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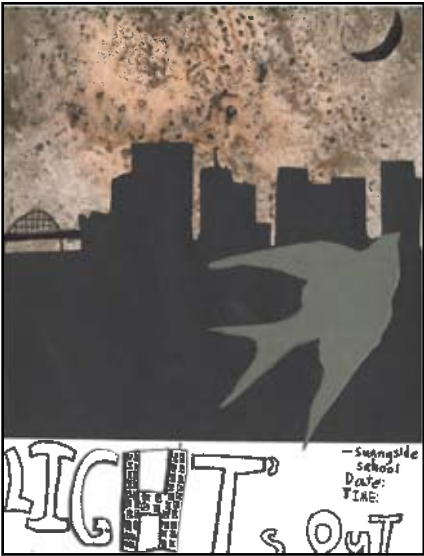
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Light Pollution—the Reversible
Scourge on our Night Sky

by Mary Coolidge, BirdSafe Portland Campaign Coordinator

Sitting on the beach at the north end of Sauvie Island one gloriously clear night a few weeks ago, I watched falling stars in the sky above and thought about how lucky we are to still have access to stargazing opportunities relatively close to Portland city limits, where our night sky is increasingly washed out by artificial light. The new *World Atlas of Artificial Night Sky Brightness*, published in June of this year, tells us that over 80% of the world and more than 99% of US populations spend their nights under a haze of light pollution. In fact, nearly 80% of North Americans, including Portlanders, live in places from which they can’t see our home galaxy, the Milky Way. Audubon’s Lights Out program is working to reduce light pollution locally to protect human and environmental health and to preserve our night skies so that night migrating birds are not disoriented while flying through our airspace, and so that our kids can look up and see a starry night sky from their backyards.



Art by Fifth Graders at Sunnyside
Elementary School.

recommendations include minimizing blue-rich white light emissions, setting a threshold for lighting intensity, and use of proper shielding with lamp dimming control.

The good news is that light pollution is reversible! A number of North American cities are beginning to think strategically about ecologically sound lighting practices in the built landscape. Here in Portland, we are poised to take the necessary steps to integrate thoughtful lighting practices into our city codes. Our Comprehensive Plan already includes a policy to reduce light pollution and its unintended consequences, and the draft Central City plan includes an exterior lighting standard in support of that policy. This is a great start; however, the standard applies only very narrowly to areas near the Willamette River, and we are lobbying the Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council to expand good lighting practices citywide.

For 4.5 billion years, there was virtually no light pollution on our planet. But all that has changed since the 1880s and the installation of electric street lights on Broadway in New York City. Today we are awash in light—streetlights, billboards, sports field lighting, and the accumulation of innumerable sources of improperly shielded lighting. Humans have a love affair with city lights, one that we are beginning to understand has unintended consequences. Portlanders are keenly aware of the air and water pollution that surrounds us, especially since the recent discovery of toxic air hotspots associated with glass manufacturing facilities, and the June release of the EPA’s woeful Superfund cleanup plan regarding toxic sediment in the north reach of the Willamette River.

But artificial light is a form of pollution too—one that impacts human health as well as entire ecosystems, including fish, wildlife, and plants. In fact, just this past June, the American Medical Association (AMA) adopted official guidance encouraging municipalities to follow good lighting practices when selecting street lighting in order to “minimize potential harmful human and environmental effects.” Light emitting diodes (LEDs) have tremendous energy efficiency benefits, but LEDs that emit a large amount of blue light come with human health and safety concerns when used in outdoor settings. The AMA’s

On September 30, we will be hosting a Lights Out event with the bird-savvy fifth-graders of Sunnyside Elementary School. Students will be putting together a nocturnal species parade, and volunteers from Rose City Astronomers will be sharing their telescopes to help kids and their families see planets, constellations, and galaxies! We are reaching out to building owners and managers around the city to turn off unnecessary building lights from dusk to dawn on the 30th to raise awareness about light pollution.

You can participate too! Do a home audit of your lighting and make sure that your outdoor lights are well-shielded. When converting to LED, make sure to select warm bulbs (under 3,000 Kelvins). Turn off your outdoor lights when you’re not using them, and talk to your boss/building manager at work about ways to reduce unnecessary nighttime lighting at work. On September 30, our upcoming Lights Out night, turn off your lights at home from dusk until dawn and get out somewhere to see the stars! You can also come out to help support policies to reduce Portland’s light pollution this winter when Portland’s City Council considers the recommended Central City Plan.

For more information, contact Mary Coolidge at mcoolidge@audubonportland.org or visit audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/lo.



Summer Camp 2016 Wrap-Up:
Connecting Kids to
the Natural World

by Ian Abraham, Camp Director/
On-site Programs Manager

During each Portland Audubon Summer Camp program, we focus our curriculum and inspirational teachings on the importance of core competency skills related to nature connection. We also search the forest using scientific methods to truly understand the awe-inspiring effects nature has on our lives, and we do it all with laughter and joy. That joy and true laughter often originates from appreciation, and we are thankful to all who worked so hard to make each week special. Over 1,100 students attended camp and went home wetter, dirtier, and more connected to the natural world than they arrived. Our staff of 60 professional Educators, Interns, and Counselors worked countless dedicated hours to follow their own passions within the natural world to facilitate a positive and meaningful impact for the campers we worked with. With 59 week-long camps, in addition to our community-based camps, there are too many stories to tell here, but here are a few of the highlights:

High-schoolers started in the Monterey Bay Aquarium with an overnight camp-in and then spotted California Condors inland at Pinnacles National Monument for a week traveling **All the Way to Monterey**. Another camp used teamwork to navigate the tricky upper route of the Ape Caves. Young campers hiked all the way to the Pittock Mansion from the Audubon Society. At the Oregon Coast, campers sea-kayaked, fished using sustainable practices, and spotted marine life along the way in **High Seas and Low Tides**.

Our programs also helped forge a strong nature connection through tracking deer within Audubon’s

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View this Warbler and many past issues in full color on our website! Go to audubonportland.org/about/newsletter and enhance your enjoyment of our popular newsletter!

From our Executive Director

On Past & Future Murmurations

A longtime supporter of Portland Audubon recently sat down with us to discuss a gift. “I’d like to talk about murmurations,” she said. “I would like my legacy gift to support great, democratic interactions of people—people working together, much like murmurations.” What a beautiful idea...

While I’d seen photos of the beautifully patterned flocks of starlings and dunlins before, I knew little about them. Their rhythmic patterns arise from the birds’ close and rapid imitation of their neighbors, causing incredibly coordinated movements in unison, and dramatic responses to threats like predators.

While the invasive starling has a terrible reputation domestically, our friend was on to something. The Portland Audubon community is at its greatest when we join together for common cause. I’m visualizing the hundreds of volunteers who make our Wild Arts Festival and Birdathon possible, the thousands of bird enthusiasts convening to watch the swifts at Chapman school, of participants in the Christmas Bird Count and Backyard Habitat Certification Program, and of thousands of advocates who have

commented on the Willamette River Superfund Cleanup Plan and the Klamath Wildlife Refuge’s Comprehensive Conservation Plan. It is remarkable what we can achieve with friends and partner organizations on a large scale for habitat and wildlife. It is also inspiring what happens in smaller groups, as when we support each other to wish a dear friend farewell.

Community is central to our work, and we’ll keep exploring ways to support and grow that community—to soar with new friends, and inspire all people to love and protect nature. Thank you for being part of this remarkable flock, and for sharing ideas on how we can be even more effective and inclusive, just as our inspired supporter brought her bold idea on creating democratic murmurations.



Executive Director Nick Hardigg and daughter, watching swifts at Chapman School



Starling murmuration. Photo by Laura Thorne

Nature Night Speakers Series 2016–2017 Calendar

For EXPRESS ENTRY to any or all Nature Nights, go to bit.ly/NATURENIGHT

September

How Woodpeckers Can Save the World (Or At Least Your Local Forest!) with Steve Shunk
Tuesday, September 13 • 7pm, Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall
Book signing: *Peterson’s Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America*

October

Oregon: Decidedly Wolf Land, with Carter Niemeyer
Tuesday, October 11 • 7pm, Montgomery Park
Book signing: *Wolf Land*
Pre-Talk Social Hour 6–7pm, Rae’s Lakeview Lounge

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*
Pre-Talk Social 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
Pre-Talk Social 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
Pre-Talk Social 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 SELCO Community Credit Union



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 discounted social hour. Just be sure to bring your Membership card!

How Woodpeckers Can Save the World (Or At Least Your Local Forest!)

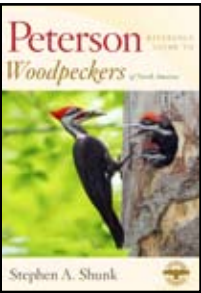
with Steve Shunk

Tuesday, September 13 • 7pm Heron Hall

Naturalist **Steve Shunk** will start off our Speakers Series for 2016–2017 with an engaging and informative talk about woodpeckers of North America. Woodpeckers represent one of the most specialized bird families in the world, and North America’s species play a critical role in our continent’s forests and woodlands. Nowhere else on earth are woodpeckers such important contributors to forest ecology. Steve will take you inside their anatomy and translate anatomical adaptations into the fascinating behaviors we love to watch among our favorite woodland carpenters. He will explain how these amazing birds can slam their heads against trees without injury, why there is such broad variability among our local species, and describe how several species can co-exist in the same stand of forest without competition. Fly-catching woodpeckers, ant-eating woodpeckers, and the heavy-duty excavators will all be explored in his stories, including the keystone ecological roles they play on our continent.



Lewis’s Woodpecker. Photo by Steve Shunk



Steve’s long awaited new book, *Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America*, will be for sale in our Nature Store, and he will graciously sign yours after his captivating talk.

Steve Shunk started birding in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1989. He then moved to central Oregon’s “Woodpecker Wonderland” in 1997, where 11 species breed in an area less than 15% the size of Portland. Inspired by this backyard abundance, Steve has spent nearly 20 years studying this charismatic family of birds. He co-founded the East Cascades Bird Conservancy (now East Cascades Audubon), and he started the region’s woodpecker festival in 2008. He now lectures across North America and beyond.



Upcoming Nature Night on a Special November Evening

Mark your calendars for a special presentation by **Paul Bannick** on **Tuesday, November 15** (one week after Election Night!). His talk on owls is not to be missed and will be at our larger off-site location at Montgomery Park.

Oregon: Decidedly Wolf Land with Carter Niemeyer

Tuesday, October 11 • 7pm Montgomery Park
Hosted by SELCO Community Credit Union

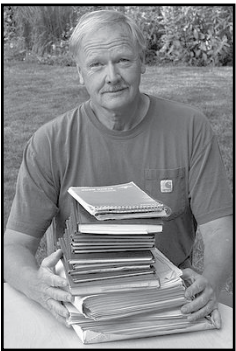
With two new Oregon gray wolf pups born just in July, wolves are back on the minds of Oregonians. Through the Oregon Wolf Plan, this apex predator has returned as far as the Southern Cascades. As one of the most stigmatized species world-wide, their recovery is nothing short of miraculous! Join Portland Audubon in welcoming **Carter Niemeyer**, retired biologist and wolf trapper, back to our Speakers Series to talk about cutting-edge research, wolf ecology, and the vital role the species plays in the health of local ecosystems.



Carter examines a sedated wolf.

Carter’s talk will take us along his journey with wolves, and he’ll share with us new and exciting research. Much like his book *Wolf Land*, which Carter will be signing afterward, his talk will touch on field stories and his invocation for wild places. Carter’s mantra is, “Wolves are here to stay,” and we need to learn to live with them.

Carter Niemeyer is a widely recognized expert on wolves. He is an Iowa native and has a master’s degree in wildlife biology from Iowa State University, but in 1973 he took a job as a government trapper for USDA Wildlife Services in Montana, and ended up staying—for 26 years. His work with wild wolves began there nearly 10 years before reintroduction (Yellowstone NP and Central Idaho). He found himself on the reintroduction team in Canada and later was the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s wolf recovery coordinator in Idaho (2000–2006). He retired from the feds and now is a strong voice for wolf conservation, a consultant, and an author (*Wolfer* in 2010 and *Wolf Land* in 2016) writing about his eye-popping experiences working with wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains. He has more than 300 wolf captures to his name, most recently for graduate students at Washington State University. He lives in Boise with his wife (the book editor!), Jenny.




Carter Niemeyer

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
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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

September 14 (Wed), 8am–3pm Sauvie Island (Oak Island & the Narrows)

Join **Karen Chaivoe** and **Mary Ratcliff** as we explore Oak Island and the Narrows to look for shorebirds and cranes. Meet in the parking area at the east end of the Sauvie Island Bridge (not the Cracker Barrel Store lot) at 8am to carpool. Be prepared to walk uneven terrain, and bring sunscreen, lunch, and water. Cars going to Oak Island need a Sauvie Island parking pass, available at the Cracker Barrel Store near the bridge. For more information, contact Karen at kchaivoe@comcast.net or 503-241-4750. **Limited to 15 participants; registration required at tinyurl.com/OakIsland-Sept14**

September 15 (Thurs), 7am–9am Pittock Mansion Fall Migration

Everybody loves spring birdsong walks at Pittock, but the most interesting birding of the year here is in September. What with all the befuddled immature birds migrating through, you never know what might show up! **Wink Gross** will lead bird walks at the Pittock Mansion, September 15, 22, and 29, starting at 7am and going to 9am or whenever you have to leave. Meet at the Pittock Mansion parking lot (3229 NW Pittock Dr., Portland)

International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!
Sat, September 3
10 am – 2 pm • Heron Hall

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

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

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

Mark your calendars for this family-friendly Halloween event!



Saturday, October 22, 2016
5:00pm – 8:30pm

FREE!

Come celebrate Halloween and learn all about the creatures of the night. Come face-to-face with Portland Audubon’s Great Horned Owl, Northern Spotted Owl, Turkey Vulture, and Raven. **Trick-or-Treat with naturalists and enjoy a night walk to investigate what creatures haunt the sanctuary at night.** Event will go rain or shine.

Pre-registration is recommended. You can register online at audubonportland.org/about/events/halloween or call 503-292-6855 ext. 108 for more information. Space is limited for event and walks, so register early!

September 22 (Thurs), 7am–9am Pittock Mansion Fall Migration

See September 15 for details.

September 28 (Wed), 8am–Noon Kiwa Trail, Ridgefield NWR, Washington

Join **Ron Escano** on a walk within the River S Unit of Ridgefield NWR on the Kiwa Trail, looking for rails and bitterns. The trail will close October 1, so this is our last chance until next spring. The trail is a flat 1.5-mile walk. Dress for weather. From I-5, take exit 14 to Ridgefield, drive 1.8 miles, turn left on S 9th St., continue up hill to refuge entrance on right. Turn in and head downhill to refuge check station, purchase day pass (\$3), and continue on auto-tour route to meet Ron at Kiwa Trail entrance at 8am. **Limited to 15 participants. Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.**

September 29 (Thurs), 7am–9am Pittock Mansion Fall Migration

See September 15 for details.

October 8 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park. Scope the lake for waterbirds, and then explore the riparian woodland for fall migrants. Meet at 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms, and we should be done by 11am. From I-5, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to Vancouver Lake Park. **Limited to 15 participants. Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.**

October 27 (Thurs), 8am–Noon Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve

Join **Dena Turner** and **Mary Ratcliff** as we explore the marsh and field at Jackson Bottom. Go into Hillsboro on Hwy 8, turn left onto Hwy 219, drive about a mile to Jackson

Swift Watch 2016

Vaux’s Swifts (pronounced “voxes”) are returning to the Chapman School chimney in NW Portland, which they use as one of their many staging grounds in preparation for southbound migration to wintering areas in Mexico and Central America.

The smallest swift in North America, the Vaux’s Swift roosts communally in large, hollow trees and chimneys to conserve body heat. Numbers may reach into the thousands at some of these roosts during migration, including the well-known roost at Chapman School.

This small, dark gray bird spends nearly all of the daylight hours on the wing foraging for insects. Often noted for its “cigar with wings” appearance, its long, pointed wings suit it well for a life in the air. Though superficially similar to swallows, swifts are more closely related to hummingbirds and have a similar wing shape.

Because of their foot structure, they are not able to perch but instead must cling to vertical surfaces that have some rough texture, making their roost sites an important and limited resource. Vaux’s Swifts are considered a species of concern because of declining population trends.

Bottom at 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, and meet in the parking lot. For more information, contact Dena at denaturn62@gmail.com. **Limited to 18 participants; registration required at tinyurl.com/JacksonBottom-Oct27**

November 1 (Tues), 8:30am–3pm Tillamook

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**

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.**



Vaux’s Swifts by Scott Carpenter

Swift watching is a popular activity at Chapman, and we depend on you and other attendees to follow the rules and make Swift Watch a positive experience for all.

• **Please be respectful of the neighbors and the impact this event has on them.**

- While we encourage visitors to walk or use public transit, **FREE** Swift Watch parking is available at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn St) and after 6:00 pm at SELCO Community Credit Union (NW 25th & Thurman). Do not expect to find on-street parking!
- Portable bathrooms and additional trash cans will be provided—please use them!
- Leash and pick up after dogs.
- **It is illegal** to consume alcoholic beverages or smoke on public school grounds.

Portland Audubon volunteers will be present at Chapman School throughout September to inform and educate the public about the swifts. Go to audubonportland.org/local-birding/swiftwatch for more details.



Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
presents

Birdfest & Bluegrass

Friday, Saturday & Sunday Ridgefield, WA

First Weekend in October

Join us for a wonder-filled weekend exploring wildlife and cultural heritage.

- Audubon **Wild Birds of Prey!**
- Sandhill Crane tours
- Audubon guided hikes
- Family activities
- Digital photography workshop
- Bird language workshop
- Kayak & Big Canoe paddle tours
- Birders’ Marketplace (Arts & Crafts)
- Traditional salmon bake
- Bluegrass music and beer garden.
- Wristbands sold on site.

For more information and the Schedule of Events visit:
www.RidgefieldFriends.org

Conservation

The Elliott State Forest: Public Forest at Risk of Sale to Private Industry

by Micah Meskel, Conservation Field Organizer

In the Southern Oregon Coast Range northeast of Coos Bay lie 93,000 acres of state-owned forestland. The Elliott State Forest contains more than 41,000 acres of untouched mature native forest and some of the most productive and pristine streams for Coho and Chinook Salmon in the Coast Range. The forest provides a stronghold of critical habitat for federally threatened Marbled Murrelets and Northern Spotted Owls. And in the next several months, this amazing public forest could be sold off to private industrial interests.

We need your help to send a strong message to the State Land Board—Governor Kate Brown, Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins, and Treasurer (and soon to be mayor of Portland) Ted Wheeler—that we will not accept privatization of our public lands. We want a solution for the Elliott State Forest that protects its remarkable wildlife habitat and keeps it in public ownership.

Why Is the Elliott at Risk?

Ultimately the Elliott is at risk 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 is an antiquated system that funds education by clear-cutting mature forests, a paradigm that does not reflect the current values of our state. It has led to the clear-cutting of nearly half the Elliott State Forest, and the State would have continued this unsustainable practice unless conservation groups intervened.

In 2012, Audubon Society of Portland, the Center for Biological Diversity, and Cascadia Wildlands represented by Crag Law Center, sued the state of Oregon for logging

occupied Marbled Murrelet nesting habitat in violation of the Endangered Species Act. In 2014, after the federal court indicated a strong likelihood that it would rule in our favor, the State settled the case and cancelled 28 timber sales, agreeing to new logging protocols and reducing its projected annual timber harvest from over 40 million board feet per year to approximately 15 million. The scale of change reflects the degree to which the State was illegally harvesting this incredible forest.

Selling Off Our Public Lands

The settlement should have resulted in a more sustainable approach to managing the Elliott Forest. Instead, the State Land Board rashly sold off more than 1,000 acres of these public lands later in 2014, triggering another lawsuit from Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, and the CBD that is still making its way through the courts. Worse yet, the State announced plans that would potentially liquidate the rest of this public forest. The State is currently accepting bids for upwards of 82,000 acres for a price tag of \$220.8 million. Four dozen groups, including large timber companies, have submitted letters of interest in acquiring the Elliott. In the next several months, the State may well follow through on one of most egregious privatizations of public lands in recent memory.

It Is Time for Leadership

In fact, it is long past time for leadership. It is time to send a loud and clear message to our elected leaders that selling off the Elliott State Forest to private interests is simply unacceptable and will leave a legacy of privatizing public lands that will haunt them for the rest of their careers. It will go down as one of the great betrayals of the public



Photo by Robin Meecher

trust—one that is entirely unnecessary. The State needs to pull back from this misguided liquidation and look for real solutions such as bonding, using lottery dollars, collaborating with land trusts, developing sustainable forestry practices, investigating other revenue-generating approaches such as carbon trading and recreation fees, and transferring management to State Parks that could all play a role in making the Common School Fund whole and keep the Elliott in public ownership. Join Portland Audubon and a coalition of conservation groups in sending a strong message to Governor Brown, Treasurer Wheeler, and Secretary of State Atkins that the public wants a real solution for the Elliott that keeps it in public ownership, decouples school funding from forest management, and permanently protects the mature forests of the Elliott and the Spotted Owls, Marbled Murrelets, Coho Salmon, and other wildlife that depend on them. For more information go to bit.ly/protectesf (case sensitive) or contact **Micah Meskel** at mmeskel@audubonportland.org.

Attend a rally at the October State Land Board meeting to advocate for the Elliott State Forest. October 11, 2016, from 10am to 12pm
Department of State Lands
775 Summer St. NE
Salem, OR 97301
Rally starts at 9am outside DSL Building. Carpool leaving Portland at 8am. RSVP to staylor@audubonportland.org

BECOME A PORTLAND AUDUBON ACTIVIST!

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.



Photo by Bob Sallinger

We have an exciting agenda ahead this fall and winter:

- In Portland we will be working to ensure that the City adopts policies that will ban all new large-scale fossil-fuel infrastructure and a new plan for the Central City that restores the downtown reach of the Willamette River, sets new standards for ecoroofs on our buildings and trees on our streets, and reduces light pollution that blocks our night skies.
- At the state level we will be working to ban toxic lead shot; permanently protect critical Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and coastal Coho habitat in the Elliott State Forest; and pass a ballot initiative to ensure an opportunity for a full week of Outdoor School for every child in the state.
- At the national level we will be working to restore wildlife refuges like Klamath and Malheur, end federal wildlife-killing programs such as the cormorant program on East Sand Island, and return California Condors to our skies.

We have many ways to get involved, from writing letters, making phone calls, and testifying at hearings, to attending rallies, serving on advisory committees, and conducting field surveys. We can use activists with all kinds of skills, including artists, photographers, writers, and professionals in the legal, business, health, and science worlds. Most of all, though, we need your voice!

We have one upcoming training and several important hearings:

September 12	September 13	October 11
Training: Testifying 101 Audubon's Heron Hall 6:00–8:00 pm	Fossil Fuel Ban Public Hearing 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 2500A, Portland 12:30pm–3:30pm Rally starts at 11:30am	State Land Board Meeting Elliott State Forest Rally 775 Summer St. NE, Salem 10am–12pm Rally starts at 9am

Get involved in the Audubon Conservation Activist Team and contact **Stephanie Taylor** at staylor@audubonportland.org to sign up for our email list and RSVP to either of the training events!



Photo by Bob Sallinger

Important Fossil Fuel Hearing in Portland on September 13

Last November the Portland City Council passed a historic resolution to “actively oppose expansion of infrastructure whose primary purpose is transporting or storing fossil fuels in or through Portland or adjacent waterways.” The resolution was the result of massive grassroots advocacy and the leadership of Mayor Hales. At the time, it was the strongest fossil fuel infrastructure ban in the country.

Resolutions are great, but ultimately, for a resolution to be meaningful it needs to be converted into enforceable code language. For the past nine months the City has been developing code to support the resolution. That draft code was released for public review on August 15 and will have its first hearing in front of the Planning and Sustainability Commission on September 13 at 12:30 pm (1900 SW 4th Avenue).

The good news is that the new code language includes a ban on new facilities. The bad news is that the new code language allows for some significant expansion of existing fossil fuel facilities. Overall, the proposed code is a strong step forward, but it could be made stronger. We also expect some significant pushback from the fossil fuel industry.

Please join Audubon, 350PDX, Columbia Riverkeeper, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and many others on September 13 to make the powerful statement that our community wants to see the City follow through on the promise of its historic resolution.

Make a Difference for Nature on the November Ballot

This November’s ballot offers several extraordinary opportunities 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 many people in Oregon, but today, less than half the children in the state get to go to Outdoor School, and those who do typically go only for 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 Area Levy with no increase in taxes to restore local natural areas, create access to local natural areas, and provide community grants for nature-based projects and environmental education.
- ☒ **YES! Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Funding Initiative:** Will provide a permanent source of funding to the Tualatin SWCD to promote environmental protective agricultural practices, protection and restoration of local natural areas, and environmental education (only on ballots within Washington County). *Measure number not available by Warbler press deadline.*

Join Us for the 4th Annual Catio Tour! Help Us Create Safe Neighborhoods for Birds and Cats

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

Backyard habitats are flourishing throughout our metro region! Today over 3,500 properties, comprising more than 825 acres, are enrolled in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, administered by Portland Audubon and the Columbia Land Trust. These yards are bustling with native blooms that nourish the birds we love, as well as the butterflies and bugs that make up the foundation of a healthy ecosystem.

That’s great news! However, at the same time we are creating habitat in our yards and neighborhoods for birds and beneficial insects, we also need to be aware of the wildlife hazards that surround us. Among the biggest threats to wild birds in our neighborhoods are free-roaming cats. For nearly two decades Portland Audubon and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon have worked together to create safe neighborhoods for birds and for cats.

Join us on **September 10** from **10am to 2pm** for our 4th Annual Catio Tour and learn about one of the best ways to keep cats and birds safe. This self-guided tour will feature eight local catios—ranging from fabulous to frugal—that allow domestic cats to safely enjoy the great outdoors. Come get inspired! Register today at feralcats.com/catio/



Photo by Bob Sallinger



Wildlife Care Center

If an Eagle Falls in the Forest and Somebody Sees It, Does It Need to be Rescued?

by **Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager**

Perhaps the most difficult thing to convey to people who find fledgling birds in nature is that in most cases the kindest thing you can do is to simply leave them alone. It is human nature to want to help a creature that appears weak and vulnerable, but even explaining to callers that what they are observing is something birds go through all the time—a natural and normal part of the development process—is frequently not enough to override the urge to rescue. All too often those animals still arrive at the Care Center a few hours later with an explanation along the lines of “Well, I had to do something,” or “Even if I did the wrong thing, it was better than doing nothing at all.”

The first year of life is challenging for any wild bird. For most species, the survival rate during that year is very low compared to the years that follow. However, taking them into captivity does not leap-frog them over those challenges; it simply denies them the opportunity to learn and develop their skills under the circumstances that give them the greatest chance for survival in the long run—in the wild with their natural parents.

This is the story of an eagle and the people who watched it through a particularly challenging fledging process. Despite misgivings and doubts, those people gave the bird the best gift they could—the gift of leaving it wild and free.

In Hillsboro, off 185th Avenue along Rock Creek, there is a Bald Eagle nest that has been active for years. It is such a staple in the community that during the breeding season a group of people faithfully monitor the birds’ progress from a vantage point a quarter mile away. The nest is a favorite of Portland Audubon as well—our Wildlife Care Center Birdathon team has been visiting it every spring for the past four years.

Bald Eagles add material to their nests year after year, and some nests have grown to weigh as much as two tons. The Rock Creek nest must have outgrown its tree because sometime on the night of June 26, the branch holding it snapped, and the nest, with one partially grown eaglet aboard, crashed to the wetlands below. The cadre of observers arrived on the 27th to find the nest gone, no visible sign of the eaglet, and a single parent perched in the vicinity.

Events like this happen all the time in the bird world, but the situation changes when humans see it happening. The calls started coming in almost immediately: “Could you send somebody to check on the bird?” “What if it is injured or dead?” “Where is the missing parent? Could it have been injured in the collapse?” “Perhaps it would be better if Audubon raised the eagle in captivity.” One observer hiked out to the bird and reported that it might have an injured wing. Within hours, another observer arrived at our door in person to express his dissatisfaction with the level of response. Others were adamant: “Let nature take its course.” These debates are not uncommon when the public tracks a wild nest, and even more so in an age of nest cams that stream nest activity over the internet.

The reality is that if you watch any nest intensively—whether a hummingbird’s or an eagle’s—you will see that the life of a young bird is fraught with drama. There might be problems with hatching, lethal competition with siblings for food, disease and developmental problems, or attacks by predators on the parents or the nest itself. Birds fall out of nests, and nests fall out of trees. And even if everything goes really well, even in the best of situations, that young bird is eventually going to have to fledge and face a world chock full of hazards. The mortality rate for eagles during the first year of life is over 50%.

On May 28, we acquiesced to the concerns of the community and quietly hiked out to where the nest had fallen so we could assess the situation. We did so hesitantly—approaching the bird on the ground would leave scent trails that might attract predators, or we could spook parents coming in to feed the chick. And most importantly, we were interfering with a completely natural situation that was notable not because it was extraordinary, but simply because it had been observed. We made the decision because we felt that under the circumstances, assessing the situation on the ground might reduce the likelihood that somebody might intervene in a more aggressive manner.

We found a large female bird that was healthy and uninjured. Her father was perched in the tree above, and her mother would reappear within a few days. She was



Juvenile Bald Eagle on the ground after the nest fell. We found her feisty and healthy and left her to be cared for by her parents. Photo by Bob Sallinger

close to full size but still weeks from taking to the air. We reported to the core group that watched the eagle, and they spread the word that she was okay and should be left to the care of her parents.

That still did not ease the public’s concern, and we continued to receive calls. Sometimes it was a missing parent—the mother one day and the father the next. Sometimes it was extended periods without feeding. A week or so after the nest fell, the entire tree followed, and there was concern that it might have landed on the eaglet. Any of these concerns were conceivably accurate, but the reality is that at any given moment something could go wrong for this eaglet—even if it was healthy in the afternoon, there was no certainty that a coyote would not get her that evening or some other misfortune would befall her further down the road. Her best chance was still in the wild under the tutelage of her parents.

On July 21 we got word that she was finally in the air. More than three weeks had elapsed since she had hit the ground. Her parents had cared for her throughout, and her followers had watched—and fretted—from a respectful distance. We suspect there were times when those followers felt like they should have done more—anything is better than doing nothing. In the end, however, they did what was best for this eagle, which was nothing at all.

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 and follow the registration link

BHUTAN

February 23–March 10, 2017



Rufous-necked Hornbill.
Photo by Rohit Naniwadekar

Join us on this journey of a lifetime to the “Land of the Thunder Dragon” and explore the rich biodiversity of the subtropical and evergreen forests found here. We’ll traverse mountain passes of the Himalayas and discover a wealth of cultural history at temples and monuments, including the incredible **Tiger’s Nest**, a sacred monastery built on the side of a sheer cliff, all the while taking in breathtaking panoramas.

We will search for iconic birds of the Himalayas, including the **Ibisbill**, **Darjeeling Woodpecker**, **Spotted Nutcracker**, **Beautiful Nuthatch**, the amazing **Fire-tailed Myzornis**, and three brilliantly colored partridge-like birds: the **Blood Pheasant**, **Satyr Tragopan**, and **Himalayan Monal**. There should be some nice raptor viewing as well, and we may find **Griffon Vulture**, **Mountain Hawk-Eagle**, and **Crested Serpent-Eagle**.

We’ll visit a reserve to see the national mammal of Bhutan, the **Takin**, a strange, almost mythological beast that looks to be part goat and part bison. Throughout the trip we may encounter more mammals such as **Golden Langur**, **Assamese Macaque**, and **Moupin Pika**.

From the capital of Thimphu we will head east to Gangtey, making various stops en route in mountain forests and dwarf bamboo to search for **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide**, **Spotted Laughingthrush**, and **Great Parrotbill**. Gangtey, situated in the Phubjikha Valley, is famous for the **Black-necked Cranes** that arrive each winter from their breeding grounds in Tibet. While here we will also look for **Yellow-billed Blue Magpie** and **Golden-throated Barbet**.

Leaving Gangtey we will make our way back west over the next few days with stops in Tingtibi, Trongsa, and Punakha. The little explored forest in Tingtibi may yield species such as the **Rufous-necked Hornbill**, **Ward’s Trogon**, and **Himalayan Cutia**. The warmer climate of Punakha is home to the very rare **White-bellied Heron**, a range-restricted species with a population of 20–30 individuals in Bhutan.

Our last few nights will be spent around Paro to look for **Wallcreeper** and **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**, as well as visit Chelala Pass to see **Kalij Pheasant**, **Snow Pigeon**, and **Red-headed Bullfinch**. Contact Dan van den Broek at 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

UGANDA

February 25–March 10, 2017

Experience Africa like few ever do...see Chimpanzees in the wild, encounter a family of Gorillas, and enjoy an unequalled diversity of African birds, all on this 14-day exploration of Uganda.

With over 1,000 species of birds, a full 10% of which are regionally endemic, Uganda is sure to thrill both the novice and advanced birder alike. We’ll tour the southwestern region of the country, where wetlands are plentiful, and we have a wonderful chance of seeing such birds as the **Great Blue Turaco**, the **Pink-backed Pelican**, and the highly coveted **Shoebill**. We’ll keep an eye out for the **Bar-tailed Trogon**, the **Blue-headed Sunbird**, a myriad of warblers, and if lucky, even spot the **Pink-footed Puffbird** or the **Green-breasted Pitta** before our trip is over.



Gorilla. Photo by Joachim Huber

Our adventure will also yield sightings of many mammals, including **Zebra**, **Cape Buffalo**, **Giraffe**, **Hippopotamus**, **Elephant**, and possibly the elusive **Leopard**. Uganda is home to no less than 19 species of primates, and no trip here is complete without searching for **Great Apes**, so we’ll traverse the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in hopes of locating a troop of wild **Chimpanzees**, and of course, the rare, gentle, and massive **Mountain Gorilla**.

This trip will offer a few semistrenuous walks, and though we will take them slowly, it does require one to be in good health to participate fully. Please contact Steve Robertson at srobertson@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6118 if you are interested in participating or have further questions.

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director;

Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leader; ocal guides.

Fee: \$5695 members/\$6095 non-members

Deposit: \$2800 required to secure your place

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

Trinidad & Tobago

April 28–May 8, 2017



Leatherback Turtle. Photo by Claudia Lombard, USFWS

Warm, blue waters . . . beaches of white sand . . . palm trees . . . Just six miles off the coast of South America, with a lush, tropical climate, the twin island country of Trinidad & Tobago (T & T) boasts the greatest avian diversity of any island country in the Caribbean. The continental influence has endowed T & T with well over 400 species of birds, and during this 10-day tour we will find our share of them, including such species as **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**, **White-bearded Manakins**, and the fascinating **Oilbird** may be found. Other stops will include the Nariva Swamp for waders and the Caroni Bird Sanctuary for the unforgettable **Scarlet Ibis**. Trinidad is also one of the most important **Leatherback Sea Turtle** nesting sites in the world, and this trip is timed for the peak season of nesting to take advantage of this spectacle.

After six nights on Trinidad we’ll change the pace and travel to Tobago, known for its truly Caribbean, laid-back vibe. This tiny island makes up roughly 5% of T & T’s area, and is only 116 square miles. We’ll bird the hills and the coast of this lovely little island then have time in the afternoon to swim, snorkel, or just relax on the beach. Contact Steve Robertson at 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

Ice Age Floods

April 9–15, 2017



Dry Falls. Photo by Les Williams

Explore the route of the Ice Age Floods from western Montana, across the Channeled Scablands of eastern Washington, and through the Columbia River Gorge. We will follow the path of the floods from Missoula to Portland and witness the many kinds of evidence they left on the landscape, from giant current ripples to slack-water deposits known as *rhythmites*. April is a beautiful time of year to be on the path of the floods, and we’ll make plenty of time for hiking, botanizing, and wildlife viewing. Contact Eric Scheuering at 971-222-6119 or escheuering@audubonportland.org for more information.

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leader

Fee: \$1295 members / \$1495 non-members

Deposit: \$650 required to secure your place

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 from 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. Contact Eric Scheuering at 971-222-6119 or 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

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

HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. **Register and pay online:** Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.
OR: Contact 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 or 971-222-6131.

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

Beginning Birding I
(Session D): Sep 22 (Thur), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
Sep 25 and Oct 2 (Sun), 9am–12pm: *Local Field Trips*
(Session E): Oct 13 (Thur), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
Oct 16 and 23 (Sun), 9am–12pm: *Local Field Trips*

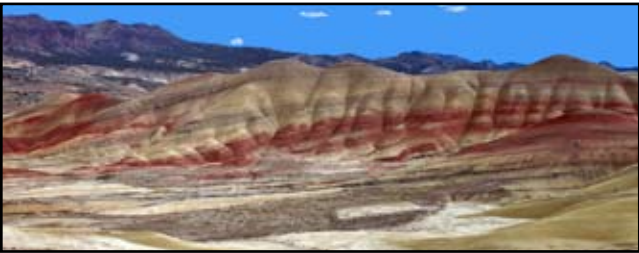
Join **Laura Whittemore**, long-time birder and teacher, for an introduction to bird watching that takes the mystery out of the country’s most popular hobby. You will learn to recognize birds by shape, behavior, plumage, and more; and how to use binoculars and field guides to zero in on the identity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

Class with Field Trips: Both field sessions are FULL
Class-only Option: \$14

Raptor Identification & Migration
in cooperation with HawkWatch International
(Session A): Sep 23 (Fri), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
Sep 24 (Sat), 8am–5pm: *Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)*
-or-
(Session B): Sep 23 (Fri), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
Sep 25 (Sun), 8am–5pm: *Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)*

Hawks, eagles, and falcons can be challenging to identify, particularly in flight. **Dave Irons** and **Shawneen Finnegan** will cover the basics of raptor identification in the evening class and then you’ll have an opportunity to practice your new skills with **Jerry Liguori** on a field trip to Bonney Butte, a hawk migration study site near Mt. Hood that offers an opportunity to see migrating raptors on their way to their wintering grounds. Jerry Liguori is the author of three books and numerous articles on raptors and his studies have taken him across most of North America, researching raptor biology, life history, identification, migration, and general behavior. Dave Irons is one of Oregon’s top birders, and Shawneen Finnegan once lived in one of the most famous hawk-watching locations in North America (Cape May, New Jersey), where she observed thousands of hawks each fall.

Class with Field Trips: Both field sessions are FULL
Class-only Option: \$14



Painted Hills. Photo by X.Weinzar

JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS

May 5–7, 2017

One of the most fascinating geological wonderlands in America is tucked away in the remote Blue Mountains of eastern Oregon. Ancient lavas, volcanic mudflows, and ash deposits form a colorful landscape around the John Day River and its tributaries. Sixty million years of prehistoric animals and plants have been preserved as fossils in the geologic strata of the barren cliffs. Take a journey through time with Portland Audubon as we explore the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. We’ll visit the Painted Hills, Blue Basin, and more. The focus will be on geology, but along the way we’ll be sure to keep an eye out for birds, wildflowers, and other aspects of the region’s natural history. Contact **Eric Scheuering** at 971-222-6119 or escheuering@audubonportland.org for more information.

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$445 members / \$545 non-members
Deposit: \$200 required to secure your place

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration
Saturdays, 8am–12pm
Oct 1, Nov 5, and Dec 3: *Local Field Trips*
Saturday morning explorations with **Greg Baker** at one of Oregon’s most accessible Important Bird Areas—Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. This class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of field conditions with the tutelage of an expert birder. Explore different habitats on the island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.

Fee: \$80 members / \$100 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.
Pre-registration required—participants register for all three days.

Sketching Birds and Their Surroundings: Easy ways to capture the essence!
Oct 15 (Sat), 10am–3pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
Artist and author **Jude Siegel** provides simple approaches for anyone who likes birds and wants to record them easily on paper! Try different ways to capture the gesture, or pose, explore “less is more” with your drawings, play with a little paint to add some color as you place your bird in its environment, all along with some writing. We will use pen, graphite, and watercolor simply and effectively to create a handmade record of your love of birds! No art experience needed!

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

Can I Eat This? Mushroom ID for Beginners
Oct 27 (Thur), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
Oct 29 (Sat), 8am–4pm: *Field Trip (transportation provided)*
The Pacific Northwest harbors a rich diversity of mushroom species. Fungi play critically important roles in the ecology of forests here. Get an introduction by naturalist **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** to the weird and wonderful biology of mushrooms in our region. Learn how to identify some of the best edible species as well as the poisonous ones. This class will help you see an underappreciated facet of life in our beautiful forests.



Mushrooms. Photo by Kalle Gustafsson

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



Painted Hills. Photo by X.Weinzar

Adult Classes

Winter Gull ID
Nov 4 (Fri), 7–9pm: *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!



California Gull. Photo by Scott Carpenter

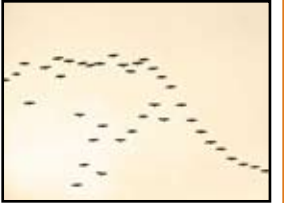
Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:
\$95 members / \$115 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Intermediate Birding: Stretch Your Wings in Bird ID!
Nov 12 & 19 (Sat), 8am–12pm: *Local Field Trips*
Dec 3 (Sat), 7am–5pm: *Field Trip (transportation provided)*
Have you fledged from a beginning birder but do not yet feel like soaring with the experts? This class is perfect for students who want more field time and more opportunities to identify birds by flight pattern, behavior, habitat, voice, and more. You’ll hone your skills and discover new birds under the guidance of experienced birder and longtime teacher **Laura Whittemore** on two local half-day field trips and a third daylong trip that will venture a bit farther afield.

Fee: \$125 members / \$150 non-members
Limited to 12 participants.

The World of Birds 2016

The World of Birds is Audubon Society of Portland’s program for birders who want to increase their ID skills *and* their knowledge about birds. Over the course of a year we will cover topics such as taxonomy, migration, breeding behavior, avian physiology, feathers, plumage and more.



Migration. Photo by Pierre Berlot

World of Birds—Migration
Classes: Oct 19 and 28, Nov 2 (Wed/Fri), 6:30pm–8:30pm in Heron Hall.
Field Trips: Oct 22 and 29, Nov 5 (Sat). **Two half-day field trips and one full-day trip. Locations and carpooling to be announced.**
We will explore some of the science behind bird migration and observe a variety of migratory species on our field trips. Learn about movement, direction, distance, timing, and weather as fall migration is occurring.

Fee: \$160 members / \$190 non-members
Limited to 16 participants

Olympic Peninsula, Washington
Class: Nov 9 (Wed), 6:30pm–8:30 pm in Heron Hall.
Field Trip: Nov 11–13 (Overnight, Fri–Sun).
Join us on this trip to explore the coastline of the Olympic Peninsula. From our base in Port Angeles we hope to see a variety of loons, gulls, and waterfowl including one of our targets, the Long-tailed Duck. To help prepare you for the field trip, there will be a two-hour class to learn about some of the species we hope to encounter.

Fee: \$350 members / \$400 non-members.
Transportation and lodging included.
Limited to 16 participants

Register online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes. For more information contact instructor Dan van den Broek at 971-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

The White Pelicans of Portland

This year a flock of at least 43 **White Pelicans** have summered in the Portland area. They have created quite a bit of interest among local residents, with many calling Portland Audubon asking the identity of these large white birds circling about overhead.

White Pelicans have been in the Portland area for many years, though many consider them rather recent arrivals. In the October 1949 Audubon *Warbler* there is an article giving its local history up to that time.

There are anecdotal reports of White Pelicans in this area over a long number of years—from Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island, and from Large Lake on Government Island. But these reports are all more or less vague—no written records—and it is impossible to obtain accurate data as to numbers of birds or dates.

The first official report of White Pelicans in the Portland Bird Records is listed for Oct. 31, 1945. Arthur V. Goddard and three other men were at lunch at Albina, when up the Willamette River before them flew a solitary bird. In 1949, for about ten days in late May and early June, the Robert E. Davis family of Vancouver, Washington, watched eight White Pelicans on the high water areas of their own

fields and out over Vancouver Lake. This small flock would seem to be the same birds the Frank Bartlett family saw on Big Sturgeon Lake July 4, that same year. Fred O. Haldeman reports them on Big Sturgeon near the middle of June.

There were few reports between then and the summer of 1987, when a flock of 11 White Pelicans were seen on Sturgeon Lake. Some showed colored streamers on their wings from being banded at the Stum Lake nesting colony in central British Columbia. Since then, small flocks have regularly been seen in the Portland area during the fall and winter months. During the summer of 2000, a flock of about eight remained to summer in the area.

Today they are seen throughout the year in the Portland area mainly on Vancouver Lake, Sturgeon Lake, and at Smith and Bybee Lakes in North Portland. They have also been reported at Oaks Bottom and Ross Island. They regularly visit local farmland ponds and sloughs, apparently in search of food.



White Pelican by Paul Buescher

Sightings

Following the fledging of young, birds tend to leave their nesting areas to wander further afield. Some southern birds move long distances, usually to the north, while most local birds wander only short distances. This is not a migration per se but is an individual movement. This often brings new birds to your backyard feeders.

On June 8 Joe Blowers reported a **White-faced Ibis** at Blount Swale. It remained through most of July. Steve Nord saw an **Ash-throated Flycatcher** at the Tualatin NWR June 20. Wink Gross found a noisy **Yellow-breasted Chat** along Rentenaar Road on Sauvie Island June 3. On June 10 Steve Nord photographed an **Eastern Kingbird** at the Tualatin NWR. Em Scattaregia spotted a **Black-backed Woodpecker** June 22 on Larch Mountain. On June 17 Andy Frank recorded three **Caspian Terns** at Broughton Beach.

Shorebirds migrate earlier than most species, and large flocks often occur by late June. Andy Frank reported early **Least** and **Western Sandpipers** at Broughton Beach July 6. A **Semipalmated Sandpiper** was there July 14. On July 12 Dave Irons reported a **Semipalmated Sandpiper** among a flock at Blount Swale near Canby. Andy Frank

noted an early **Pectoral Sandpiper** at Smith and Bybee Lakes July 19. Caleb Centanni reported a **Solitary Sandpiper** at Fernhill Wetlands July 21.

Jim Staebler reported that he found an active **Bank Swallow** nesting colony on Government Island. This would explain the numerous sightings in the Portland airport area. Andy Frank reported that the **Great Egret** colony at Bybee Lake is active again this year, with 90 birds seen there July 5. Andy also noted that the **Eastern Kingbirds** were back at their nesting sites at the Sandy River Delta June 3.

On June 4 Steve Nord reported a very vociferous **Least Flycatcher** at Fernhill Wetlands. Christine Jervis noted a **Long-eared Owl** there June 10. Because they are very secretive, Long-eareds are more regular in the area than records would indicate. Jeff Gilligan reported a **Chimney Swift** June 2 flying about NE 39th and Couch in northeast Portland. Jeff also reported a **Common Nighthawk** in the area that day.



White-faced Ibis by Jim Cruce

Volunteer of the Month: Kelly Flaminio

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

When Deb Sheaffer, our wildlife veterinarian, passed away last month, we were in a tight spot. Luckily, tons of support came flooding in. One such person we would like to recognize is Kelly Flaminio, a staff veterinarian for the Oregon Zoo.

For the past couple of months Kelly has been coming in on her days off to help out. She has already done so much for us, including offering her expertise on dozens of cases, performing surgery on a Bald Eagle, repairing a Western Painted Turtle's shell fracture, and doing lab work on some of our educational birds.

Kelly has been associated with the Oregon Zoo since 2008, when she was a fourth year veterinary student. She started doing relief work for the zoo in 2011 and has been working full time as a veterinarian there for about two years.

Kelly went to Western University in Pomona, California, and graduated in 2009. In vet school she worked for the International Bird Rescue and Research Center in San Pedro, California, where she rehabbed waterfowl, shorebirds, and pelagic birds. She also volunteered at the LA Zoo while in vet school.

After graduation, Kelly completed a couple of internships—one at Dove Lewis, where she triaged wildlife for Portland Audubon, and then at the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro, Virginia, in the heart of Shenandoah National Park, where she rehabilitated native wildlife (raptors, Bobcats, Black Bears, reptiles, White-tailed Deer, among others!).

Kelly worked in private practice in Vancouver from 2011 to 2014 and was able to provide veterinary care for local rehabbers in southwest Washington as well as the occasional falconer.

With her experience and generous nature, Kelly has been more than helpful during this difficult time.

From all of us, thank you, Kelly!



Photo by Kelly Flaminio

Sighting Scopes on Sale!

Vortex Optics is redesigning their popular Razor scope, and new models will begin shipping in late September. In the meantime we've put our existing stock of Razors on sale!

Razor 65mm
Sale price \$999
(reg. \$1334)



- ED (extra-low dispersion glass) lenses
- Dual fine/coarse focus knobs
- Waterproof & fogproof
- Angled eyepiece
- Case included
- No Fault VIP Warranty
- iPhone & camera adapters sold separately

Razor 85mm
Sale price \$1299
(reg. \$1779)



Our Kowa Sports Optics display models are also on sale!

The top-of-the-line TSN-883 Prominar was chosen by Cornell Lab of Ornithology as their Top Pick in their last comparison testing. It's the only scope that features a pure fluorite lens, with special dispersion properties that virtually eliminate chromatic aberration to offer the ultimate viewing experience. It has a wide-angle view, 25-60x magnification, and is both waterproof and fogproof.

TSN-883
Sale price \$2668
(reg. \$3464)



The Kowa TSN-663 is a compact, lightweight, 66mm scope with XD objective lens. Unlike most smaller scopes, it possesses a full 20-60x zoom range. Sale price \$1228 (reg. \$1565). We are also offering deep discounts on Kowa scope accessories: digiscoping adapters for DSLR camera or iPhone, as well as protective cases.

We have rebates on tripods!

Manfrotto is offering mail-in rebates on their 190 series tripod legs now through September 30. Their 3-section aluminum tripods offer a \$40 rebate, and their compact 4-section aluminum travel tripods feature a \$50 rebate. Lightweight carbon-fiber tripods in both 3- and 4-section models carry a savings of \$90.

Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for 67 framed professional wildlife photographs of various sizes and a wildlife photobook
- Sally Loomis & James Davis for tools for the Sanctuary
- Deana Sawtelle for a new digital scale for the Education Birds
- Terrell Voss for a pair of Bausch & Lomb 10x40 binoculars 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
- Loveseat-size couch in good condition

For Administration:

- Binoculars for member rentals
- AED (automated external defibrillator)

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.

Swarovski Optik Day

At the Audubon Nature Sanctuary

Saturday, October 8
10am-4pm

Free Digiscoping Workshop
10:30-11:30

Pre-registration is requested for the workshop: nmattson@audubonportland.org or 503-292-9453

John Nicholson, Swarovski's NW Territory Representative, will be at the Nature Store to show and demonstrate Swarovski Optik's current line of binoculars, scopes, and accessories.



A free digiscoping workshop kicks off the event. Digiscoping is capturing a highly magnified digital image or video through your binoculars or spotting scope. It's a fun way to capture images of nature and a terrific way for birders to ID birds and share images on line. John radiates passionate energy but takes a simple approach to nature photography. He claims, "Anybody can do this!"

John will demonstrate how great images can easily be taken using point-and-shoot or DSLR cameras, and even your smartphone camera, using special adapters. While the new gear makes it simple, this free workshop will show you the little tricks that will help you take incredible pictures the first day. Bring your own equipment (Swarovski or any other brand) for digiscoping practice and instruction.

Stop by the store all day to visit with John and test out Swarovski's great line of products.

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store

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

Zeiss Sports Optics Field Days Rebates!

Now through November 19, Zeiss Sports Optics is offering \$50 mail-in rebates on some of their most popular models. The Terra ED 10x42, their most affordable model with ED (extra-low dispersion glass) lenses is waterproof, fog-proof sells for \$444.43 (member price \$399.99). Or step up to a Conquest HD 8x42 for \$1077.77 (member price \$969.99) or 10x42 for \$1111.10 (members \$999.99) with improved glass and coatings, a wider field of view and a No Fault Policy that allows repair or replacement during the first 5 years due to damage of any type.



Zeiss Conquest

Nikon's High-Power Savings Event!

From August 11 to September 23, Nikon Sports Optics will be offering **Instant Rebates** on their 10 power full-size Monarch binoculars. The Monarch 5 ED 10x42 has a \$30 rebate (your price at the register is \$299.95). This is their very popular entry-level ED (extra-low dispersion) glass model. The Monarch 7 ED 10x42, with even better quality glass and coatings plus a super-wide field of view, has a \$50 Instant Rebate (your price at the register is \$449.95). The Monarchs are our most popular binoculars, outselling all other models. Lightweight, crystal-clear glass and a No-Fault Repair/Replacement Policy are their most desirable features.



Nikon Monarchs

Felted Bird Sculptures by Marta Maxwell

Marta is a professional needle felter and wet felter from Corvallis, Oregon. Needle felting involves repeatedly stabbing into wool fibers with a very sharp barbed needle. The stabbing motion causes the needle barbs to knot the fibers together and gradually sculpts the wool into a basic form. The form is then felted with additional layers of wool to add the final colors and distinctive shape of each bird. The legs are created with clay and wire. Each unique piece takes multiple days and hours of work to create.



New Styles - Sienna Sky Earrings

Always a customer favorite, our Sienna Sky earrings are now available in a number of new designs, including elegant framed florals and birds. Sienna Sky is fun, casual jewelry that is comfortable to wear and handcrafted to last. Each piece is carefully designed by Colorado artist Barbara MacCambridge to capture her love of animals and nature. Her passion is to design pieces that emphasize the wearer's personality.



Nature Store Highlights

The Sienna Sky studio is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible manner. Reducing the environmental impact of products and operations is an important part of the value they deliver. To that end, the business recycles everything from boxes to scrap metal, uses no harmful chemicals in their production, and is 100% wind powered.

New Audubon Plush Chirping Birds

The Audubon singing birds have gotten a makeover! Everyone knows and loves these charming six-inch plush birds. As cuddly as they are educational, each toy makes a genuine bird call recorded by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The new designs have more detail than ever thanks to a new manufacturing process. We love the lifelike color variations that give these guys so much character. New designs are coming out every month, so come check out the whole flock!



The Nature Store and Administrative Offices will be **closed** on **Labor Day, Monday, September 5**. The store will be open regular hours Saturday and Sunday.

Author Events

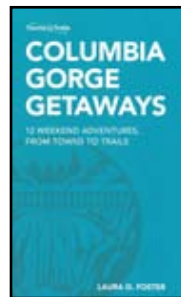
Laura O. Foster

Tuesday, September 20
7pm • Heron Hall

"The Columbia River Gorge—it's like a national park but with better restaurants." — Laura O. Foster



Portland Audubon welcomes author and Portland hiking expert **Laura O. Foster** for a free presentation of her new book, **Columbia Gorge Getaways**, on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 pm in Heron Hall. The book is a complete guide to the Columbia River Gorge, an 80-mile-long chasm that's one of the nation's few National Scenic Areas.



With 12 ready-to-go vacation itineraries, the book is like having a personal tour guide always available in your glove box. The itineraries—plus a one-to-five-day highlights tour—tell you everything you need to know to have a blast in the Gorge: find beaches and back roads, historic downtowns, hiking and biking routes, shopping, brewpubs and wineries, rural inns, historic sites, and museums. Appendices cover festivals, along with Gorge outfitters, guides, lessons, rentals, and excursions.

Laura is the author of seven popular books on hiking and travel in the Portland region, including the recent **Walking with Ramona: Exploring Beverly Cleary's Portland**. She regularly appears at Audubon's Wild Arts Festival Book Fair. Contact the Nature Store at (503)292-9453 for more information.



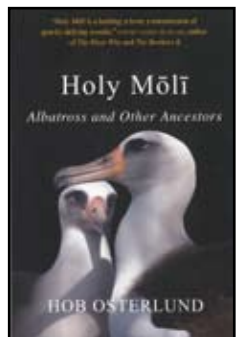
Portland Audubon Holds a Used Book Sale!

Come to Heron Hall on **Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18, between 10am and 4pm** for a special opportunity to expand your nature library! Over many years, we've acquired a vast number of book titles that are no longer needed by our current programs but may be perfect for a spot on your shelves at home. Hundreds of birding, nature, and plant titles for novice or expert naturalists will be available for purchase. Most will be very inexpensively priced, but we'll also have some rare and collectible titles available. All will be sold on a first-come basis, so please reserve that weekend on your calendar for a chance to see what treasures we'll have on hand!

Hob Osterlund

Tuesday, September 27
7pm • Heron Hall

On Tuesday, September 27, Hawaiian author and albatross activist **Hob Osterlund** will be in Heron Hall at 7:00 pm to discuss her book **Holy Moli: Albatross and Other Ancestors** (OSU Press, \$18.95), a meditation on the Laysan albatross, Hawaiian mythology, and a journey of personal self-discovery. Portland essayist and humorist **Brian Doyle** will be on hand to introduce her. This event is **free**; contact the Nature Store at (503)292-9453 for more information.



The Laysan albatross, known as Moli in the Hawaiian language, is a magnificent bird known for its navigational skills, long lifespan, and airborne existence, only coming to land to raise young. Elaborate courtship displays and tight pair bonds (sometimes including female/female pairs) are also Laysan albatross traits. Hob brings us an insider's perspective, showing such amazing scenes as the gathering of two million nesting birds on Midway Atoll, and an intimate look at newly hatched chicks.

Cheryl Strayed, author of *Wild*, calls *Holy Moli* a "moving and fascinating book about birds, loss, and finding a true home in the world." Jaymi Heimbuch of Mother Nature Network calls it "by turns fascinating and tear-jerking, humorous and poetic." David James Duncan, author of *The River Why* and *The Brothers K*, says "*Holy Moli* is a healing; a hoot; a transmission of gravity-defying wonder."

Hob Osterlund is a writer and photographer living on the island of Kauai. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, *National Geographic Explorer*, *Audubon*, *National Wildlife*, *Nature Conservancy*, *Ms.* magazine, and more. She is the founder of the Kauai Albatross Network, which is dedicated to helping preserve the vitality of the Laysan albatross and promoting safe habitat on which this magnificent bird depends. She will be available to sign books after her presentation.

Summer Camp 2016 Wrap-Up:
Connecting Kids to
the Natural World

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Wildlife Sanctuary, being surrounded by Orcas in the San Juan Islands, catching Dunn’s Salamanders and crayfish in Balch Creek, and listening to wolves howl at Wolf Haven. Our **Archery and Wilderness Skills** camp taught friction fires, and proficiency with bows and arrows. Many campers made beautiful drawings and sculptures based on what they saw in the Audubon Sanctuary; others celebrated the unseen, having a celebration to honor the Gnomes hiding in the sanctuary.

All of these great experiences were possible only because of our Summer Camp staff: our creative and energetic Environmental Educators who brought unique skills and years of experience, the college-aged Interns who came to learn and contributed so much to our programs, and the high-school Counselors who volunteered weeks of their busy summer. It was an honor to get to spend the summer with such dedicated people. We strive to make our camps the best that Portland has to offer, and we can continue to



Monterey Whale Watch. Photo by Ian Abraham

do that only through the earned confidence that parents of campers lend to us. We send our heartfelt gratitude and appreciations to all of the families that have supported Audubon by trusting us with your most valuable people . . . your kids!

To continue our diversity efforts we ask if you are willing to donate to our Send a Child to Camp Scholarship Fund to please go to <http://bit.ly/14xkUcn> for more information.



Bald Eagle being released at Deb Sheaffer’s Celebration of Life. Photo by Claire Peterson

Loss and Renewal in the Wildlife Care Center

By Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

This has been a uniquely difficult summer in our Wildlife Care Center. The passing of Deb Sheaffer, our Care Center Veterinarian for more than 12 years, leaves an indelible hole in our program and in our hearts.

Even in that loss, though, there were powerful reminders that the energy we put into this universe lives beyond the short time we have on this planet. It was inherent in the way that, amid the grief, more than 150 volunteers whom Deb mentored still showed up to make diets, clean cages, and take care of the hundreds of injured wild animals that filled the Care Center. It was inherent in the way the local veterinary community, where Deb was such a respected figure, came forward to donate veterinary services—some, such as Mitch Finnegan and Kelly Flaminio from the Oregon Zoo, checking in virtually daily. And it was inherent in the way staff who worked with Deb—Lacy Campbell, Wendy Shoemaker, Kathleen Studdert, and McKenzie Joslin-Snyder—stepped up and worked long, long hours to ensure that the Care Center never missed a beat and was ready every day to provide for injured wild animals and people wanting to know how to help wildlife.

It was also inherent in the ripples of energy Deb’s work sent out into the community.

The last animal she rescued before she fell ill was a large female adult Bald Eagle. Two eagles had engaged in a territorial fight, and while one was able to fly away, the other was left injured on the ground in a SW Portland backyard. Deb did not know at the time that this would be her last rescue, and she did not know the homeowners who called the Wildlife Care Center and greeted her and Lacy Campbell upon their arrival. As with so many animals

before it, the eagle was safely captured, appreciation was expressed, and the bird was transferred to Portland Audubon, where it was treated for a variety of wounds and injuries. This is the work the Care Center does every day and that Deb did thousands of times over the course of her career—building connections between people and these fellow wild travelers upon our landscape.

A little more than a month later, as the chaplain led a congregation of Deb’s family and friends through a graveside service, he paused. “Several weeks ago, I had occasion to call the Wildlife Care Center...I found an injured eagle in my yard.” He talked about Deb’s professionalism, her calmness, and her kindness when she rescued the injured bird.

A few hours later, more than 400 people assembled at Kruger’s Farm on Sauvie Island for a celebration of Deb’s life. At the conclusion of the event, they watched as Deb’s children, Nate and Mary, set that eagle free.

Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center is the oldest wildlife rehabilitation center in the country. It is a wildlife hospital, but it is also the collective energy of all the people who have invested in it over the decades. Deb contributed a tremendous amount of energy to the Care Center during her time with us, and it lives on in the people she inspired and the birds she put back in the sky.

The Care Center sincerely thanks all the amazing people who came forward during the past few months to help us through a difficult time and continue to build upon this legacy.

Greg Kurtz Migrates

By Ann Littlewood,
Sanctuaries Committee Member

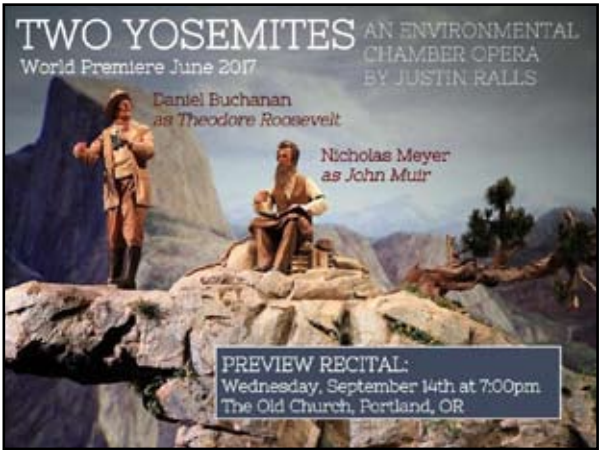
Portland Audubon is bidding farewell to long-time employee Greg Kurtz. After fifteen years as Sanctuaries Assistant, Greg is retiring. He worked with other Sanctuaries staff to keep the lights on and the toilets flushing, as well as setting up chairs and podiums for many, many meetings and events. But Greg’s true love was the Portland Audubon nursery of native plants. Here he nurtured and propagated not just a wide variety of native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees, but also a dedicated group of volunteers who weed and pot up the plants one morning a month. Greg was also the lead person for the annual native plant sale, where Portland Audubon offers the public over 100 species of native plants to bring wildlife habitat to their property. He also supported the Backyard Habitat program’s annual plant sale. The flip side of his love for native plants was a relentless persecution of invasive species such as ivy and garlic mustard that continually threaten to overwhelm the Portland Audubon sanctuaries.



Photo by Susan Bexton

Greg has been the go-to person for endless “What is this thing?” questions, and could at a glance tell you whether a scrap of greenery was *Fragaria virginiana* (Broadpetal strawberry) or *Fragaria vesca* (Woodland strawberry). A former nurseryman, Latin held no terrors for him. While wearing non-Portland Audubon hats, Greg was occasional czar of his local community garden and a gourmet cook.

Greg is off to new adventures at the Oregon coast. We are immensely grateful for his years of dedicated service and hope he comes back to visit often, because we may need help with the name of this little flower we found...



Preview Two Yosemite
with Portland Audubon

Portland Audubon is working with Northwest composer Justin Ralls to present his environmental opera *Two Yosemite* next spring in a variety of outdoor settings around Portland. His opera tells the story of President Theodore Roosevelt’s camping trip with John Muir in Yosemite. This camping trip during President Roosevelt’s Great Train Loop Tour of 1903 helped set the stage for many of the most important land protections in the western United States. Later on this same train journey, Roosevelt met with Portland Audubon founder William Finley—a meeting that would result in the designation of Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuges within the next five years.

This special preview event will be an evening of storytelling, music, and nature, with excerpts from *Two Yosemite*, musically setting the 1903 meeting of Muir and Roosevelt in Yosemite National Park. The most famous camping trip in history will be brought to life through music, featuring baritone Nicholas Meyer and guests. A short overview of Roosevelt’s amazing journey and the role it played in conservation efforts in Oregon and across the west will be provided by Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger. One night only! \$20 at the door; \$15 in advance.

**Preview Recital of
Two Yosemite**
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 7 pm
The Old Church
1422 SW 11th Ave, Portland, OR

The Joy of Giving
Protecting Nature is the
Natural Thing to Do

by Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager

Portland Audubon Major Donors **Judie and John Hammerstad** have spent a lifetime making a difference.

A native Oregonian, Judie held public office for 25 years as a state legislator, county commissioner, mayor of Lake Oswego, and school board member. John, a physician specializing in Parkinson’s disease, co-founded the Movement Disorder clinic at OHSU, where he teaches three times per month and attends grand rounds.

Of the two, John is the more ardent birder. He says, “As I traveled to professional conferences, I’d typically schedule my flights to have some extra time to bird.”

These days a group of friends join him on birding trips, and frequently Judie will go, too: “I can’t say it’s my passion, but I do love John,” she said. “And I love being with him when he’s so happy.”



Judie and John Hammerstad

Judie found Portland Audubon’s urban wildlife expertise especially helpful when she was Lake Oswego’s mayor. “We were having an issue with coyotes—people losing their cats and being worried about their kids waiting at the bus stop.” She called on Portland Audubon, which helped educate the community about keeping cats indoors and food away from wildlife.

The Hammerstads say they continue to support Portland Audubon because of the organization’s important work with conservation and education, as well as their desire to pass on opportunities to enjoy nature to future generations, including their own three children and five grandchildren. For the Hammerstads, protecting nature is the natural thing to do.



Photo by Portland Audubon

A Leadership Giving Circle Challenge
Double your investment impact with your leadership gift!

A generous, bird-loving Leadership Giving Circle member invites you to join him with a special challenge match of \$40,000! Now’s the time—if you have been considering deepening your investment in Oregon’s future and 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 for birds and habitat across Oregon!

Leadership gifts strengthen our capacity to lead in conservation across Oregon, from bird and habitat protection, advocacy and citizen action, to environmental education for children, youth, and adults.

Leadership Giving Levels	
Great Blue Heron:	\$1,000–\$2,499
Peregrine:	\$2,500–\$4,999
Osprey:	\$5,000–\$9,999
Eagle:	\$10,000

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges the leadership donor who is providing this wonderful match and thanks all those who do so much to ensure the stability and growth of our organization.

For more information about this challenge match, please contact **Ann Takamoto, Development Director**, at **971-222-6117, atakamoto@audubonportland.org** or **Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager**, at **971-222-6116, dwiench@audubonportland.org**.

Join Our Flock!

Become a member of the Audubon Society of Portland and join a community of over 15,000 nature lovers helping protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats across Oregon.

Your membership dollars help us run three sanctuaries, the largest and busiest wildlife rehabilitation facility in the region, an education program that reaches 12,000 kids and 3,000 adults each year, and a powerful conservation program that works across the state to protect, ocean, forest, urban, grassland, and desert habitats.

In fact, Oregon would look very different if not for the Audubon Society of Portland. For more than 100 years, Portland Audubon has played an instrumental role in shaping the beautiful lands we call home, from establishing our first wildlife refuges including Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks, to helping make Portland one of the greenest cities in the country. Through advocacy, education,

habitat restoration, and volunteerism, Portland Audubon works every day to inspire people to love and protect birds and the natural world, building a community dedicated to creating a sustainable future for all life.

As a member you will receive discounts on classes, camps, and trips as well as purchases in our Nature Store. We will send you our bi-monthly Warbler newsletter to keep you informed about upcoming events and the important issues affecting our region and state. And most importantly, when you become a Portland Audubon member, you get the satisfaction of knowing that 100% of your dues are put to work locally to build a sustainable future right here in Oregon.

Join us!

Already a member? Consider a gift of membership for your bird-loving friends!

See Membership Form on page 12

If Portland Audubon
is in your will...

we would like to know! Every year the Audubon Society of Portland receives bequests, and often they are a complete surprise to us. We appreciate these surprises, but they make us a bit sad too, because we never knew how much these friends cared about wildlife, and we had no opportunity to thank them.

Advance notice of bequests is also helpful to ensure that we understand and can fulfill a donor’s intentions. We are delighted to talk with donors in advance to plan the use of their gift. With planning, bequests can be directed to specific projects that support our work to inspire people to love and protect nature, leaving a lasting legacy.

Through our Legacy Circle we honor and acknowledge donors who have included the Audubon Society of Portland in their estate plans. If you are among these generous friends, please contact **Ann Takamoto (971-222-6117, atakamoto@audubonportland.org)** so we may include you in Legacy Circle activities and record your intentions for your bequest.

A Legacy of Values
Protecting Birds And Habitat
into the Future

Your bequest to the Audubon Society of Portland supports our efforts to inspire people to love and protect nature and is one of the most forward-looking gifts you can give to Portland Audubon. Your thoughtful gift will help assure a better future for people and for wildlife!

- ☐ I would like to receive information about including Portland Audubon in my will.
- ☐ I have included the Audubon Society of Portland in my will.

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Phone _____ Email _____

Please send to: Development Office,
Audubon Society of Portland
5151 NW Cornell Road
Portland, OR 97210

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully
acknowledges these special gifts:

In Memory

Dr. Deborah Sue Sheaffer (in addition to those listed in the insert) Anonymous Luanne Bye & John Sutter Barbara Demanincor Dan & Pam Earp Martha Goodson Joe Liebezeit Melanie & Jefferson Mildenberger Jennifer Miller Lynne O’Malley Pamela & Allan Palm Dan Rohlf Eleanor & Jack Rubinger Karen Lybrand Shimada Jay Withgott & Susan Masta Karen L. Wood Claudia & Dennis Zerba	Ned Lukens Charles Oldham & Joan Goforth Ronald L. Spencer Tammy Spencer Vicki Stollberg Tyler Stollberg Maddie Ross Ginnie Ross Deanna Sawtelle LilyBud Sawtelle Ginnie Ross Syd, the Red-tailed Hawk Ginnie Ross Hazel, the Northern Spotted Owl Rene Breier Ginnie Ross Leta Lou Holcombe Vickie Miller
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In Honor

Pete & Margie Arvidson Susan Katz	Susan and Robert Leeb Deborah Margolis
Russell & Bonnie Hoeflich Michael Dennis	

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

The Wild Arts Festival Wants YOU!

Volunteer at the Northwest’s Premier Art and Book Festival
November 19–20

The 2016 Audubon Society of Portland Wild Arts Festival is beginning to fledge right now. Our rosters of amazing artists and authors have been finalized, Silent Auction procurement is underway, sponsorships are coming in, and the 6x6 canvasses will soon be available! We hope to expand upon last year’s success of raising an amazing \$170,000, but we need your help to do so!

The wind beneath our wings...
Volunteer Opportunities Abound

If you like being a part of beautiful community events, look no further—our Wild Arts Festival volunteers are the reason this event soars! From load-in on Friday to load-out on Sunday, volunteers have a hand in every part of this celebration of nature, helping to make this one of Portland’s hottest events of the season!

There are roles and projects to fit most schedules, interests, and abilities—you’re sure to find something that suits your fancy. During Friday evening set-up, November 18,



Volunteers. Photo by Susan Bexton



Admissions. Photo by Susan Bexton

volunteers are needed to help the artists bring in their wares and booths, and set up the Silent Auction. Throughout the festival, Saturday and Sunday, volunteers assist in all aspects of the event, including checking in other volunteers, greeting attendees, working the admission tables, staffing the 6x6 art exhibit, booth-sitting for artists, helping with the Book Fair, and much more. At the end of the show on Sunday, volunteers are needed to help the artists load out and break down the festival. The artists especially appreciate the help of our Wild Arts Festival volunteers, as they rarely receive this special service at other shows.

Interested yet?

To find out more about volunteering at the festival, visit the volunteer page at wildartsfestival.org or email **Wild Arts Festival Volunteer Coordinator Jill Nelson-Debord** at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.



Silent auction. Photo by Susan Bexton

If you don’t have time to volunteer, here are some other ways you can support the Wild Arts Festival:

- **Sponsor the event**—Visit wildartsfestival.org/sponsors to learn about our various levels of sponsorship for businesses and individuals.
- **Donate to the Silent Auction**—We’re looking for new or like-new condition nature-related high quality art, framed photographs, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, or other art. Gift certificates for restaurants, bookstores, outdoor stores, nature trips, guesthouse stays, and theater tickets will help us create enticing packages. In 2015, the more than 250 items up for auction netted nearly \$25,000.
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