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Bohemian Waxwings, photo by Tara Lemezis.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thankful for Your Support as We Work Together for Nature

by Stuart Wells, Executive Director

Hello, Portland Audubon Community. As we wrap up our 120th year of conservation work in Oregon, I am thankful to have had robust support from you throughout the year. You'll read in this issue about the successes Portland Audubon has achieved primarily due to your support for our work over the years. I want to start by thanking every one of you for your membership, your participation in our diverse conservation programs, and, equally as important, your willingness to provide direct contributions to Portland Audubon to help us continue the vital work necessary to save birds and their habitats.

Our skill at developing multidimensional approaches to advancing conservation, wildlife rehabilitation, education, and habitat protection qualifies us as the leader, in Oregon and the region, in environmental action. With your support, we have built a team of professional educators, scientists, and a powerful advocacy team that takes on some of Oregon's toughest issues. Next year, we will implement a new strategic plan that has identified ways of enhancing our initiatives, one of which is to build on existing partnerships and collaborations with communities of color and other historically marginalized communities. In addition, our strategic plan will increase statewide reach, improve access to nature for all, and build the capacity we need to take on the toughest issues.

You can help Portland Audubon continue the critical work we do throughout Oregon by making an end-of-year contribution. Know that every dollar you give is used right here in Oregon to protect the wildlife and wild places that you care about most.

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Celebrating a Year of Success

Northern Spotted Owl, photo by Scott Carpenter.

This year, Portland Audubon celebrated its 120th year. That's more than a century of activism, education, and community building all centered around the mission to protect native birds and their habitat. The mark we've left on the Oregon landscape can be seen everywhere from the breeding seabirds at Oregon's Marine Reserves, to the sagebrush steppe of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, to the vibrant parks and greenspaces system in the Portland metro area.

How did we celebrate? We continued our legacy of making transformational change across the state. We'd like to share just a few of our wins with you, as we reflect on a historic year.

Conservation

This was a huge year for conservation at the local and statewide level. There were big wins on many issues, some after years, even decades, of work.

The Elliott State Forest

The Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 1546 and allocated \$121 million to create the Elliott State Research Forest with strong new protections for the Elliott's mature forests, imperiled species, and water quality, creating a 34,000-acre reserve, the largest reserve in the entire Coast Range. The 82,000-acre Elliott State Forest is one of the crown jewels of the Oregon Coast Range and a stronghold for federally listed Marbled Murrelets, Northern Spotted Owls, and Coho salmon.



Elliott State Research Forest bill signing ceremony
(Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger is on the far left in the second row.)

New Protections on 10 Million Acres of Private Forestland

The legislature also passed Senate Bill 1501, establishing important new protections for streams on more than 10 million acres of private forestland in Oregon. These protections will benefit listed salmon, steelhead, and bull trout as well as other species such as stream-dwelling amphibians, beaver, and birds that utilize riparian habitats. Portland Audubon was proud to be part of a six-person team representing conservation interests that spent more than a year in intense negotiations with timber interests, mediated by the governor's office.

Two Wins for Rocky Shores

This past spring, two south coast rocky habitats received increased protections thanks to joint advocacy from Portland Audubon and coastal groups. Coquille Point was designated as a Marine Garden, and Cape Blanco was designated as a Marine Research Area. New protections include no harvest of invertebrates and marine plants in intertidal areas except by permit, and at Coquille Point additional education will inform visitors on best practices to minimize disturbance to tidepools, baby seals, and nesting birds.

On the Urban Landscape

The year saw some major victories including adoption of updated environmental zones, expanded planting areas for trees in the right-of-way, and advancement of a plan to significantly increase protections for urban floodplains. Portland Audubon worked with a broad coalition of groups to ensure that Metro committed to a full cleanup in the uplands at Willamette Cove, rather than leaving significant amounts of contamination on-site as originally proposed.

Trapping Reform

A particularly sweet victory occurred when the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission took a long overdue step and adopted trapping reform regulations that require trappers using live-animal restraining traps, such as leg-hold traps, to check the traps every 48 hours, a major improvement from previously allowing as long as seven days between checks.

Education

Knowing that cost is a major barrier to nature education, our education team made sweeping changes to the costs of our programs to make them more accessible.

Sliding Scale Summer Camps

Camp offers youth the opportunity to explore, learn, and delight in nature for weeks at a time, while providing essential child care to families. However, the cost of camp programs has made them prohibitive for a significant number of families in our community. To address that barrier, this year we expanded access to camp by piloting a sliding scale payment model. It was an immediate success. Over 250 campers came to summer camp using discounted rates, with 10% of families opting to pay less than \$50 for a week of camp. When we removed cost as a barrier for attending camps, families responded. As a result, our programs now more fully represent the breadth of communities in our region.



Intro to Backcamping Camp, photo by Mitra Abidi.



Bird Days of Summer Birds & Bevvies, photo by Tara Lemezis.

Free and Sliding Scale Adult Programs

This year we had our second Bird Days of Summer programs, a series of beginner-friendly “pay what you can” programs for anyone curious about birds and nature. We also offered affinity outings for BIPOC birders, queer birders, and disabled birders, and even birding outings by bike, working to create spaces for everyone. Just like our summer camps, these programs filled up fast, showing the demand for accessible, beginner-friendly, and culturally responsive nature education. After a hiatus due to the pandemic, we also brought back our free Bird Song Walks, a much beloved Portland Audubon tradition with free outings every weekday morning in April and May.

Sanctuaries

Portland Audubon's Coastal Sanctuary Expands

At the start of 2022, Portland Audubon finalized a land acquisition that doubled the size of Ten Mile Creek, our wildlife sanctuary on the central Oregon coast. Doubling the size of Ten Mile allows us to continue restoring these beautiful parcels of high-value habitat, which includes the largest intact stand of coastal temperate rainforest of Sitka Spruce and Western Hemlock in the Lower 48 and is home to the federally listed Marbled Murrelet, Northern Spotted Owl, and Coho salmon.

We know that none of these advancements would be possible without the vast community that supports Portland Audubon with their dollars, advocacy, and on-the-ground participation. We'd like to thank our members, volunteers, donors, Birdathoners, activists, education participants, Backyard Habitat builders, staff, and partners. It's because of each of you that Portland Audubon continues to build on its legacy of conservation and nature education, co-creating a sustainable future for everyone.

Find the Perfect Gift at the Wild Arts Festival, December 10 & 11

by Sarah Swanson, Event Specialist

The Wild Arts Festival provides the perfect opportunity to find unique holiday gifts (and something nice for yourself)! On **December 10 and 11** this signature fundraising event, presented by Backyard Bird Shop, brings together a tantalizing array of art and books, all focused on the natural world.

Gifting for Good

Shopping at the Wild Arts Festival is a win-win-win proposition: you support local artists and authors and take home beautiful handmade art and delightful books while supporting Portland Audubon's mission to inspire all people to love and protect birds, wildlife, and the natural environment upon which life depends. Chat with a local author about their book and have them sign one for you or a lucky gift recipient. Talk to artists about their creative process while you enjoy their art. There is something for everyone at the festival.

Silent Auction

Our silent auction is packed with art, local wine, binoculars, local and international trips, and certificates for local businesses. Visit the silent auction now (wildartsfestival.org) to register in advance for online bidding and to buy raffle tickets for a pair of Swarovski EL 8.5 x 42 WB Swarobright binoculars (valued at \$1,700!).

Plan Your Visit

The artist pages and book-signing schedule at wildartsfestival.org can help you plan your visit to the Wild Arts Festival, but give yourself time to wander among the booths and through the silent auction as well. You never know what may catch your eye!

Buy your ticket now at
wildartsfestival.org



Artist and Author Preview

Every single one of the 62 presenting artists and 23 authors deserves your attention, but here are just a few to look forward to.

Erika Beyer ▶ turns her observations of Oregon's birds into bold paintings. Take home her work in the form of cards or framed "mini bird" reproductions.

Catherine Chandler ▶ creates jewelry with clean lines and natural themes that evoke her home in the Pacific Northwest.



Inspired by her love of Oregon's wilderness, **Clare Carpenter** creates linocuts and silk screens with local animals and plant designs. Find them on cards as well as textiles like table runners and pillows.

Rosemary Tobiga ▶ forms clay into bells, tiles, and garden sculptures rich with texture and natural imagery. Imagine a suet feeder with an ornate Japanese-inspired ceramic top.



▶ **John Harden** forms one-of-a-kind bowls, vases, and ornaments from hardwoods in intricately pieced patterns.



Portland birder Seymore Gulls will be signing his book **Neighborhood Birding 101** on Sunday. It's a fun and accessible entry into the identification of local birds.

Kristin Ohlson's **Sweet in Tooth and Claw** highlights examples of cooperation in nature and explores how humans can learn to be a beneficial part of the natural world. Talk with her and get your copy signed on Saturday.

Roddy Scheer has written an essential guide to the nature that can be found just a short walk from your car. He'll be signing **Oregon and Washington's Roadside Ecology** on Sunday.



Thank you to our wonderful Wild Arts Festival Sponsors!

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Black-capped Chickadee, photo by Mick Thompson.



Shopping with a positive impact!

The Nature Store is your one-stop shop for everyone on your list. From stocking stuffers for the kids, to new binoculars for your special someone, to a silly gift for a holiday party, there is sure to be something to fit your holiday needs. We will have our holiday staples including boxed notecards and sparkly bird ornaments, and new products from local vendors and beyond. **Not only do your dollars go directly back into Portland Audubon's programs and conservation efforts, but you support local and sustainable vendors.** Our selection of gifts, toys, feeders, and more will be sure to check off all the items on your holiday list. We are so grateful for the support of our loyal members and customers—we couldn't do our work without you!

Holiday Hours:

Open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Closed:** Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
- **Limited Hours:** Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Shop online!

The online Nature Store has some of our most popular items, and we are adding new products frequently.

www.naturestorepdx.squarespace.com

Questions? Call us at 503-292-9453 ext. 3 or email store@audubonportland.org. Check our online store for updates and more info.



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10% off Zeiss Terra 32 and 42 Models

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Zeiss Terra 8x32 Zeiss Terra 8x42 and 10x42
Sale Price: \$404.99 Sale Price: \$449.99

Leupold Alpine Instant Savings

Leupold's Alpine series includes binoculars and spotting scopes that are ready to hit the trail. Their HD glass is bright in less than optimal lighting conditions, and are lightweight enough to carry all day. Leupold is headquartered in Beaverton, and their products are backed by a lifetime guarantee.



BX-2 Alpine 8x42 Binoculars: \$189.99
(\$40 Instant Savings)

SX-2 Alpine 20-60x80mm Scope: \$429.99
(\$70 Instant Savings)



Nature Store Optics Picks

Great for Kids: Vortex Vanquish 8x26

The lifetime no-fault Vortex warranty is perfect for kids (and adults) and their wild adventures. The Vanquish has a good grip for small hands and offers a surprisingly nice view.

Member Price: \$94.99

Beginner Birders: Opticron Savanna R PC 8x33

The Savanna is a great entry point for binoculars. They are lightweight, easy to carry and hold with their open-bridge design, and won't break the bank.

Member Price: \$149

Ready to Up Your Game: Nikon Monarch M7 8x42

The newly designed and updated Monarch M7 checks all the boxes in a pair of birding binoculars: wide field of view, lightweight, long eye relief, locking diopter, and great ED glass and coatings.

Member Price: \$489.95

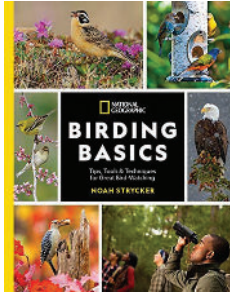
Last Pair You'll Ever Buy: Swarovski NL Pure 10x42

The NL Pure features some of the sharpest and brightest glass on the market. The new body design fits perfectly in your hands, and comes with an optional headrest for extra stability. Truly the last pair you'll ever need to buy!

Member Price: \$3,099



BOOKS | ADULTS



National Geographic Birding Basics: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Great Bird-Watching by Noah Strycker

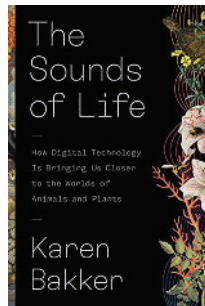
Not a field guide but a primer in best practices, this breezy book features easy-to-follow advice on what to look and listen for,

how to use field guides and birding apps, the best equipment to start with, and ways to engage with other birders around the world. Filled with fun facts and seasoned advice, this useful book will help you attract birds to your backyard, master bird identification, name a bird by its song, and witness the magic of migration.

Member Price: \$22.49

The Sounds of Life by Karen Bakker

The natural world is full of remarkable conversations, many beyond human hearing range. Scientists are using groundbreaking digital technologies to uncover these astonishing sounds, revealing vibrant communication among our fellow creatures across the Tree of Life. *The Sounds of Life* shares fascinating and surprising stories of nonhuman sound, interweaving insights from technological innovation and traditional knowledge.



Member Price: \$29.70

Best Little Book of Birds: Oregon Coast

by Sarah Swanson



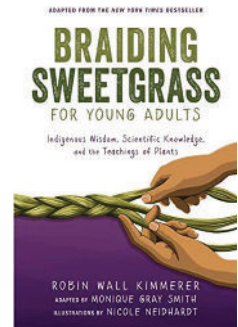
Oregon's coast is teeming with scores of beautiful birds, and this practical, pocket-sized, and beginner-friendly guide will help you find them. Its emphasis on best practices and habitat sustainability helps empower conservation and ensures that birding on the coast will be possible for years to come. Perfect for budding and

experienced birders alike, this sleek and compact guide is the ideal travel companion for every trip to the coast.

Member Price: \$15.29

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults by Robin Wall Kimmerer, adapted by Monique Gray Smith

Drawing from her experiences as an Indigenous scientist, botanist Robin Wall Kimmerer demonstrated how all living things—from strawberries and witch hazel to water lilies and lichen—provide us with gifts and lessons. Adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith, this new edition reinforces how wider ecological understanding stems from listening to the earth's oldest teachers: the plants around us. *Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults* brings Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.



Member Price: \$16.19

National Parks A to Z by Gus D'Angelo

From "An Avocet Awakes at Acadia" to "A Zebra-Tailed Lizard Zonks Out at Zion," *National Parks A to Z* is a

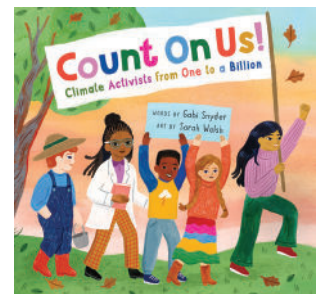


dynamic, entertaining, and informative book for children that celebrates outdoor adventures, history, diversity, and stewardship of our public lands.

Member Price: \$17.05

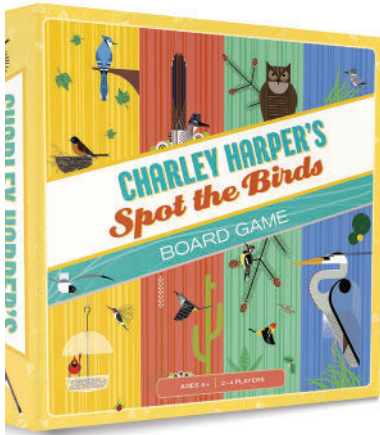
Count on Us! Climate Activists from One to a Billion by Gabi Snyder

Learn how a movement builds from one person to a billion in this A to Z environmental activism book. Readers count from 1 to 10—and then in larger increments to a billion—as they learn new terms from "conservation" to "activism." Inset boxes provide easy-to-understand definitions of additional new vocabulary words.



Member Price: \$16.19

The Nature Store carries a variety of gifts and games for all ages and interests, and you'll be sure to find the perfect holiday present for the young and young at heart in your life.



Charley Harper's
Spot the Birds Board Game

Member Price: \$26.96



Bigfoot Research Kit

Member Price: \$17.10

Little Dover
Activity Books—
activities, stickers,
coloring and more

Member Price: \$1.79



Glow-in-the-Dark Bugs
Youth T-shirt

Member Price: \$15.30



Assorted Audubon
Chirping Birds

Member Price: \$10.80



Outdoor Bingo

Member Price: \$5.40

Sibley Backyard
Birds Matching
Game

Member Price: \$13.49



Assorted EcoKins
Stuffed Animals

Member Price:
\$21.60





Wildwood Candle Co.

Fragrant 100% soy candles inspired by and dedicated to trails in Forest Park

Member Price: \$28.80



Allport Editions – Chickadee Snowman Boxed Holiday Cards

Boxed holiday cards, tea towels, and more collaborating with a variety of PNW artists

Member Price: \$15.26



Portland Bee Balm Assorted 3-pack

Simple and organic ingredients, handmade from PNW beeswax, supporting urban beekeepers

Member Price: \$9.00

LOCAL & ECO-FRIENDLY

There are many reasons to shop local, and the incredible artists and vendors in the Portland area make it easy with their unique offerings! Portland Audubon is proud to support artisans by carrying their products in the Nature Store.

Pampeana – Small Blue Heron Dish

Handmade glass nightlights and dishes, recycled and eco-friendly, fair trade and socially conscious

Member Price: \$12.60



Emily Poole Illustration – Heron and Crane Greeting Card

Greeting cards, stickers, books, and more by local natural history illustrator

Member Price: \$3.60





**Seattle
Chocolate
Woodland
Raccoon Gift
Box**

**Member Price:
\$17.10**



**Madd Capp
Puzzles – I Am
Blue Heron
300pc**

**Member Price:
\$16.20**



**Cobane Ornament –
Pileated Woodpecker**

Member Price: \$17.10



Mushroom T-shirts

Member Price: \$21.60

Flatyz Candles

Member Price: \$16.20



**Woodstock Chimes Habitats
Hummingbird Chime**

Member Price: \$32.40

**Heartwood
Classic
Birdhouse**

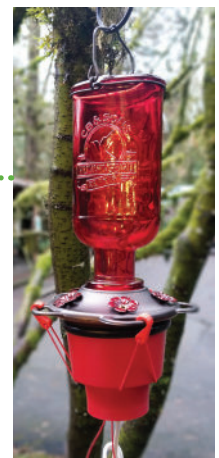
**Member Price:
\$50.40**



Hummingbird Feeder Heater

(attaches to the bottom of any
hummingbird feeder)

Member Price: \$39.60





Trumpeter Swans, photo by Mick Thompson.

Let's Go Birding!

Field Trip: Beginning Waterfowl ID at Fernhill Wetlands

December 7 | 8-11 a.m.

Fernhill Wetlands in winter is the perfect place to learn the basics of identifying ducks, geese, and swans.

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

Leader: Brodie Cass Talbott

Field Trip: Fernhill Wetlands for Beginners

December 11 | 8 a.m.-11 a.m.

Join Stefan for a 1-mile loop around Fernhill Wetlands. We will look at everything, but our focus is on the basics of the birds that are present. Waterfowl is most abundant, but there also should be raptors, little birds and maybe shorebirds.

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

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Field Trip: Advanced Waterfowl ID at Ankeny and Baskett Slough

December 15 | 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Visit these well-known Willamette Valley refuges searching for tricky waterfowl.

Fee: \$65 members / \$85 non-members

Leader: Brodie Cass Talbott

Audubon Birding Day: Celebrate the New Year in Washington County

January 1, 2023 | 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Start your 2023 checklist off with a celebration of birds that can be found in Washington County during this time of year.

Fee: \$85 members / \$115 non-members

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Sign up for trips at
bit.ly/PA-Birding-Days and
bit.ly/pdxaudubon-ecotours

Wallowa Winter Wonderland

February 16-19, 2023

On this self-driving trip based out of Enterprise our exciting bird-sighting aspirations are Bohemian Waxwing, Gray Partridge, Snow Bunting, Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch, and Gyrfalcon.

Fee: \$595 members / \$795 non-members

Leader: Stefan Schlick

Newport to Florence

March 24-26, 2023

This three-day coastal adventure will meet all of your birding and exploration desires! Join Stefan in searching for the endangered Western Snowy Plover, the striking White-tailed Kite, and the elusive Wrentit.

Fee: \$355 members / \$455 non-members

Leader: Stefan Schlick

The Sandhill Cranes of Othello

March 31-April 2, 2023

On this three-day, two-night adventure we will explore beautiful landscapes, from the basalt columns of Columbia National Wildlife Refuge to the gorgeous vistas of Saddle Mountain. We'll have good chances of seeing Long-billed Curlew, Tricolored Blackbird, Loggerhead Shrike, Chukar, Sagebrush and Vesper Sparrow, and Sage Thrasher, and of course thousands of Sandhill Cranes!

Fee: \$650 members / \$850 non-members

Leader: Stefan Schlick



White-tailed Kites, photo by Becky Matsubara.



Black Oystercatchers and Dunlin, photo by Eric Ellingson.

NATURE NIGHT

Nature Night: First Foods and Life Cycles

December 13 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Indigenous peoples have the longest memory of, and most profound connections to the life cycles of native plants and animals. Wenix Red Elk, the Education Outreach Coordinator for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), will share the specifics and preparation of First Foods like salmon, deer, elk, camas bulbs, biscuitroot and huckleberry.

Cost: Free, donation suggested

FREE



Nature Night: Oregon's Marine Reserves: What Have We Learned in 10 Years?

January 10 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Oregon's Marine Reserves and Marine Protected Areas were designated in 2012 with the goals of conserving marine habitats and biodiversity, providing a framework for scientific research and effectiveness monitoring, and avoiding significant adverse social and economic impacts on ocean users and coastal communities. It's been 10 years since the reserves were established. How has this program performed? What are the next steps? Please join this panel discussion where we will hear from marine reserves experts to understand the successes and challenges of Oregon's marine reserve program.

Cost: Free, donation suggested

FREE



Cost Involved



Public Transit Available

FREE

Free



Family Friendly



Wheelchair Accessible



Virtual Event or Program



Red-breasted Nuthatch journal page, by Jude Siegel.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Online Watercolor Painting with Ronna

December 14, Holiday Gift Cards: Chickadees and Wrens | 6-7:30 p.m.

Join this live, online class to paint alongside Ronna Fujisawa, experienced watercolor painter, art educator, and bird enthusiast. This class is appropriate for intermediate and ambitious beginners.

Fee: \$20 members / \$30 non-members

Instructor: Ronna Fujisawa



In-Person Watercolor Painting with Ronna

December 17, Holiday Gift Cards: Chickadees and Wrens | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join this in-person art class to paint alongside Ronna Fujisawa, experienced watercolor painter, art educator, and bird enthusiast. This class is appropriate for intermediate and ambitious beginners.

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

Instructor: Ronna Fujisawa



Bird Journal Basics (2 winter sessions)

December 10, Suggesting Habitats | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

January 14, Just for Fun Bird Pages | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Keeping a bird journal is fun, easy, portable, and a creative way to record your experiences with birds, at home, or anywhere in the field! Each class has a different focus, and each class reviews some basics. Come learn how to keep a bird journal in these in-person sessions. No art experience is needed! Register separately for each class.

Fee: \$55 members / \$75 non-members

Instructor: Jude Siegel



Sign up for classes and trips at
bit.ly/pdxaudubon-classes





Common Goldeneye, photo by Hayley Crews.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS

The Wonderful World of Waterfowl

December 6, Beginning Waterfowl Identification | 6-7 p.m.

December 13, Advanced Waterfowl Identification | 6-7 p.m.

Just in time for the return of millions of wintering waterfowl, this two-part online series of standalone classes provides everything you need to know to understand and identify the multitude of different Oregon waterfowl. Register separately for each class.

Fee: \$20 members / \$30 non-members

Instructor: Brodie Cass Talbott



Sign Up for This Year's Christmas Bird Count!

December 31, 2022

Portland's 97th annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be held on Saturday, December 31, 2022. We hope you'll join us, in the field or at your feeders, as we count every bird seen or heard inside the Portland count circle. The CBC encompasses over 2,500 count circles across North America and as far south as Brazil and is the longest-running large-scale wildlife data set in existence tracking bird populations over the past 123 years!

Sign up by visiting bit.ly/Christmas-Bird-Count-2022 and contacting your area leader.



WINTER BREAK CAMP

Forest Adventures Await!

This winter break, join Portland Audubon's expert educators for day camps in our forested Nature Sanctuary! Embark on outdoor adventures exploring the forest, discovering animal ecology, drawing, constructing, and creating to your heart's content!

GRADES 1-3

December 20 - Frosty Fairies

December 21 - Winter Forest Art

December 22 - Hoot's There

GRADES 4-6

December 20 - Merry Mammals

December 21 - Birds in Winter

December 22 - Wild Wintercrafting

Drop-off: 8:45/9 a.m., Pick-up: 3:15/3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$95 members/\$110 non-members

Register now at
bit.ly/PA-WinterBreakCamps



Give the Gift of a Portland Audubon Class or Trip!

Visit bit.ly/PAGiftCertificate to choose from a variety of gift certificate options that will provide a memorable experience for any lucky recipient!



PORTLAND AUDUBON

Gift Guide



Great Gray Owl, photo by Mick Thompson.

This holiday season, give the gift of a stronger connection to nature. When you give a new pair of optics, a camp, ecotour, field guide, or donation to protect wildlife, you are also giving the gift of a healthier Oregon for animals and people!

The Nature Store Brings the Outdoors Closer than Ever

Whether it's a new bird feeder bringing birds to your loved one's backyard, a field guide transporting them to a new location, binoculars providing a different angle on their favorite birds and wildlife, or a toy or game bringing joy and engagement to kids, the Nature Store is your one-stop shop. And if you're a member, you'll receive a 10% discount on that perfect gift.

Youth Camps

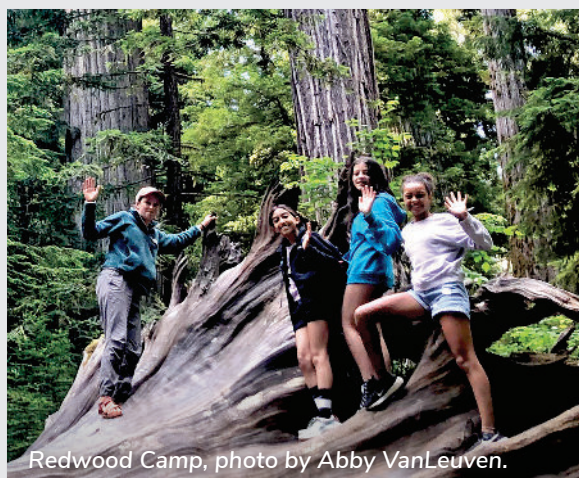
In our winter, spring, and summer camps, youth may discover a coastal giant salamander along our trails, observe a Bald Eagle soaring over the Gorge, or walk amongst the giant Redwoods. Or perhaps they want to learn archery, the craft of fire making, or nature photography. No matter what they choose, the child or teen in your life will get to learn, play, and explore, all while making friends, connecting to nature, and making lifelong memories.

Make Camps More Accessible

Camps at Portland Audubon allow kids to observe wildlife, explore Oregon's landscapes, and connect with nature. You can help us offer our holistic camps and school field trips to more children by donating to the Spencer Higgins Education Fund. And when you do, you will foster the growth of future land stewards.

Classes, Field Trips, and Audubon Birding Days

Your favorite lifelong learner will love a gift certificate for our Adult Education programs. We offer a wide array of classes that will help them sharpen their bird identification skills, learn the art of animal tracking, create exquisite nature journals, hunt for wild mushrooms, and join our expert naturalists on day-long Audubon Birding Days at some of Oregon's most stunning wild spaces. With a gift certificate, they can choose what ignites their passion most!



Redwood Camp, photo by Abby VanLeuven.

Send Them on the Ecotour of a Lifetime

You can send a loved one on a dream birding trip with Portland Audubon. They will see firsthand the unique birds of the world, explore different ecosystems, and gain cultural experiences. (It doubles as a gift for yourself if you go together!) Send them on or join our expert-guided trips to Costa Rica, Mongolia, or an Amazon River cruise in 2023.

Give a Portland Audubon Membership

From protecting imperiled species to building climate-resilient landscapes and inspiring people of all ages to explore and connect with the natural world, the members of Portland Audubon are helping Oregon's wildlife, wild places, and people thrive. And when you provide a gift membership to a loved one, they will join a community of nature lovers and receive our Warbler newsletter as well as discounts at the Nature Store and on camps, classes, and ecotours.

Make a Donation in Honor of Someone You Love

When you care deeply about the environment, the perfect gift may not be a physical item. It could be a recognition of your values and love of the natural world. A tribute gift is a great way to honor or memorialize your loved one by building on their legacy of advocating for birds, wildlife, and wild places. When you make a tribute gift, your loved one will be recognized in the Warbler newsletter, and you can send them or their next of kin an elegant songbird-themed card with the option to include a personalized message.



Siberian Rubythroat, photo by 57Andrew.

Give the Gift of Saving a Life

Give injured and orphaned wildlife a second chance by making a donation to support the operation of the Wildlife Care Center. Every year our Wildlife Care Center treats 5,000 injured and orphaned native birds, mammals, and other native species. Your gift ensures we can provide the best care for our patients and serve as a hub for reducing wildlife/human conflicts all over the region.

Support More Birds Through the Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Give a gift that will be around all year long and help our urban environment by signing your loved one up for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. It's the perfect gift for your favorite gardener, providing the tools they need to turn their yard into a native habitat oasis for wildlife. And nothing brings birds to the yard better than native plants.



Photo by Tara Lemezis.

EDUCATION

- Bushnell 119876C Trophy Cam Aggressor HD Cameras
- Silicone spatulas
- Point-and-shoot cameras

BACKYARD HABITAT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Handheld boot brushes
- Selfie stick
- Lapel/computer microphones
- Print copies of the Portland Plant List

CONSERVATION

- Recreational vehicle or trailer for field work
- Unihedron Dark Sky Quality Meter (LU-DL)
- Fund for rebranded tabling cloth (~\$300)
- Functioning USB webcam
- Bushnell Essential E-3 Trail Cams
- Bushnell Aggressor Security Case
- Mini refrigerator

WILDLIFE CARE CENTER

- All Free & Clear laundry detergent pods
- Dish brushes
- Nitrile, powder-free, non-sterile exam gloves
- N-95 face masks
- Rubber or vinyl dish gloves
- Wet-erase Expo pens in black, brown or blue
- Dry-erase Expo markers
- Heavy-duty kitchen shears
- Hose spray nozzles
- Red-tailed Hawk flight cage
- Great Horned Owl flight cage
- Intensive care incubators
- Mammal cage
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- Wellness Core Natural Grain Free Dry Cat Food Kitchen (Turkey & Chicken)
- EliteField 3-door folding soft dog crates (20"L x 14"W x 14"H)
- Portable oxygen generator
- Brother P-Touch label maker refill (white)
- 6' round galvanized stock tank
- Quality Cages Collapsible Chinchilla Travel Cage
- Gift card: Bonka Bird

Board Elections

Each March, our board elects its directors from a slate of candidates. Directors are limited to serving two consecutive three-year terms, with committee chairs allowed to extend service for additional one-year terms.

The Board Affairs Committee welcomes recommendations for candidates by sending an email to the Membership and Development Department, care of Charles Milne, cmilne@audubonportland.org, on or before January 15, 2023.

Additionally, members may directly nominate a candidate by submitting a petition signed by ten or more members to the Board Affairs Committee no later than January 15, 2023. Candidates nominated by petition will automatically be placed on the election ballot. Please note: qualified candidates must be current Portland Audubon members.



Song Sparrow, photo by Mick Thompson.



Hooded Merganser, photo by Dan Streiffert

IN MEMORY

Portland Audubon gratefully acknowledges these special gifts:

Mary Albrecht

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Lynne O'Malley

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Tammy Spencer

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Suzanne Cushing

Jan Ball

Laura Lee

Jimmy and Roslyn Carter

Susan Bexton and Scott Flor

Stephanie Pelca

Berten Pelca

Lauri Shainsky

Mary West

Honor a special person with a gift to Portland Audubon. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature. Make a tribute gift online at audubonportland.org or by calling 971-222-6130.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

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



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Message from the Board of Directors

by Dr. Judith Ramaley, President; Debbie Elliott, Vice President; Mark Greenfield, Chair of the Membership and Development Committee; Amanda Jordan-Brainard, Member-at-Large

As we approach the end of another year, we like to take time to reflect upon and celebrate our commitment to Portland Audubon and the gratitude we feel serving as directors on this board. Working together, we can do much more to support healthy relationships between people and the natural environment than we could alone.

Like the readers of the Warbler, each of us finds many ways to support our mission. As board members, we have a special opportunity to meet many of you and hear about your love for birds and the natural world. We also learn from our friends and donors about what it means to be part of a large “flock” of people who believe in the restorative power of nature. We hear your stories about your own connections to wildlife and are inspired by your commitment and willingness to be a part of the solutions to the environmental issues that affect us all.

We have many reasons to draw on your knowledge, your capacity, and your connections to others to work together to repair the damage humans have done to our environment. Everywhere we turn, we hear stories of the alarming loss of species due to radical changes in the natural habitat caused by human activity and climate change. Drought, floods, and forest fires deeply impact living things that depend upon those environments.

Portland Audubon offers a way to be together for nature and, as a community of thousands, make a difference. And because of our work, our community continues to grow. We reach thousands of kids each year at school programs, camps, and family days, and

reach adults through education programs, partner programs, advocacy campaigns, community science, volunteerism, and the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. With these programs and more, we are dedicated to growing the movement and engaging people who might not otherwise have opportunities to explore the natural world.

The larger our family, the more diverse our backgrounds, experiences, and knowledge, and the more willing we are to learn from one another, the land, and all living things, the greater our capacity will be to make a difference.

Whether or not you have the time to be actively involved with Portland Audubon, your financial support will help ensure the advancement of our mission: To inspire all people to love and protect birds, wildlife, and the natural habitats upon which life depends. Your financial support also allows us to continue to extend our reach so that others can attend our programs, participate in our advocacy for nature, and learn about the natural world. Your generous contributions will help us grow our family of people who share our values as we seek a resilient and sustainable future for all living things.



For further information on ways to give, visit:
audubonportland.org/ways-to-give



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Portland Audubon inspires all people to love and protect birds, wildlife,
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Bald Eagle, photo by Tara Lemezis.

Make a Gift Through Give!Guide and Get Perks!

Portland Audubon is honored to be selected again for the Willamette Week Give!Guide. Your gift through the Give!Guide will allow us to confront the mounting pressures on our ecosystems and create long-lasting protections for wildlife, wild places, and people.

Look out for communications around incredible Big Give Day prizes! And even if you don't win, with a donation of \$10 or more you will receive exclusive freebies from awesome local businesses through the Kuto app.

Help protect Oregon's diverse animals and landscapes by making a gift to Portland Audubon at giveguide.org/nonprofits/portland-audubon!

GET IN TOUCH

Administration Offices

503-292-6855
Open M-F, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Subject to change; call before you visit.

Wildlife Care Center

503-292-0304
Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with
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On the Cover: Sandhill Cranes, photo by Scott Carpenter.

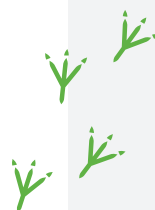
On the Inside Cover: The Night Lights by Erika Beyer; Heartwood Classic Birdhouse; White-tailed Kite, photo by Becky Matsubara; Northern Pygmy-Owl treated by the Wildlife Care Center.

Nature Store & Interpretive Center

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Birdy Brain Buster!

What foods do Steller's Jays eat?

- A. Arthropods and small vertebrates
- B. Nuts, seeds, fruits and berries
- C. Nestlings and eggs of other birds
- D. All of the above



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