

# Audubon Society of Portland

2015–2016 Annual Report



**Welcome to our 2016 Annual Report**, the first I've had the honor to introduce as Executive Director. Precious few organizations have Portland Audubon's ability both to connect people from all walks of life with nature, and to inspire them to act for its protection. We've been at this since 1902 when we helped establish three of the first wildlife refuges on the West Coast—places like Malheur—and we've been going full speed ever since. Conservation requires constant vigilance, and a bold vision for the future.

**2016 was another strong year.** On the ground, we were instrumental in several of the greatest conservation issues to impact our state, as well as the nation. At Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, we galvanized supporters to stand up for public lands, and helped focus media on the real story: an effective collaboration between conservationists, the Burns Paiute Tribe, ranchers, and federal agencies that were being attacked by an armed occupation. In Portland, the philosophy “endless pressure, endlessly applied” helped secure some of the strongest legislation in America to ban dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure for a more sustainable city. On the Willamette River, our organizing helped generate more comments on a Superfund site than any in EPA history. And in education, our community was instrumental in placing a funding measure for Outdoor School on the statewide ballot—a successful campaign that will soon fund a week of outdoor education for every child in Oregon.

Financially, we outperformed our budget, and invested resources to improve our efficiency and effectiveness. We've maintained a coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator by committing over 80 percent of every dollar raised to directly support our mission. That efficiency level is possible because we are truly a volunteer-empowered organization: with 450 extraordinary volunteers providing 40 percent of our workforce.

**Each and every day, our community** of Audubon members and supporters works to expand our bond with nature that its future depends upon. We hope that you find this report on our progress inspiring at an important and uncertain time for protecting our planet. Thank you for your role in making it happen.



**Nick Hardigg**  
Executive Director



Enthusiastic swift watchers,  
Nick and daughter Ellie

# Oregon wouldn't be Oregon without Audubon Society of Portland.

**For more than 100 years,** Audubon Society of Portland and its members 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. Through advocacy, education, habitat restoration, and volunteerism, we work 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.



Last year, our community showed its strength and its passion for Oregon by rallying together to speak out against the occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, working to ban new fossil fuel infrastructure in Portland, protecting forage fish off our coasts, helping to bring Outdoor School to every child in this great state, treating 3,000 injured and orphaned wildlife at our Wildlife Care Center, and educating 12,000 youth and 3,000 adults in environmental education.

Each member, volunteer, camper, Birdathoner, citizen scientist, activist, Backyard Habitat builder, funder, partner, staff and board member is a piece of a larger complex puzzle that works seamlessly across the state to protect our native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. Together, our efforts have protected marine, forest, wetland, desert, grassland, and urban ecosystems, preserving landscapes across the state and helping to save species.

William Finley, our founder, had a vision of the future, one where birds and wild places could flourish, a sign of a healthy ecosystem for all life. Today, as we continue to grow and welcome new people and ideas to our community, we know that this organization can only become stronger, working off the legacy of those who came before us to preserve a future for those who will follow.



## People will protect what they love and understand.

Our environmental education programs nurture tomorrow's advocates by inspiring people of all ages to explore and connect with the natural world, helping to build a sustainable future for all life.

A place where  
the wild meets  
the classroom



### The Next Generation of Environmental Advocates

During a summer camp trip up to the San Juan Islands, two wild orcas swam within 15 feet of a boat that contained a group of inspired and awestruck Portland Audubon campers. It was a magical experience witnessing these great mammals out in nature, and led to the kids learning about whales and marine conservation. When the campers went to The Whale Museum, instead of visiting the gift shop, multiple kids decided they wanted to selflessly use their spending money to adopt an orca, helping with the species' conservation.

That's the power of environmental education. People protect the things they love, and nothing ignites a young person's love of nature more than experiencing it firsthand. Whether they find a Pacific Giant Salamander along our trails, observe an Anna's Hummingbird as it hovers in front of a Red-flowering Currant, or watch a rehabilitated Green Heron as it's released over the Columbia Slough, children leave our camps, school programs, field trips, outdoor school trips, and sanctuary tours with a

deeper understanding of wildlife and wild places. This future generation can use that knowledge to protect their wild neighbors and habitat so that their children and their children's children can experience the same magnificent sights, sounds, smells, and adventures.

More than 1,200 children attended our winter, summer, and spring camps, birding through the urban landscape, visiting the Redwood forest in California, traversing Mt. Hood, and exploring the Gorge, learning about native flora and fauna as they hiked, climbed, swam, and tiptoed through all different habitats. In our in-school programs, our educators worked with teachers to bring birds, bats, reptiles, amphibians, and more into their studies, linking scientific inquiry with natural history and the many issues wildlife face in our urban environment. Once we pass around the skull of an owl or snake skin, or introduce students to one of our education birds, school becomes a place where the wild meets the classroom, inspiring and educating students all at once.

This year we also were excited to offer camps for the first time on Portland's east side, reaching a larger audience of kids with programs like Wild in the City, Let's Go Birding, and Jr. Audubon Ranger. We also continue to provide free and low-cost summer camps to youth in the Portland-metro area, bringing environmental education to students who might otherwise have



FROGS AND FRIENDS SUMMER CAMP

## A foundation in environmental education

limited access. This past year we served a total of 191 young people and partnered with community organizations including ROSE (Revitalizing Outer South East), Hacienda CDC, and Bienestar, and local elementary schools like, Lynch Meadows, Harrison Park, and Ockley Green.

### Bringing Outdoor School to All Oregon Children

How does a state become a national leader in conservation? By giving youth a foundation in environmental education. Portland Audubon offers its own Outdoor School experience for children in Oregon, but we want every child to have access to this life-changing week long experience.

That's why, in 2016, Portland Audubon worked with the Outdoor School for All campaign to put Outdoor School on the ballot. We provided funding, support with fundraising, expertise, and connections with the statewide Audubon chapter network so that, after November, a week of outdoor education will be available to over 50,000 children every year.

### Adult Education

Children are indeed our future conservationists, but adults are the ones on the ground making decisions that affect our planet right now, so providing them with a solid background in environmental education is key to keeping Oregon healthy and green. It's never too late to develop a profound connection with the natural world, and for many, that connection opens up an entirely new world that's just right outside their front door.

Through our classes, talks, trips, and outings, people of all ages learned about raptors, songbirds, seabirds, migration, mammals, butterflies, geology, amphibians, plant life, and so much more. From Sauvie Island to Nadaka Nature Park to Oaks Bottom, we get people outside to learn about their wild neighbors.

For those who want to explore further into Oregon and beyond its borders, we offered six international and 11 domestic trips to exciting locations like Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Cuba, Jamaica, Thailand, Borneo, France, and Spain. Participants immersed themselves in the flora and fauna, as well as the culture of an entirely new place.





NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMER CAMP

### **TALON (Teach, Advocate, Learn, Observe, Nurture)**

Now in its fourth year, the TALON community continues to bridge an opportunity gap for many young people of color living in East Multnomah and North Clackamas counties. With a total of 28 TALON members served to date, we strongly believe in a holistic and

long-term approach to environmental education, allowing each young person to bring their full selves into our community. Whether through inspiring hikes in the forest or deep conversations about race and racism, the TALON program offer participants the tools to become well informed leaders in their communities, while providing them with the opportunity to create meaningful relationships with the natural world, Portland Audubon and most importantly, to one another.

With the primary focus of helping to diversify the environmental movement, the TALON program serves to: increase the percentage of youth of color who pursue volunteerism, higher education and/or employment opportunities in various fields of the environmental movement including but not limited to conservation, environmental education, land stewardship, and wildlife care.

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people of color



TALON APPRENTICES

**Building on its more than 100 year legacy** of saving and restoring bird and wildlife habitat in Oregon, Portland Audubon inspires people to love and understand the natural world, and activates them to help protect it. There are a myriad of ways to get involved as we work to make Portland the greenest city in North America and protect birds and other wildlife across Oregon's marine, forest, wetland, desert, grassland, and urban ecosystems.

## Protecting Oregon's Most Important Bird Habitat

### Malheur and Klamath National Wildlife Refuges

In the early 1900s, Portland Audubon's founder, William Finley, started this organization, in part, to help establish the first national wildlife refuges in Oregon. Thanks to Finley's direct appeals to President Roosevelt, Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks National Wildlife Refuges were created, providing protection for some of the most important birding areas on the Pacific Flyway.

Over the last 114 years, Portland Audubon has advocated for our refuges, organized restoration efforts, and monitored bird populations. However, this past year, despite their designation as safe havens for wildlife, both Malheur and Klamath needed our help more than ever.

Malheur made international headlines after an illegal armed occupation took over the refuge for 41 days, a move that threatened our public lands, the restoration of the habitat, and the burial grounds and cultural artifacts of the Burns Paiute Tribe. Portland Audubon, Oregon Wild, and the Center for Biological Diversity rallied the public to show their support for public lands during the armed occupation. More than 400 people came to the Portland rally, and thousands more

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showed their support through signing up to volunteer on the refuge, donating to help the refuge, and speaking to their representatives about the importance of protecting public lands. During those devastating days we continued our collaborative work with the refuge, the Burns Paiute Tribe, and ranchers, helping to secure a 6 million dollar grant to help restore Malheur and surrounding lands. In the spring, as the refuge was understaffed and recovering after the occupation, our field biologist, Candace Larson, conducted bird surveys, making us an invaluable part of the wildlife monitoring program.



SPEAKING UP FOR MALHEUR AND PUBLIC LANDS





At the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, the public finally had the chance to weigh in on the refuges' Comprehensive Conservation Plan, the plan that will determine the future of the refuge. Under current management, Klamath's wetlands go dry every year while refuge water is given to big agribusiness to grow crops on leased refuge land. We gathered public comments and provided our own technical comments on the plan with the goal of restoring Klamath to its original purpose, supporting birds, and ensuring that the refuges' water goes to the refuge wetlands where it is most needed.

## Protecting forage fish for seabirds

### Ocean Habitat

Oregon's marine ecosystem faces threats from climate change, oil spills, development pressure, and overfishing. As with Oregon's land-based habitat, we need to manage marine habitat in a manner that sustains and restores this great legacy.

In a major advancement for seabirds and other marine species, Portland Audubon and its partners, Pew Charitable Trusts, California Audubon, and Oceana, successfully advocated for forage fish to be protected in both federal and state waters, specifically

seven species and species groups of forage fish, including Pacific sand lance, Osmerid smelt species, silversides, pelagic squids, and others. Many of these fish are important prey for the more than one million seabirds that nest along Oregon's coast, from the federally listed Marbled Murrelet to the Tufted Puffin.

### East Sand Island

Despite opposition from groups like Portland Audubon and public protest, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continued to slaughter Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island, contributing to a total colony collapse. A federal district court ruled that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers acted unlawfully by failing to consider alternatives to killing Double-crested Cormorants on the Columbia River. The birds are the latest scapegoat offered by federal agencies in an effort to divert attention from the ongoing harm to Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead from the federal hydropower system. The court's ruling, however, allows continued slaughter of up to 10,000 cormorants and destruction of more than 26,000 nests. We are committed to continuing to fight this unjust slaughter, both to save the lives of these birds and to help salmon by asking the Corps to fix the dams, the real threat to our salmon population.





## Rethinking Our Floodplains

As a result of a lawsuit brought in 2009 against FEMA by Audubon Society of Portland, Northwest Environmental Defense Center, National Wildlife Federation and the Association of NW Steelheaders, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) concluded that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) must change its implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program in Oregon to better protect imperiled salmon, steelhead and Southern Resident Killer Whales. These changes will protect not only listed salmon and steelhead but also people, property, and American taxpayers. The challenge now is for FEMA, working with state and local agencies in Oregon, to change the flood insurance program so that only sensible development takes place within Oregon's floodplains.

## Protecting the Greater Sage-Grouse on Steens Mountain

Portland Audubon and the Oregon Natural Desert Association won our lawsuit to stop an industrial-scale wind project that would have forever marred one of Oregon's most cherished high desert natural areas, and a home to the near threatened Greater Sage-Grouse, a species facing habitat loss all across its sage-brush habitat.

## Creating the Greenest City in the Country

### Cities Lead: Fighting Climate Change

Coming off our win in early 2015, stopping Pembina from building a propane terminal on the Columbia River, Portland Audubon and our partners, 350PDX, Columbia Riverkeeper, Physicians for Social

# Infusing environmental protection into the city's DNA

Responsibility, and others, made another big advancement in the fight against climate change. On November 12, 2015, the Portland City Council voted 5-0 to pass a resolution that puts in place the strongest municipal ban on new large-scale fossil fuel infrastructure in the United States. Portland became the first city in the United States to stand up and say that it will not be part of building another generation of fossil fuel infrastructure, when we should be moving toward cleaner energy options.

### Planning for Portland's Future

Much of our work is very visible, from our camps to our Backyard Habitat Certification Program to our Wildlife Care Center, but one of the things that makes Portland Audubon unique and particularly effective is our commitment to long-range planning. By sitting on committees, working with decision makers, and helping convert conservation proposals into code, we infuse the protection and restoration of natural resources into the DNA of the city. These long-range plans create the framework for everything in the city so when a new street, building, or park is built, our environment and local wildlife are considered during the process. These processes can take years, but once put into code, the city reaps the benefits for decades.



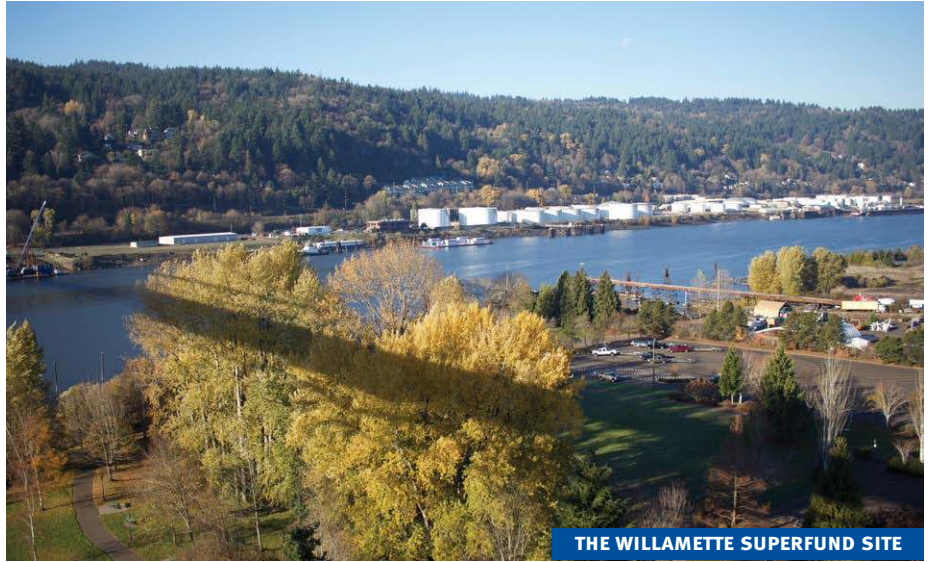
RALLY FOR DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANTS

## Clean water for people and wildlife

Two big plans that moved toward completion last year were the Central City Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. While not finalized yet, thanks to our work, we anticipate a doubling of the width of the greenway, the construction of restoration sites on the Willamette to make it more viable for wildlife and increase access to the river for people, an integration of bird-friendly lighting and building design, an increase in access to nature for all people, and green roofs on buildings more than 20,000 square feet in size. Perhaps the biggest win is how the city handles industrial lands. Instead of converting natural areas like Hayden Island into industrial lands, the city plans on requiring that industry cleans up brownfields to make use of the industrial land they have. That not only protects wildlife habitat, it also cleans up contaminants from our community.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



THE WILLAMETTE SUPERFUND SITE

### Cleaning Up the Willamette River

After 16 years of research, the EPA finally released its plan to clean up the Willamette River Superfund Site, a 10 mile stretch of the river contaminated with DDT, PCBs, dioxins, lead, arsenic and other heavy metals. Unfortunately, the EPA's plan fell far short of our hopes to see a clean river in our lifetime. Together with a coalition of environmental organizations, community groups, and tribes, we educated the public, advocated for a better plan, and broke the record for the number of public comments ever received on a Superfund site. The EPA is now reviewing all comments and will come back with a finalized plan.

### Getting the Community Involved in Conservation

#### Backyard Habitat

Our Backyard Habitat Certification Program, operated in partnership with the Columbia Land Trust, continues to



BACKYARD HABITAT PROGRAM

be one of our fastest growing programs. Its aim, to restore our urban habitat one backyard at a time, is creating corridors of habitat for urban wildlife as they navigate through the city. In the last year Backyard Habitat enrolled nearly 600 new properties



and installed more than 16,000 native trees and shrubs, bringing us to a total of 3,400 homes spanning more than 820 acres in Portland, Fairview, and Gresham! That's more than quadruple the size of Mt. Tabor Park!

### Understanding Birds Through Citizen Science

Our Citizen Science program helps us understand how bird populations change over time, providing data that enables us to best protect wildlife and their habitat. Our volunteer and staff citizen scientists are boots on the ground from Sauvie Island to Malheur to the coast, monitoring nests, and populations for species like the federally listed Marbled Murrelet and Streaked Horned Lark, the Black Oystercatcher, and the Vaux's Swifts.

Portland Audubon's citizen science program on the coast is helping us understand bird populations across Oregon's new system of marine reserves. This includes nest monitoring at seabird colonies in the Cape Perpetua and Cape Falcon marine reserves, Black Oystercatcher abundance and nest monitoring in all five reserves, and a Marbled Murrelet survey training at Cape Perpetua. More than 100 volunteers take part in these surveys, and we reach out to thousands of people on the importance of marine reserves and seabird conservation through our outreach. Other projects include the Fernhill Wetlands Bird Surveys, the Hayden Island Cat Project, and the Sauvie Island Grassland Bird Surveys.

**The only resource of its kind in Portland** and the oldest rehabilitation center in the country, the Wildlife Care Center rehabilitates injured and orphaned native wildlife, educates the public to reduce human/wildlife conflicts, and collects valuable scientific data. Our goal is to create a community equipped with the tools and knowledge to coexist with our wild neighbors.



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

However, about halfway down to the location, another call came in notifying Lacy that the merganser was no longer

the only bird in need of rescue. A Bald Eagle who spotted the duck swooped down to make the entangled bird a meal. In the eagle's attempt to catch the duck, she got caught in that very same fishing line.

The Wildlife  
Care Center:  
911 for native  
wildlife

## Teaching the public to coexist with their wild neighbors

Remember that small net, towel, and box Lacy brought with her? Those were perfect for rescuing a large duck, but not at all ideal for capturing an injured 12-pound female Bald Eagle.

Remarkably, using just the tools at her disposal and her years of experience working with wildlife, Lacy was able to untangle both birds and bring them into the WCC for treatment.

Television and print media picked up the birds' rescue and care, and soon, more than half a million people learned about this Bald Eagle and her journey. On a sunny day along Portland's Southwest Waterfront, more than 500 people came out to watch the bird be released back into the wild.

That's the power of rehabilitation. In addition to the 3,000 individual native animals we treat each year, we affect so many more by educating the public about issues like pollution, window strikes, cat predation, lead poisoning, and other common human-made hazards. Through phone calls and email inquiries, our website, in-person



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visits, media, and social media, we equip the public with the tools to peaceably coexist with wildlife.

The Wildlife Care Center also hosts our largest volunteer program; 150 passionate wildlife advocates help make our work possible by caring for wildlife, cleaning cages, doing laundry and dishes, working with the education birds, helping the public with wildlife issues, entering data, and so much more.



SAW WHET OWL

Much of the great work that has been done, from education to rehabilitation to research, was thanks to Dr. Deb Sheaffer, the Wildlife Care Center's longtime veterinarian and passionate wildlife advocate. Tragically, Deb passed away in July, just a little more than a month after she learned that the cancer she had battled so bravely the previous summer had returned. Deb was Portland Audubon's Wildlife Veterinarian for 12 years and before that, she spent years as a dedicated volunteer. More than that, though, she was a vital part of our community, patiently and kindly working with volunteers, staff, and the public and caring for tens of thousands of injured wild animals. We continue to work off her legacy, saving lives and giving a voice to our wild neighbors.



**Connecting people with the natural world** and protecting wildlife habitat, Portland Audubon's three sanctuaries provide welcoming and inspirational natural places for the public to enjoy and learn about nature, and a home for both common and endangered native species.

### NW Portland Sanctuary

Just 10 minutes from downtown Portland, our 150-acre sanctuary is the perfect place for people of all ages to connect with nature. The public can visit our Wildlife Care Center, Nature

Store, and Interpretive Center, walk more than four miles of family-friendly trails to see old growth forest, a pond, and streams, and take part in a multitude of educational classes and events offered throughout the year.



Connecting  
40,000 people  
with the  
natural world

**Wildlife:** Visitors delight in spotting Wilson's Warblers, Steller's Jays, Northern Flickers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Spotted Towhees, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Barred Owls, Varied Thrushes, Pacific Giant Salamanders, Red-legged Frogs, Rough Skinned Newts, Ravens, and Douglas Squirrels as they walk the trails.

**Education Birds:** Many come specifically to meet our non-releasable education birds and education turtle, all of whom serve as ambassadors for their species, teaching thousands of people about animal behavior, adaptations, and conservation.

**A Place to Learn:** By maintaining a welcoming, educational, and 95 percent invasive-free nature sanctuary within the city limits of the largest metro area in the state, we're able to reach 40,000 people, connecting them with the natural world, and teaching them about the native animals that live in their local forests, backyards, and beyond. Visitors can walk our trails, speak to staff and volunteers, and learn about their local ecosystem.



A wonderful  
place for  
children to  
explore the  
natural world

## Ten Mile Creek

Located on the coast near Yachats, Oregon, the Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary is a 216-acre reserve of extraordinary ecological importance. It includes the largest intact stand of coastal temperate rainforest of Sitka Spruce and Western Hemlock in the lower 48 states and is home to the federally listed Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl.



NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL



MILLER SANCTUARY

**Conservation and Research:** The Audubon Society of Portland's coastal conservation and research work includes planting native tree species, eradicating non-native plant species, collaborating with fish and wildlife agencies to conduct spawning surveys, and monitoring the health of Ten Mile Creek's salmon populations. We also work with the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and Ocean Policy Advisory Council to protect Oregon's natural heritage of marine wildlife and near-shore habitats.

**Education:** We offer hands-on environmental education programs for students ranging from elementary school children to graduate students. Class visits include hikes through the woods and presentations by biologists, plus interactive projects like counting salmon to assess river health.

Education tours are also available for scientists, Forest Service officials, and policy makers.

**Ecological Importance:** In addition to having the largest intact stand of coastal temperate rainforest of Sitka Spruce and Western Hemlock in the lower 48 and being home to the federally listed Marbled Murrelet and Northern Spotted Owl, Ten Mile also provides a critical link between the 9,300-acre Cummins Creek Wilderness to the north and the 7,400-acre Rock Creek Wilderness to its south. Together they provide a continuous intact forest canopy that stretches across five watershed basins.



## Marmot Cabin and the Miller Wildlife Sanctuary

A wonderful place for children to explore the natural world and learn about wildlife, healthy ecosystems and natural history, Marmot Cabin and the adjoining Miller Wildlife Sanctuary host overnight trips, three- to five-day camps, Outdoor School and more so youth can gain a deeper connection with nature and get hands-on science-based environmental education.

**Education:** At this facility children on overnight trips and at our own brand of Outdoor School programs learn about the art of animal tracking, bird language, fire building and Pacific Northwest ecology. Marmot Cabin and the surrounding habitat provide us with an invaluable resource to be able to connect children to nature and

provide students with a hands-on science-based curriculum in environmental education.

**Wildlife:** Every major forest species of animal found west of the Cascades either inhabits or travels through the Miller Wildlife Sanctuary, including Pileated Woodpecker, Swainson's Thrush, Ruffed Grouse, Great Horned Owl, American Beaver, Roosevelt Elk, Mule Deer, Coyote, Bobcat, Mountain Lion, and American Black Bear.

Marmot is on the tail end of a major renovation to make it an even better place for camps, overnights, and Outdoor School visits. Soon, we will install two new yurts to serve as boys' and girls' sleeping quarters and re-open the sanctuary for our education program. This year, our staff worked closely with architects, county officials

## Hands-on Science based environmental education



and state officials to complete the evaluations and plans needed for work to begin at the site. We look forward to seeing campers and school groups arrive back at Marmot to explore the incredible habitat and the wildlife that lives there.



**More than 450 volunteers devote their time** to help us reach our mission of inspiring people to love and protect nature. Their collective work has increased our staffing by an additional 23.4 full-time employees by giving 48,770 volunteer hours during the 2015–2016 fiscal year, making them an essential part of the Portland Audubon team.

## A community of passionate volunteers

Volunteers play an instrumental role in every department, working to care for injured wildlife at the Wildlife Care Center, educating children on sanctuary tours, sorting plant species at our native plant sale, entering data for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, photographing events, leading birdsong walks, answering phones at our reception desk, participating in citizen science projects, maintaining sanctuary trails, and so much more.

### Community Outreach Events

Throughout the year, the Audubon Society of Portland provides opportunities for the Portland-metro community to learn about the flora and fauna in Oregon. 2015–2016 highlights included: Wild Arts Festival, Native Plant Sale, Portland Christmas Bird Count, Raptor Road Trip, Great Blue Heron Week, Swift Watch, Catio Tour, Vulture Awareness Day, Halloween Night Flight, and Birdathon.



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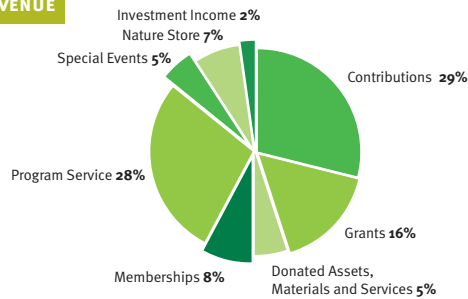
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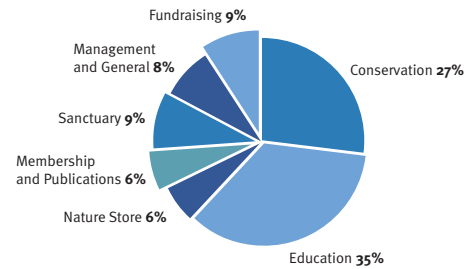


# Financial Statements July 1, 2015 — June 30, 2016

## 2015–2016 REVENUE



## 2015–2016 EXPENSES



## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 333,010
Grants and accounts receivables	163,794
Inventory	195,538
Prepaid Expenses	89,915
Investments	4,556,057
Property and equipment, net	1,426,670
Conservation property	2,003,110
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,768,094</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable	113,308
Accrued Expenses	145,876
Deferred revenue	415,000
Note payable	—
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 674,184</b>

## NET ASSETS

### Unrestricted

Available for operations	543,312
Board designated	492,919
Conservation property and net property and equipment	1,909,623
<b>Total unrestricted</b>	<b>2,945,854</b>
Temporarily restricted	4,176,660
Permanently restricted	971,396
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,093,910</b>

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 8,768,094**

## REVENUES

Contributions	\$ 949,435
Grants	540,958
Donated assets, materials and services	163,141
Memberships	263,223
Program Service	922,732
Special Events	168,259
Nature Store	235,200
Investment Income	82,533
Net realized/unrealized investment gain (loss)	6,789
Change in perpetual trust	-32,621
Other income	\$7,887

**Total Revenue \$ 3,307,536**

## EXPENSES

Conservation	\$911,165
Education	1,192,264
Nature Store	208,025
Membership and Publications	205,060
Sanctuary	290,440
Management and General	253,625
Fundraising	309,300

**Total Expenses \$ 3,369,879**

**Increase (decrease) in net assets -\$ 62,323**

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