9453 if you have questions or would like a book shipped to you.

### Birds!

***Bird Brain: An Exploration of Avian Intelligence*** by Nathan Emery (Princeton University Press, \$29.95) is an engaging study of new research on bird cognition, with special emphasis on corvids and parrots. ***The Hidden Lives of Owls: The Science and Spirit of Nature's Most Elusive Birds*** by Northwest writer Leigh Calvez (Sasquatch, \$18.95) is a fine addition to an owl fan's collection. More whimsically, Kate Davis has created ***"Birds are People, Too" Humor in the Avian World*** (Mountain Press, \$18.00), and Matt Sewell has made another charmingly illustrated bird guide, this time ***Penguins and Other Seabirds*** (Ten Speed Press, \$12.99).

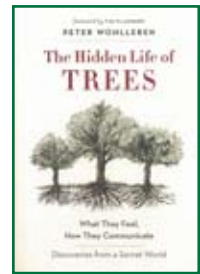


### Gardening!

We especially like Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher's new book ***Garden Revolution*** (Timber Press, \$39.95), with new perspectives on using naturesscaping in our yards. Also notable are ***Gardening for Butterflies*** by the Portland-based Xerces Society (Timber Press, \$24.95) and ***Mason Bee Revolution*** by Dave Hunter and Jill Lightner (Skipstone, \$16.95), which focus on a new understanding of the important role pollinators play. Oh, and the bugs are really cool, too!

### Trees!

Something in the air this year resulted in many new titles about the relationship between humans and trees. Just to mention two of the new books we have on hand, check out Peter Wohlleben's ***The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate*** (Greystone Books, \$24.95) and Jill Jonnes's ***Urban Forests: A Natural History of Trees and People in the American Cityscape*** (Viking, \$32.00).



### Art!

***The Laws Guide to Nature Drawing and Journaling*** by John Muir Laws (Heyday, \$35.00) has been flying off the shelf! For budding artists or naturalists who want to become more observant, this is a great guide to developing new skills. A companion sketchbook is available for \$20.00. For more informal art, we have a range of coloring books for adults or children, including the new ***Sibley Birds Coloring Field Journal*** (Knopf, \$19.95).

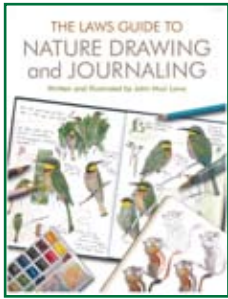


Photo by Tammi Miller

### Families!

In the spirit of author Richard Louv (***Last Child in the Woods***), writers continue to explore the need for children to get outside. Some notable additions include Pam Lobley's ***Why Can't We Just Play? What I Did When I Realized My Kids Were Way Too Busy*** (Familius, \$15.95) and ***Balanced and Barefoot*** by Angela Hanscom (New Harbinger, \$16.95). From a health science perspective, B. Brett Finlay and Marie-Claire Arrieta encourage us to ***Let Them Eat Dirt: Saving Your Child from an Oversanitized World*** (Algonquin Books, \$26.95).



### Calendars!

We have a wide range of beautiful calendars for 2017, with both beloved classic designs and fresh new themes for the year ahead. Select from wall, page-a-day, and engagement styles with nature-inspired art.



### Good + Well Supply Co.

Megan McLaughlin, proprietor and candlemaker of Good + Well Supply Co., has been making beautiful and natural handmade goods for years. The inspiration for this Seattle-based company came after Megan spent time living in her tent in national parks and public lands across the country. She views Good + Well as a way of passing on her love of the natural world. Good + Well Supply Co. is committed to using ethically sourced materials as much as possible. They do that by sourcing materials from the United States, which allows them to ensure good labor practices, reduce carbon emissions from shipping, and support local farmers, craftspeople, and manufacturers. Their candle materials come from the United States, including wax made from soy, and balsa wicks made from sustainably grown trees.



### Dragonfly DayDream Soap Company

Ree Leshner is the one-woman show behind Portland's Dragonfly DayDream—owner, designer, creator, salesperson, marketing director, bookkeeper, and self-proclaimed "soap goddess" of the 14-year-old company. Ree says of her craft: "I get a lot of my inspiration from my travels. I close my eyes and imagine what scent reminds me of a certain place. Then which colors. Then the soap magic happens." These soaps are completely handcrafted and use high-quality skin-safe oils, fragrances, and colorants.



### Rabid 3D Printing Earrings

Portland designer Darren Raby brings a new twist to earrings at Rabid 3D Printing. Every earring he creates starts with a computer model of his design. Next, using compressed nylon powder, a 3-D printer synthesizes the earring by extruding successive layers of material, resulting in a three-dimensional object. Darren adds finishing touches by hand-painting each charm and adding nickel-free earring hooks.

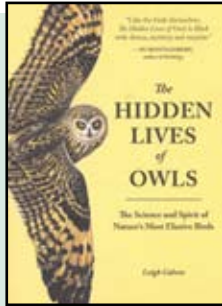


## November Book Club

**Wednesday, Nov. 30,  
7-8:30pm  
Audubon Society of Portland**

This month we will read ***The Hidden Lives of Owls: The Science and Spirit of Nature's Most Elusive Birds*** (2016), by Leigh Calvez.

Please RSVP to Molly at [oregonbirder@yahoo.com](mailto:oregonbirder@yahoo.com). Hope to see you there! All are welcome.





Pam Meyers Migrates  
But she won't go far...

by Ann Takamoto, Development Director

This day was a year and a half overdue—Pam Meyers, Portland Audubon’s Membership Manager, is so committed to our mission that she wanted to make sure we were well situated before she could comfortably retire.

Over eight years ago, Pam and her husband, Rick Meyers, found Portland Audubon while looking for volunteer opportunities. Because she has a strong background in science and an inquisitive mind, Pam found resonance in the study of birds. Luckily for us, Pam and Rick both signed on as volunteers, and Pam began her journey here, working in the Care Center, leading Sanctuary Tours, doing point counts for Conservation, helping with numerous events, becoming an Education Bird Handler, and eventually providing leadership on the Volunteer Council.

As if volunteering wasn’t enough (Pam had logged 800 volunteer hours in just 16 months), Pam joined the development office as Membership and Development Assistant, providing most excellent customer service and assuring that our members and donors feel welcomed and appreciated. Entering gifts, donor data, and information, Pam mastered our complex Raiser’s Edge database, implementing processes and strong checks and balances to assure our data’s integrity.

Pam’s thirst for knowledge brought her to participate in many Portland Audubon trips and classes, and over the years she has become a very accomplished birder (although she would modestly not claim this moniker). And as she is a lifelong learner and natural-history buff (ask her about



Pam with Julio. Photo by Portland Audubon

geology), five years ago Pam took over managing our Nature Night Speaker series, elevating it to standing-room-only crowds and enabling us to successfully move Nature Nights to a larger venue at Montgomery Park.

Fastidious to a T, Pam’s attention to detail and ability to ask the right questions when delving into data has helped our Development Department grow. She has trained our data-entry volunteers and new employees, worked with complex Excel spreadsheets (ask her about pivot tables), ensured that members’ donations were acknowledged within the industry-recommended response window, led sanctuary tours for donors and business members, and still volunteers handling education birds on weekends—all with a smile on her face.

On October 31, 2016, we bid Pam Meyers, Membership Manager, a fond adieu. We are so fortunate, however, to welcome Pam into her retirement, continuing on as a dedicated and passionate Portland Audubon volunteer. Thank you, Pam, for your amazing service, we will miss you, but luckily not entirely!

Zeiss Sports Optics Introduces  
Conquest Gavia  
Spotting Scope

The first display model of this new scope just arrived at the Nature Store! Zeiss developed their new angled Conquest Gavia spotting scope specifically to meet the needs of wildlife and nature observers. Its compact design and low weight make this scope, with its large 85mm lens diameter, ideal for detailed observation and low light conditions, due to the high optical performance and brightness it delivers. Its 30–60x magnification and wide-angle field of view mean that tricky identification challenges are no problem, even from a great distance, thanks to highly detailed image rendition. With a close focus setting of only 10.8 feet, which is unique in its class, observing smaller objects such as songbirds or butterflies becomes a very special experience. Zeiss has also added an intuitive and dynamic focusing mechanism around the center body of the scope that is fast and smooth. Another plus is the special footplate, which fits directly into tripod heads that take the Manfrotto 200 PL quick release plate (like the 128RC and 700RC2).



Zeiss Gavia Scope

Stop by the store to have a look. While we only have the display model right now, our regular stock will be arriving shortly (perhaps even before this issue arrives on your door step). The Conquest Gavia sells for \$2222.21 (member price \$1999.99).

Join Our Flock — Become a Member

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

☐ I want to become a member

☐ Please renew my membership

Your Name

Address

Email

Phone

☐ Sign me up for the monthly e-newsletter, The BirdWord.

☐ I want to give a Gift Membership to:

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

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☐ \$75 Vren

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Zeiss Victory SF

8x42 member  
sale price \$2199  
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Zeiss Victory SF binoculars

This fall Zeiss will introduce a new model of their top-of-the-line Victory SF binocular. The new model has a black finish rather than the distinctive gray of the original, the focus system has been modified, and an additional click stop has been added to the rotating eyecup. These relatively minor changes give us an opportunity to sell our remaining stock of the original model to our members at a deep discount of over \$600! These original models enjoy the same optics and innovative ergonomics as the newer model. The biggest difference is the color. So hurry in to the Nature Store, as we have very limited stock remaining!



Opticron Travel Scopes

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Opticron MM3 Travel Scopes

Looking for a lightweight compact travel scope with great HD glass? Want one that you can use with your iPhone 5 or 6? Then look no further than the Opticron MM3. We carry two models: a 60mm with a 15-45 zoom weighing just over 2 lbs; and a 50mm model with a 12-36 zoom that weighs a mere 1 3/4 lbs. and measures under a foot, perfect for camping and backpacking. **Now through January 31, you'll receive a mail-in rebate of \$80 on either model.** So if the weight of a sighting scope has stopped you from making a purchase in the past, the time is now right with savings throughout the holiday season.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully  
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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.



The Joy of Giving  
Supporting What  
She Loves

by Donna Wiench,  
Donor Relations Manager

Audubon Society of Portland major donor and longtime volunteer **Nancy Fraser** is leading a good life—one filled with people and animals she enjoys, challenges that keep life interesting (but not too much), and, at Portland Audubon, many opportunities to continue to learn about the natural world.

Nancy began volunteering in our Wildlife Care Center more than 40 years ago, while still working as a pathology lab manager at OHSU, providing much needed help as a part of the busy springtime baby-bird team.

Trained as an educational bird handler, Nancy loves introducing people to our resident non-releasable birds like Julio the Great-horned Owl (pictured). Nancy also serves as a volunteer receptionist at our front desk, expertly fielding phone calls, and providing directions and information to visitors.

Nancy says volunteering enhances her desire to give. “I see the good work that is being done, and I know that my money is put to good use. I keep my donations local because I can better judge the impact.”



Nancy Fraser and Julio. Photo by Portland Audubon

Nancy also participates in a citizen science bluebird-banding project. Native bluebirds have declined in Oregon because of disappearing habitat and competition from invasive species such as House Sparrows. Along with other Bluebird Project volunteers, Nancy bands baby bluebirds and places nesting boxes in the Chehalem Mountains.

Being at Portland Audubon helps Nancy stay connected to all generations, which she especially values since retirement. “I support Portland Audubon because I believe in all you do, and particularly keeping young people engaged with nature so they don’t slip away to their electronics. It’s wonderful to see kids really excited to learn about a robin or crow.



Summer camp in our Sanctuary. Photo by Portland Audubon

Your Year-End Gift  
Does Great Things!

by Ann Takamoto,  
Development Director

*Connecting children with nature so that what we love now will continue for future generations* is something we hear over and over in conversations with our members and donors. We also hear how much advocacy resonates—that we work with all the tools in our toolbox to affect policies that impact Oregon’s environmental health.

It has been a busy year. As you’ve read in our *Warbler* newsletters, we are doing amazing things with your support, this year connecting 11,000 kids and 5,000 adults to nature through classes, camps, and trips; treating 3,000 animals in our Wildlife Care Center; working to protect the most important bird areas across Oregon; and striving to keep the Portland area the greenest region in the nation.

As we enter another holiday season, and as you choose to make your charitable donations, we thank you for choosing to invest again in Portland Audubon. Your gift of any size helps! And if you have been considering deepening your investment—this is a good time to do so:

Leadership Giving Circle  
Challenge

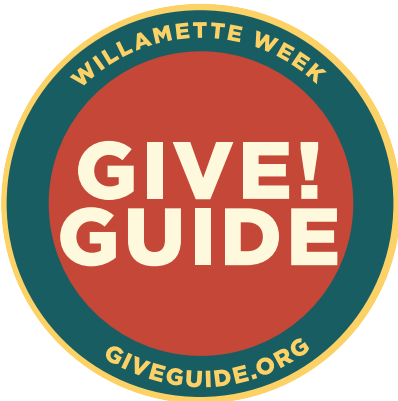
As mentioned in the last issue of the *Warbler*, a generous Leadership Giving Circle member invites you to join him with a special challenge match of \$40,000. If you’ve been thinking of increasing your support to the Great Blue Heron level of \$1,000, or if you are currently giving at a leadership level and want to increase your gift, your donation will be matched 100%, doubling your impact on environmental education and bird and habitat protection across Oregon. For more information about this challenge match, please contact me, Ann Takamoto at 971-222-6117, [atakamoto@audubonportland.org](mailto:atakamoto@audubonportland.org) or Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager, at 971-222- 6116, [dwiench@audubonportland.org](mailto:dwiench@audubonportland.org).

Audubon Society of Portland  
Participates in Willamette Week’s  
Give!Guide for a 7th year

We are thrilled to be included again in the 2016 Willamette Week Give!Guide, a year-end giving campaign that showcases Portland-area nonprofit organizations whose missions fall into eight categories: Animals, Civil & Human Rights, Creative Expression, Community, Education, Environment, Health & Wellness, and Human Services. In 13 years, the Give!Guide has raised over \$16 million for hundreds of local nonprofits.

The Give!Guide was originally designed to encourage philanthropy in its young readers, while supporting the great work that nonprofits do in our community. Today, readers 35 and under provide 30% of the donations.

Donate to Portland Audubon and get fun incentives for as little as a \$10 donation, such as coupons for coffee, pastries, and tacos. Watch for Give!Guide’s Big Give days, when one lucky donor giving on each of these days will win a great incentive from one of the Give!Guide’s corporate partners, including Portland Trail Blazers, Powell’s Books, Portland Thorns & Timbers, Bike Gallery, Salt & Straw, and Pip’s & Bounce.



Portland Audubon  
is excited to  
partner with the  
Wild Salmon Center  
for a second annual  
Give!Guide event on

**December 15.** Hosted by **Patagonia** in the Pearl District, please join us for libations and raffle items, with special incentives offered to those who donate that night. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

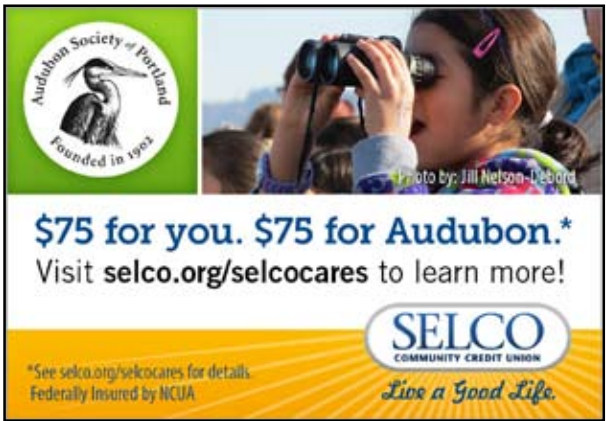
Donations are accepted from the date of the Give!Guide’s publication (Wednesday, **Nov 2**) through midnight on Saturday, **Dec 31.** Make your contributions online at [giveguide.org](http://giveguide.org). Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the “Environment” category, and spread the word! Follow us on Facebook for announcements and incentives at [facebook.com/ portlandaudubon](http://facebook.com/portlandaudubon).

Banking for Birds is Back!

Three ways to bank with Portland Audubon’s wonderful partner, SELCO Community Credit Union, and protect birds across Oregon! Through the month of November 2016, SELCO is offering you ways to bank that support Audubon Society of Portland’s conservation and education programs.

When you open a SELCO Select Checking Account with linked direct deposit, open or refinance an auto or RV loan with SELCO, or open a home equity line of credit—and mention the word “birds”—SELCO will gift \$75 to Portland Audubon and deposit an additional \$75 into your SELCO account!\* Visit a branch, call 800-445-4483, or check out [selco.org](http://selco.org) to participate.

SELCO Community Credit Union believes in giving back to the communities they serve. Since 2012, SELCO has been an Audubon Society of Portland Business Alliance member, providing support to our Explorador Community-based Summer Camp and sponsoring our Wild Arts Festival. This year, SELCO is hosting our Nature Night Speaker Series at Montgomery Park. We thank SELCO Community Credit Union for their wonderful partnership!



*\*Membership and credit qualifications apply. Only one participating transaction per member. Must be 18 or older. For qualifying loan transactions, \$75 will be deposited into Membership Shares the next business day after funding. Existing SELCO debt and indirect loans not eligible. For qualifying new checking accounts, \$75 gift will be deposited into the account on the next business day after first direct deposit of at least \$100 USD. Participating charity partner will receive their donation within 60 days from promotion month-end. Promotion code must be mentioned or entered during the application process. See [selco.org](http://selco.org) for additional details.*

Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for 90 professional wildlife photographs of various sizes
- Deanna Sawtelle for 22 raptor books for the Nature Store’s Used Book Sale
- Mei-Ling Shiroishi for 4 special bird feeders for Education

Our Wish List

For Conservation:

- Recreational vehicle or travel camper in good condition for field work
- Small motor boat and trailer for field work
- Digital video camera for archiving activities
- MacBook Pro or MacBook Air (2012 or newer)

For Administration:

- AED (automated external defibrillator)
- 10–20 person boat with captain for one-time auction item use

For Wildlife Care Center:

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

For Sanctuary:

- Loppers
- Pruning saws
- Work gloves
- 4x8 foot exterior-grade plywood for sanctuary maintenance

**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.**



# Wild Arts Festival

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## 6x6 Wild Art Project

Surpassing its tenth year at the Festival, the ever-popular 6x6 Wild Art Project will again showcase a collection of must-see, must-have, affordable, and unique little gems, with another collection of bird-themed **6-inch-square** canvases donated by a wide group of wonderful community artists. We are grateful to **Blick Art Materials** for their support—they donated the canvases, and **NEW, this year**, they will be hosting a reception for 6x6 artists and previewing returned canvases at each of their locations. Come Saturday morning, the 6x6 Project will be bustling with activity, so be sure to stop by early!

## Other Festival Highlights

Also **NEW this year** for the youngsters, we are offering a children's event on Sunday, 12pm–2pm, complete with storytelling, activities, and a special visit from an **Education Bird**. Our Nature Store will be selling a wide variety of bird nest boxes—everything from small songbird boxes to large owl, kestrel, and wood duck enclosures. And of course, Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center's **Education Birds** will be “on the glove” to steal the show as they do year after year. The Care Center provides a permanent home for several non-releasable native animals who now serve as ambassadors for their species and Audubon's mission in classrooms and at events.



Wild Arts Festival shoppers. Photo by Portland Audubon

## Dining Options

Montgomery Park's **Food in Bloom café** will be open during the Festival. You can stop for some good-tasting “fuel,” as they will be serving soups, salads, sandwiches, and more at their second-floor location.

## Thank You to our Sponsors

Special appreciation goes to our Presenting sponsor, **Backyard Bird Shop**, and Hawk sponsors **Miller Nash Graham & Dunn**, **Morel Ink**, and **SELCO Community Credit Union**. Our Great Blue Heron sponsors include **Elk Cove Vineyards**, **Grow Construction**, **McCoy Foat and Company PC**, and **John Osborn**. Additional sponsors are listed at [wildartsfestival.org](http://wildartsfestival.org).

## There's still time to get involved!

Volunteer—be a part of the fun! Visit the volunteer page at [wildartsfestival.org](http://wildartsfestival.org) or check with our Festival volunteer coordinator **Jill Nelson-Debord** at [wafvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:wafvolunteers@gmail.com) for opportunities.

Consider sponsoring the Festival at one of our many levels. Contact Development Director **Ann Takamoto** at [atakamoto@audubonportland.org](mailto:atakamoto@audubonportland.org) for more information.

And of course, **Save the Date!** Mark **November 19 and 20** on your calendar and join us at Montgomery Park for the **2016 Wild Arts Festival**.



Nikki McClure at the Book Fair. Photo by Portland Audubon



Shelly Fredenberg ceramics. Photo by Portland Audubon



Wild Arts Festival 6x6 Project. Photo by Portland Audubon



Wild Arts Festival Education Bird. Photo by Portland Audubon

## Thanks to our 2016 Wild Arts Festival Sponsors:

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Through their business practices and financial contributions, the following businesses are helping advance our mission and protect Oregon's birds, natural resources, and livability. If you would like to become a member of the Audubon Society of Portland Business Alliance, please contact our Development Director at 971-222-6117.



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**November 19 & 20, 2016**  
Saturday 10–6, Sunday 11–5

**Montgomery Park**  
2701 NW Vaughn  
**Admission \$8**

[www.wildartsfestival.org](http://www.wildartsfestival.org)

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# Wild Arts Festival

presented by Backyard Bird Shop



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*Inspiring people to love and protect nature since 1902*

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### ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

5151 NW Cornell Rd • Portland, OR 97210  
503-292-6855 • Fax: 503-292-1021  
9am to 5pm, Mon. – Fri.

### SANCTUARIES

Dawn to dusk every day

### WILDLIFE CARE CENTER

503-292-0304  
9am to 5pm every day

### RARE BIRD ALERT

503-292-6855  
[www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org)

### NATURE STORE

503-292-9453  
10am to 6pm, Mon. – Sat.  
10am to 5pm on Sunday

### INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store



The Audubon Society of Portland is a member of Earth Share of Oregon. For more information, contact Earth Share of Oregon at 503-223-9015 or on the web at [www.earthshare-oregon.org](http://www.earthshare-oregon.org).