Nature Store Holiday Open House!

Christmas Bird Count (Portland’s on Dec 30)

Winter Break Camps for Kids

Ideas for GREEN Giving

Celebrate Solstice at the Sanctuary

by Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Manager, and Janet Drake, Nature Store Buyer

The Holiday Season is here, and it is a beautiful time to visit the Portland Audubon Sanctuary. Our trails are less crowded, and Balch Creek tumbles, churns, and dances with the fall and winter rains. Following your walk, stop in the Interpretive Center to warm your fingers and toes. When you do, you will discover a seasonal wonderland surrounding our cozy fireplace: holiday gifts, cards, wrapping paper, 2018 calendars, tasty treats, and colorful ornaments.

100% of our store profits support Portland Audubon educational programs, conservation initiatives, Wildlife Care Center, and Nature Sanctuary. As we proclaim: “The profits are for the birds!” So make the Nature Store your first holiday shopping stop. With the top selection of nature-related gifts in the city, you may find everything you need right here! When we select our merchandise, you can rely on us to keep in mind the features that are important to our mission of conservation and to our supporters.

Recycled and repurposed

Gifts that live outside the waste stream tell the recipient that you care about our environment. Our Parasol Hummingbird Feeders are molded from recycled glass. With rich colors and delicate accents like red teardrops and multicolored hand-blown hummingbirds, these upcycled products are a pleasure to enjoy even when the hummers aren’t feeding.

Our Jabebo Earrings are creatively crafted in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, from used cereal boxes. The whimsical pairs sport a different colorful design for each ear. Perhaps a woodpecker on one ear with a tree on the other, or a Red-tailed Hawk soaring on one ear and perched on the other. The ear wires are surgical steel and all the images are original graphics.

Nice Nests of Twig, Washington, is our favorite supplier of bird nest boxes crafted from recycled wood and metal. Each is unique with special decorative accents, and feature woodworker Patrick Hannigan’s special palette of unique color accents for your garden.

Handcrafted and local

At the Nature Store, we are always on the lookout for local crafters. A couple of our current favorites are The Button Girl and Badge Bomb, who make little lapel buttons that celebrate all things Portland, both weird and wild. At $1.25 each or $3 for $3, you can get a handful of holiday stocking stuffers. Portland Bee Balm harvests beeswax from their own backyard hives for lip-saving salves with a hint of peppermint that also slip easily into a stocking.

Greenstitch by Sue Selbie, a Nature Store volunteer, is one of our newest vendors. Sue creates gorgeous leather- and suede-bound journals in vibrant colors that make the perfect gift for word crafters, sketch artists, or anyone who needs to jot down a note. Sawville Island Coffees is roasted on our favorite wildlife island by Portland Audubon member Brenda Eyart. We carry her dark-roasted Midnight Sumatra, and medium-roasted Guatemala Sunset and Peruvian Raptor Roast in both whole bean and ground. Across the river in Vancouver, Washington, Suzi Worden crafts Dream Spirit Jewelry in metal with baked enamel coloration. We carry her earrings and necklaces, which employ bird, leaf, flower, and tree motifs.

Also new this season is Salty & Sweet, whose intricate laser-cut hanging mobiles are designed by Andrea Leggitt, an industrial designer. She favors bird and feather motifs and Pacific Northwest themes: strolling Sasquatchs and Portland icons. Andrea has also created beautiful laser cuts designs in wood on a high-quality pocket knife. Little Gold Fox is our local source for wooden postcards, notecards, and bookmarks, many with a Portland theme.

If you are looking to bring wildlife to your yard, we suggest that you add a nest box for birds, bats, or mason bees from Garden Artworks of Woodburn. Tom Sanders exclusively uses Western Red Cedar to build boxes and feeders that are beautiful and naturally rot resistant.

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Nature Store Holiday Open House
at the Portland Audubon Nature Sanctuary

Join us for our annual Holiday Open House to kick off the solstice season. A welcoming fire, delicious treats, warm beverages, and our great selection of holiday gifts, cards, wrapping paper, and ornaments await your arrival!

Saturday Special Events
Kids Crafts: 11am–3pm.
Our volunteers will assist kids (or the young-at-heart) in creating a colorful pair of furry animal ears. They are the perfect festive attire to wear throughout the holiday season!

Happy Hour: 3pm–6pm.
We’d love to have the grownups join us for a special Happy Hour visit from one of Portland’s favorite entertainers, Tony Starlight, as he autographs copies of his new 2018 calendar.

Sunday Special Events
Meet the Artist: 12pm–4pm.
Weina Dinata of Poppy and Finch will be on hand to show and sell her lovely tabletop centerpieces. Each is crafted from repurposed (often vintage) containers, filled with lovely native plants, and accented with decorative birds and bugs. Though designed to live on a porch or patio, you can bring them inside periodically to grace your dining table, entryway, or other indoor living spaces.

Free Live Music: 12pm–4pm.
Tap your toes to music courtesy of the Oregon Bluegrass Association. Bring your own instrument if you’d like to join the fun!

Weina Dinata
Native plants: beauty with purpose
Poppy & Finch is a Portland-based lifestyle brand focused on curating a collection of beautiful and locally crafted gifts for your home inspired by the beauty of Pacific Northwest native botany and its importance to the habitat.

Our vision is to educate and cultivate joy through our products and services, especially our one-of-a-kind centerpieces using repurposed found objects, vintage containers, and pottery from local artists.

Tony Starlight
Professional entertainer, amateur ornithologist
Musical comedian Tony Starlight has been entertaining audiences for 25 years. He recently got “pecked” by the birding bug and was inspired to create a unique calendar for 2018. Leave it to Tony to find a way to make his hobby entertaining for you!

Tony’s Conversations with Birds calendar, featuring his avian photographs and comedic interchanges with birds, is available at the Nature Store ($15 or $13.50 for members). Be sure to get your personal copy signed by Tony during our Happy Hour and enjoy a taste of HUB’s Abominable Ale!

Nature Night Speakers Series 2017–2018 Calendar

**December SPECIAL NIGHT!**
John James Audubon and the Birds of America
Film Screening ONLY
Monday, December 11 at the Hollywood Theatre
7:30pm Showtime

He was one of the most remarkable men in America. A self-taught painter and ornithologist, he pursued a dream that made him famous in his lifetime and left a legacy in art and science that endures to this day. His portrait hangs in the White House and his statue stands over the entrance to the American Museum of Natural History. Yet the story of John James Audubon has never been told on movie screens.

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Tickets are available at hollywoodtheatre.org by clicking on their calendar and choosing the date of December 11. Ticket pricing for this special screening helps cover the cost of this venue, the beautiful and historic Hollywood Theatre.

$9 for general admission
$7 for seniors and students
$6 for Hollywood Theatre members

The Hollywood Theatre is located at 1122 NE Sandy Blvd. Easy access via public transportation is available on TriMet. Street parking is available, but early arrival is recommended for close-in parking availability.

Call (503)292-6855 for more details on this event as well as other Nature Nights throughout the season.

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  - John James Audubon and the Birds of America
    - Film Screening Only
    - Monday, December 11 • 7pm, Hollywood Theatre

- **January**
  - Urban Wildlife and our Wildlife Care Center
    - with Bob Sallinger
    - Tuesday, January 8 • 7pm, Heron Hall

- **February**
  - Malheur!
    - with Scott Carpenter
    - Tuesday, February 13 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

- **March**
  - Bats!
    - with Kris Heim of Bat Conservation International
    - Tuesday, March 13 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

- **April**
  - Wildlife Connectivity
    - with Quinn Read of Defenders of Wildlife
    - Tuesday, April 10 • 7pm, Heron Hall

- **May**
  - Hidden Oregon: Exploring the Obscure Gems of the Pacific Northwest
    - with Ed Jahn of OPB's Oregon Field Guide
    - Tuesday, May 8 • 7pm, Montgomery Park

With topics ranging from hidden places of the Pacific Northwest to diversity in the conservation movement to bats, there is a talk for everyone. Our series takes place on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May (unless otherwise noted).

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

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NATURE NIGHTS

Portland Audubon’s 2017–2018 Nature Night Speakers Series is committed to presenting entertaining and expert talks on natural history, wildlife, and conservation issues. Nature Night is a chance for the community to engage with naturalists, authors, artists, enthusiasts, and activists about issues that affect the world around us.
Portland Audubon Birthing Days—Active, Informative, and Fun!

Yaquina Bay
January 14, 2018 (6am–7pm)
Leader: Stefan Schluck
Fee: $60. Lunch not included, transportation provided.

Meet at the Hall/Nimbus Park and Ride, Southwest Cascade Avenue in Beaverton. We will look for grebes, loons, alcids, gulls, and waterfowl from various vantage points in Yaquina Bay. Long-tailed Ducks are usually wintering in the area, and the trail at the Hatfield Marine Science Center often has something unusual to offer.

Portland Urban Wetlands
February 3, 2018 (10am–3:30pm)
Leaders: Eric Law, Micah Meskel
Fee: Free. Transportation provided.

Meet at Holdall Park (west end) near Lloyd Center in NE Portland. We will explore important wetlands within the Portland Metro area, including Smith and Bybee, Oaks Bottom, and Johnson Creek. Come learn about the ecological importance of these urban wetlands, view a wide variety of resident riparian wildlife species, and learn about the past and present conservation efforts to protect them.

Registration link available soon on the Adults Program page at audubonportland.org

Potential Trips in 2018
Urban Peregrine Falcon nests, Spring Migration on Greasham Butte, Portland Green Building Tour, Habitat Connectivity and Backyard Habitats, Hiking and Birding at Catherine Creek, Streaked Horned Lark Excursion

Another Year of Dedication at the Wildlife Care Center
by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Manager

The Wildlife Care Center is a place of two chances. Whether it’s a baby hummingbird or an adult Bald Eagle, we do everything we can to give injured or orphaned animals another shot at life in the wild. Our commitment to helping wildlife can range from hosing down cages where temperatures reach 100 degrees, to hiking up Cornell Road in the snow to care for the animals during a surprise “snowpocalypse.” This year may have started out differently than previous years, but our unswerving dedication to the animals in our care hasn’t changed.

In March, baby bird season started with a nestling hummingbird that had been separated from its parents. Without intervention this bird would not have survived the night alone. Because a Good Samaritan saw a problem and called us, we were able to instruct that person to bring it in. After many long days of intensive feedings—by hand every 30 minutes from dawn to dusk—we had successfully raised it, taught it how to eat, and released it back to the wild.

The very next month brought us an adult Bald Eagle that had been found struggling in the Columbia River by a kayaker. Putting recreation on hold, the kayaker hauled the bird up onto the boat and rowed back to shore. Completely drenched, and with a stomach full of water, this bird almost died. Indeed, it would have died had that kayaker not taken action. Under our care, the bird recovered quickly, and within a few days we were able to release it back into its territory to join its mate.

In the meantime, another baby raptor was rescued, a hawk chick that had fallen from its nest. Working with a Good Samaritan who found the bird on the street, we brought the bird to the Wildlife Care Center to begin its rehabilitation.

This year, we had a record number of patients. Our dedicated staff, along with the support of our incredible volunteers, helped to reunite 19,000+ injured animals with their families. Without the 19,000 hours of volunteer time, our amazing and dedicated staff, and your support.

We want to give a big thanks to our current volunteers: Brooke Albruzzone, Bebe Anderson, Paola Arenal, Annie Barklis, Maggie Bell, Lani Bennett, Robyn Blummel, Kassandra Bomberger, April Brown, Claire Cator, Tanya Cheka, Joe Chapman, Elizabeth Cuenres, Courtney Crawford, Susan Dale, Michie Depain, Sam Delamont, Steve Delach, Barbara deManincor, Lin DeMartini, Martin Dick, Katy Erlich, Kasha Erringer, Lawrence Evers, Judy Feistal, Stephanie Fox, Amy Frank, Carol Fuller, Jan Gilbertson, Linda Gipe, Carol Gross, Cary Gross, Korey Gross, Tami Harper, Jordan Hegg, Cody Hess, Kris Hrickman, Deb High, Lucian Himes, Wyrth Holman, Phil Hubert, Adelie Hwang, Julie Issacson, Suzan Jones-Lewey, Martha Kaeuchmann, Eva Landins, Bruce Lind, Sara Lockwood, Rae Luft, Jenna Lundmark, Natasha Mansfield, Shawn Maskel, Carolann Maxwell, Pam Meyers, Leslie Mundel, Leslie Meyers, Jacqu Parker, Jennifer Parks, Candy Plant, Ezra Pokorny, Barbara Ports, Sharon Rafton, Devon Rehse, Carolyn Berry.

A benefit for Audubon Society of Portland’s Wildlife Care Center

Auction begins: Saturday, February 10, at 9am
Auction closes: Thursday, February 22, at 9pm
View auction items and bid at portlandaudubon.tofinoauctions.com/cotw2018

To help pay for the cost of animal rehabilitation at Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center, we are pleased to offer experiences that promise to excite, thrill, and chill!

Bats: Myths & Realities
Come learn the truths and realities of living in a world with these flying marvels while on board a floating home in the Multnomah Channel near Sauvie Island. After the presentation you will watch bats maneuver through the air over the water and listen to bat echolocation sounds to identify the bats you are seeing.

Stay and Soak at Wellspring
You and someone special are invited to relax in tranquility while you stay and soak up the beautiful scenery at Wellspring, a woodland retreat and spa at the base of Mount Rainier.
Help Save the Marbled Murrelet and Oregon’s Old-Growth Forests

Save the Dates: ODFW Commission Hearings on February 8 and 9, Portland Expo Center

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

We will have an important opportunity to help protect the Marbled Murrelet and the old-growth forests on which it depends in early 2018. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently considering a petition submitted by Portland Audubon Society, Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild, and other conservation groups to uplist the Marbled Murrelet from “threatened” to “endangered” under the State Endangered Species Act.

Despite more than two decades listed as threatened under the State Endangered Species Act, the Marbled Murrelet continues to move closer and closer to extinction in Oregon, and the State has never developed a recovery plan for this species. Up-listing the murrelet to endangered will force the State to recognize that its current approach is not sufficient. The endangered status requires that the State develop survival guidelines for the species and a full recovery plan within 18 months of listing.

A Species Status Report released by ODFW in the fall of 2017 as a precursor to the up-listing decision concluded that “key threats identified at the time of listing have continued to increase, and many new threats have been identified since the 1990s... The life history exhibited by this species provides little opportunity for the population to rapidly increase even under the most optimistic circumstances.” It also noted that the primary cause of Marbled Murrelet declines—loss and fragmentation of older forest habitat on which it depends for nesting—has “slowly, but not halted... since the 1980s” with greatest losses since on lands managed by the State of Oregon. The review specifically notes that existing programs and regulation have “failed to prevent continued high rates of habitat loss on nonfederal lands in Oregon.” Thank you to everyone who submitted comments on the status report!

The ODFW Commission will hear public testimony at the February 8 and 9 Commission Meeting, which will be held at the Sportsman Show at the Portland Expo Center (2060 N Marine Drive, Portland). A strong public showing of support for up-listing will be critical.

Please contact Portland Audubon Field Organizer Steph Taylor at staylor@audubonportland.org to receive more information about the hearing and to help coordinate a strong showing of support for the murrelet and the older forests on which it depends.

Thank You to:
- Wink Geos for Swarovski Scope AT80 with tripod and case
- Rose Christopherson and John Combs for Audubon Nature Encyclopedia set
- Hopworks Urban Brewery for a donation to the Holiday Open House
- Alex Macdonald for 3 framed Audubon prints
- Christine Nelson and Daniel Carter for towels and blankets

Our Wish List

For Administration:
- AED (automated external defibrillator)
- Auditory assistance devices
- Binoculars and tripod
- For Sanctuary:
- Loppers • Hand saws
- Work gloves
- If you can donate these items, please contact Portland Audubon at 503-292-6855 ext. 102.

For Wildlife Care Center:
- Science Diet Kitten Growth
- External defibrillator
- Dawn dishwashing detergent
- Exams gloves (latex or latex free)
- Small leather work gloves
- Neoprene animal handling gloves
- If you have any questions, contact Joe Liebezeit at jliebezeit@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6130.

Help Save the Marbled Murrelet and Oregon’s Old-Growth Forests

Sign up for the 2017 Christmas Bird Count

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

Join the 92nd annual Portland Christmas Bird Count (CBC) on Saturday, December 30, 2017! The nationwide CBC is the longest running community-science project in North America. The results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the past 117 years. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year 221 field observers and 128 feeder watchers found 118 species. Those 349 participants made the Portland CBC the second largest in the United States!

The Portland CBC results are sent to the National Audubon Society, Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild, and others to develop survival guidelines for the species and a full recovery plan within 18 months of listing.

What to bring: Binoculars, of course! Be prepared for a day outdoors in Oregon in the winter. That means warm clothing, rainwear, and waterproof shoes. The counts are generally held as scheduled, rain or shine. Bring a bag lunch and snacks. Last but not least, bring an enthusiastic attitude and a willingness to search quietly and patiently for birds. All Christmas Bird Counts are free.
Ecotours
See full descriptions at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult.

**Southwest Florida**
*April 6–13, 2018*

where else can you see Roseate Spoonbill, Reddish Egret, Brown Pelican, Anhinga, and Black Skimmer all feeding in the same pond? We will visit the premier birding destinations of J. N. “Ding” Darling NWR and the Everglades. We will also explore the prehistoric cypress swamp of the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, the crown jewel of National Audubon. Join us and experience the subtropical pleasures of SW Florida!

**Leaders:** Patty Newland
**Fee:** $2,195 members / $2,395 non-members
**Deposit:** $1,000 required to secure your place

**Skagit Valley**
*February 16–18, 2018*

Leaders: Candace Larson and Dan van den Broek
**Fee:** $500 members / $595* non-members
**Deposit:** $300 required to secure your place

**Belize and Tikal**
*March 22–April 6, 2018*

Leaders: Patty Newland
**Fee:** $3,995 members / $4,395 non-members
**Deposit:** $2,100 required to secure your place

**Fiji**
*March 22–April 6, 2018*

Leaders: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen and local guides
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**Southwest Oregon**
*May 10–13, 2018*

Leaders: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen
**Fee:** $795 members / $895 non-members
**Deposit:** $400 required to secure your place

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**Finnih Holder’s Workshop**

**MONDAY, DEC. 11**

**Fee:** $60 non-member
**Deposit:** $30 required to secure your place

**Audubon’s Winter Rangers**

**FRIDAY, DEC. 29**

**Fee:** $65 member / $75 non-member
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**Elk Extravaganza**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 12**

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**Winter Art Explorers**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20**

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**Wild in the Winter**

**MONDAY, DEC. 11**

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**Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears**

**Grades: 1–3**

**Habitat:** How well do you know where the northernmost place you’ve ever been is? Join us to explore the world of animal survival. We’ll learn how to track snowshoe hares and how they deal with the snow and cold.

**Fee:** $45 member / $55 non-member
**Deposit:** $20 required to secure your place

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**Jr. Raptor Rd. Trip**

**Grades: 4–8**

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**Fee:** $65 member / $75 non-member
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**Grades: 1–3**

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**Wood Stork. Photo by Don Faulkner**
Great reading for the holiday season
by McKenzie Joslin-Snyder, Nature Store Book Buyer

Birdmania: A Remarkable Passion for Birds by Bernd Brunner

There is no denying that many people are crazy for birds. In his new book, Bernd Brunner turns his binoculars not skyward but on the world of birders themselves—obscene, passionate, quirky, and always interesting. Packed with intriguing facts and exquisite and rare artwork, Birdmania showcases an eclectic and fascinating selection of bird devotees who would do anything for their feathered friends. $29.95 (member price $26.95)

The Inner Life of Animals: Love, Grief, and Compassion—Surprising Observations of a Hidden World by Peter Wohlleben, Jane Billingham

Through vivid stories of devoted pigs, devotees who would do anything for their feathered friends. $29.95 (member price $26.95)

How to Read Nature by Tristan Gooley

In How to Read Nature, natural navigator Tristan Gooley strives to reawaken our senses to help us understand and deepen our personal experience of nature. By pairing his philosophy—that there’s much more to nature than meets the eye if we know where and how to look—with 15 simple get-out-the-door exercises, Gooley invites readers to go out and make their own discoveries. But all are likely to discover this: “One consequence of starting to notice new things is to notice how little we have been noticing.” How to $16.95 (member price $15.26)

Rise of the Necrophaga: The Science, Ethics, and Risks of De-Extinction by Britt Wray

Remember Jurassic Park—pure fiction, right? Remember how species are declining faster at this moment than at any other point in human history? That part is sadly and unsurprisingly true—but does it have to be? Delve into the minds and labs of some of the most progressive scientists, futurists, and philosophers in this new field to find out what happens when we bring a species back from extinction. $26.95 (member price $24.26)

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Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Divide by Robert Michael Pyle

More than 20 years ago, Vale-trained ecologist and Guggenheim fellow Dr. Robert Michael Pyle entered the Divide, the largest roadless area in the Cascades, Mountains in Washington State. With his biologist’s eye, Pyle perfectly blended an open mind with a healthy dose of skepticism on his errand to discern the Bigfoot phenomenon. A must-read for anyone who appreciates the natural history of the Pacific Northwest, the new edition adds an all new chapter that brings Where Bigfoot Walks into the modern era. Believers and skeptics alike will be absorbed in this fascinating field study. $16.95 (member price $15.26)

Urvala K. Le Guin: The Hainish Novels and Stories by Ursula K. Le Guin, Brian Attebery (Editor)

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Zoëga Terra ED Holiday Promotion

Many birders and nature lovers are moving to smaller binoculars now that ED (Extra-low Dispersion) glass has noticeably brightened up images, especially in binoculars with smaller objective lenses. Moving from full-sized to mid-sized binoculars can easily shave nearly a half pound of weight yet, ironically, offer a much wider field of view. Moreover, their compact size makes them perfect travel companions.

One of our popular mid-sized models is the Terra ED 8x32 from Carl Zeiss Sports Optics. Right now, Zeiss is making the Terra an easy choice by offering an instant rebate of $40 through Monday, December 11, 2017.

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Regularly priced at $411.99, with a member price of $369.00, this rebate will drop the member price to only $329.99. This model comes in a distinctive dark gray color and features a top-quality protective hard case, neck strap, and paired lens caps that can be removed or left attached. The field of view is a whopping 442’ at 1000 yards, and the close-up is just over 5 feet. Zeiss’ quality German engineering is evident throughout the design. Nikon Monarch 5 “Season to Save” Promotion

Just in time for the holidays, Nikon is dropping the price on their Nikon Monarch 5 (our most popular full-sized binocular) by $50 with an instant rebate through December 31, 2017. These binoculars are a great gift for anyone on your shopping list as well as deserving people such as yourself. The Monarch 5 binoculars are waterproof, fog-proof, light in weight, ergonomically designed, and they feature ED (Extra-low Dispersion) glass for crisp, bright, and clear images. The rebate prices will be $249.95 for the 8x42 model (reg. member price $299.95) and $279.95 for the 10x42 model (reg. member price $329.95).
**Give a GREEN Gift this Holiday Season**

**Birds, wildlife, and our shared habitats will need your support more than ever!**

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**Sponsor a Wild Thing**

Our Wildlife Care Center provides a permanent home for six non-releasable native animals. Each of these animals is unable to survive in the wild. Wild Thing Sponsorship—or giving a sponsorship as a gift—is a great way to learn about these incredible creatures, while at the same time helping us meet their food, medical, and housing needs!

**Give the gift of sponsorship to a fellow nature lover — visit bit.ly/PIAARY or our Nature Store.**

**Meet two of our Education Animals...**

**Julio, the Great Horned Owl**

Julio was found as a nestling after the tree containing her nest was cut down. Julio was raised by Melinda and Don and lived how to act like a raven. By the time she was brought to the Wildlife Care Center in the spring of 2005, she was five years old, and it was too late to reverse the imprinting that had occurred.

**Aristophanes, the Common Raven**

Aristophanes was taken from his nest and raised by humans. As a result, he became imprinted on people and never learned to act like a raven. Because of his lack of survival skills, he is unreleasable.

Did you know yearly average costs for an animal like Julio or Aristophanes can reach over $5,000 each? Wild Thing Sponsorship or giving a sponsorship as a gift is a great way to learn about these incredible creatures and educate others about issues affecting wildlife, while at the same time helping us meet their food, medical, and housing needs!

**Find out more at audubonportland.org/wcc/edbirds.**

**Give the Gift of Membership**

As parents of two, Melinda says, “I appreciate that Portland Audubon is at the top. “We donate to national refuges, to helping make Portland one of the greenest cities in the country. Of the environmental organizations they support, Melinda says Portland Audubon fits who they are by allowing them to support both what they value in their own backyard."

Donors make an impact with holiday match for years and years.” They typically give at the Great Blue Heron level ($1,000 and above). By participating in the holiday match, supporters can double the dollars spent to help birds and wildlife.

**Give the Gift of Backyard Habitat!**

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Does your yard provide safe and attractive, wildlife-friendly landscapes that support your region’s rich ecological legacy. For more info about the program see BackyardHabitats.org.

To order your gift certificate, visit our Nature Store today. You’ll also find amazing gift ideas for all the nature lovers on your list. Alternatively, you can order one over the phone by calling the store at 503-292-9453.

For general questions and info, contact Program Manager Nikki West at 503-292-6855 x120 or nwest@audubonportland.org.

Do you look for the perfect eco-friendly holiday gift that will keep on giving for years to come? If so, consider a gift certificate for enrollment in our Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

This $35 gift certificate enrolls your loved one in our incredible program, including a one-hour site assessment of their yard, a follow-up site report that outlines specific planting recommendations and other ideas for enhancing habitat at home, educational resources, and plant discounts, coupons and incentives at local establishments.

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program provides technical assistance, resources, and incentives to folks on properties under one acre in Portland, Lake Oswego, Gresham, Fairview, Milwaukie, and West Linn to create attractive, wildlife-friendly landscapes that support our region’s rich ecological legacy. For more info about the program see BackyardHabitats.org.

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**Do You Know Someone Else Who Loves Birds?**

Give them the gift of a community of nature lovers! A gift of membership to the Audubon Society of Portland at any level protects native birds and their habitats, and comes with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, trips, and in our Nature Store.

You can purchase a gift of membership today at bit.ly/odVKB3, at the Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

**Give the Gift of Membership**

□ $45 Individual  □ $250 Warbler
□ $60 Family    □ $500 Owl
□ $75 Wren      □ $1000 Great Blue Heron
□ $100 Goldfinch

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□ Please charge my: □ Visa □ MasterCard □ Discover

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During this holiday season, Portland Audubon donors have an opportunity to see their gifts doubled thanks to a $50,000 match offered by two Portland Audubon board members.

For motivated donors like Don and Melinda McCoy, it makes sense to say yes. The board members are matching every first-time gift of $1,000 or more. Additionally, a donor who increases their $1,000 or more annual gift by at least $500 will have their total gift matched.

This offer appealed to Don and Melinda, who have been Portland Audubon members "for years and years." They typically give at the Great Blue Heron level ($1,000 and above), but the holiday match is motivating them to bump up their year-end donation.

Animals and nature have always played a key role in Don and Melinda’s lives. Dr. Don McCoy was a North Portland veterinarian, and Melinda ran the business after first working as a school teacher. She now volunteers in the Wildlife Care Center.

“Portland Audubon reflects our values,” Melinda said. “I like the activism and conservation emphasis. People there are working to make a better future for animals and birds.”

As parents of two and grandparents of five, Melinda says, “I appreciate that Portland Audubon is engaging young people and working to reach out to non-members.”

Of the environmental organizations they support, Melinda says Portland Audubon is at the top. “We donate to national organizations, too, but by giving local we have a better chance to know that the organization is legit and they’re spending the money well. Charity Navigator ranks Portland Audubon a 4-Star, and that’s also important.”

Melinda and Don’s commitment to acting locally led them to create habitat in their yard that qualifies them for Gold Level Backyard Habitat Certification. “There are many needs, and I want to help everywhere, but my friends say, ‘You can’t save the world.’ I say, ‘I know, but I can save the birds in my own backyard.’”

Melinda says, “We’re not really birders, but we like being in nature,” and their support of Portland Audubon fits who they are by allowing them to support both what they value and what they enjoy. By using the holiday match, their giving to Portland Audubon makes an even greater impact.

For more than 100 years, Audubon Society of Portland and its supporters have played an instrumental role in shaping the beautiful lands we call home, from establishing our first wildlife refuges, to helping make Portland one of the greenest cities in the country.

By making a gift today, you help ensure that Portland Audubon will continue to inspire people to love and protect birds and the natural world, building a community dedicated to creating a sustainable future for all.

Donate today: audubonportland.org/support
Celebrate Solstice at the Sanctuary

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**Audubon Society of Portland gear**

Do you proudly wear your Portland Audubon logo? Try one of our beautiful new fleece jackets. Not only does our name appear on the front, but it is incorporated into the custom designed image of an owl in flight. We just received a new shipment of women’s fleece in a muted grape shade. Yummy!

Artist Sue Coccia of EarthArt International in Seattle, Washington, has added our logo to her brightly colored mugs. Her "Animal Spirits" series invokes totems of the Pacific Northwest mammals and birds we love. Marushka T-shirts have simple and timeless graphics, and each carries the Portland Audubon name across the back neckline. You have probably seen our elegant Touchstone porcelain pendants with images of Pacific Northwest birds and wildlife. This season we've added our Portland Audubon logo to the back of the pendant. Plus we've made a few into holiday tree ornaments.

**Inspiring Imagination!**

The Nature Store has all of your holiday toy needs covered! From plush critters and stocking stuffers, to educational toys and children’s books, we have something for every age.

Folkmanis Puppets are a Nature Store holiday favorite. These intricately detailed puppets are modeled after wildlife of the Pacific Northwest and beyond, and they inspire and encourage interactive play and imagination. Folkmanis Puppets not only meet standards for education and child development, they also meet kid standards of fun and cuddliness! We also carry a variety of stuffed animals and toys from Douglas Cuddle Toys that are cute, snuggly, and realistic. Amber the Fox and Swoop the Barn Owl are sure to be hits.

Toy manufacturer edbo is dedicated to creating well-made, educational, and beautiful toys. We carry a variety of edbo’s board games, puzzles, stationary sets, and more. The Life on Earth matching game is fun for children of different ages and skill levels. This classic matching game is taken to another level with intriguing illustrations and a unique style.

Carson Optical offers optics for children—perfect for the budding birder or nature lover! Their HU-530 Hawk compact 30mm binocular is durable and lightweight, making for a great beginning pair of binoculars. Carson also offers a variety of magnifying glasses and viewers for close-up looks at insects, leaves, rocks, and minerals.

Stocking stuffers can be found in just about every section of the Nature Store! Woodland critter lip gloss, mini owl eraser packs, twiggly pens and pencils, wind-up toys, finger puppets, magnets, stickers, puzzles, coloring books, and even the classic Audubon Bird Call all make great additions to any stocking.

Toys at the Nature Store aren’t just for fun—they inspire creativity and exploration of the natural world around us! Whether you’re a kid, or just a kid at heart, the perfect holiday toys are waiting for you at the Nature Store.

**Portland Audubon Book Club**

6pm–7:30pm • Interpretive Center at Audubon Society of Portland

[Contact Pat Gorman at gormanp3@gmail.com](mailto:gormanp3@gmail.com)

On Wednesday, December 13, we will meet to discuss Mozart’s Starling, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt. The intertwined stories of Mozart’s beloved pet and Hanget’s own rescued starling provide an unexpected window into human-animal friendships, music, the secret world of starlings, and the nature of creative inspiration. A blend of natural history, biography, and memoir, Mozart’s Starling is a tour de force that awakens a surprising new awareness of our place in the world.

Buy your copy of selected books in the Nature Store and receive 20% off the list price!