



Black-throated Gray Warbler

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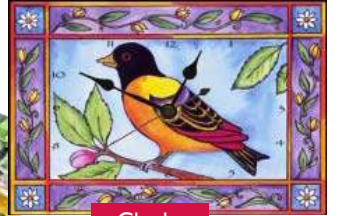
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## Bring Nature Home for the Holidays

by Nancy Mattson, Store Manager

The darkness of **Winter Solstice** is quickly approaching, but it brings along the holiday celebrations which offer a warm glow from gathered friends and family. The swirl of activity and holiday crowds add to the excitement of the season — but a quiet moment in nature refreshes and revives when the hustle and bustle begins to overwhelm.

The **Portland Audubon Nature Sanctuary** is a great place to visit by yourself, with out-of-town relatives or over-excited children, or with anyone else who needs a restorative “time-out” in nature. With 4 miles of well-marked trails and many new boardwalks, our Sanctuary is the perfect place to slow down for a moment and reconnect with the natural world.



Sanctuary trail  
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When you visit the Sanctuary, please stop at our **Nature Store**, adjacent to the Interpretive Center. Decorated for the season with a wide selection of gifts, toys, holiday cards, ornaments, sweet treats, and more, our store is a completely different shopping experience from malls and urban streets. The wide range of gifts offers something to please every nature lover on your shopping list. With every dollar you spend going directly to support the Audubon Society of Portland's Nature Sanctuary, Wildlife Care Center, education programs, and conservation initiatives, you'll be giving gifts that truly have nature at heart.

### Gifts for Birds and Bird Lovers

Sure, you're shopping for friends, family, teachers, and more, but **why not give a gift to the birds** as well? Choose something that your friends, fine-feathered and otherwise, will love.

**Sparkling recycled-glass hummingbird feeders** from Parasol, in red, green, blue, or aqua, beckon to Anna's Hummingbirds all winter long. Our newest models from Gardman are made of blown glass and covered with a mosaic of enticing colors. We also have a very affordable line of new **Antique Bottle Feeders** in 3 colors from Perky Pet for under \$20.

Don't forget the seed lovers who enjoy casual dining at a **holiday seed wreath hanging on a tree**, or offer more formal dining at our colorful feeders made from Fiestaware-styled plates and quart-sized Mason jars (the plates provide a rain roof). They are handmade in Washington by Borderline Designs.



For a creative ornament to hang on a holiday tree indoors now and outdoors during nesting, check out our new line of **nesting materials and charming metal hangers**. They are made by Flathead Lake Alpaca Farm in Montana using their own soft, fluffy Alpaca fleece. Of course, we also have a huge selection of **cedar nest boxes** correctly sized to entice birds from little Nuthatches up to big backyard Owls.



Nest boxes

### Enjoying Nature Indoors

While the birds are dining outside, you can enjoy a cup of **Sauvie Island Coffee, roasted right on the island** with tropical shade-grown coffee beans grown to benefit migratory bird habitats. Drink your Peruvian Raptor Roast in a handmade mug from **Pam & Mac's Pottery in Sisters**.



Mugs

We have many treats to enjoy with your holiday visitors or to take along on your own visits. Huckleberry chocolate crèmes, bark, jams, and syrup are sure to delight — or if Marion is your berry of choice, we have small 2-oz jars to stuff in a holiday stocking. For the kids we have **chocolate bear paws** and candy bird poop (really toffee peanuts or chocolate nut toffee) that are both tasty and sure to get a chuckle. Or maybe give someone one of the Chukar Cherry products, which are back by popular demand, along with **Moonstruck tumbled chocolate** espresso beans, blueberries, sea salt caramels, and ice wine raisins. **Portland's Goldfinch Caramels** that we sell all year as singles will be available in 1.8-oz packs sporting the Audubon logo.

In the kitchen we love **flour sack towels** and have added a collection from Alice's Cottage which features the Snowy Owl. While we wait for another irruption to bring these charismatic birds back to Oregon, we can enjoy them on towels as well as gift bags and spiced mug mats.

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### Holiday Store Hours

Monday–Saturday .....	10am–6pm
Sunday .....	10am–5pm
Christmas Day .....	Closed
New Year's Day .....	Closed

**Snowed in?** Many items can be ordered and shipped to you directly from the Nature Store. See the Nature Store pages on our website or call 503-292-9453.

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# Audubon Outings

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

 = Mostly weekday excursions  
 = Sign-up needed  
 = Fee involved

## December 1 (Sun), 9am–11am Westmoreland Park

Join leaders **Max Smith** and **Sarah Swanson** for a morning walk through southeast Portland's Westmoreland Park. Max and Sarah will share tips for identifying the waterfowl, gulls, and songbirds that gather at this park each winter. Meet at the northwestern corner of the park near the corner of SE 22nd and Bybee Blvd. Information: Max at 503-720-9730.

## December 11 (Wed), 9am–11am Crystal Springs

Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Caroline & Richard Arnold** for a stroll through Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden to look for the wintering waterfowl that come to this lovely location. This is an excellent site for seeing lots of Wood Ducks and other dabbling ducks. Meet at Crystal

Springs Garden parking lot at 6015 SE 28th Ave, Portland, OR 97202. Pre-register (no limits) with Caroline at [carolineharnold@gmail.com](mailto:carolineharnold@gmail.com) or 650-387-2606.

## December 14 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park. Scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for other wintering birds. Meet at parking lot in front of middle restrooms. From I-5 north, take Exit 1-D (4th Plain Blvd), go west on 4th Plain through Vancouver onto SR-501 (Lower River Rd). After 3.5 miles on SR-501, continue straight for 0.6 miles to the park (\$3 entrance fee). Information: Ron at 503-771-3454.

## Portland Audubon is included in Willamette Week's Give!Guide for a fourth year!

We are excited to promote our inclusion in *Willamette Week's* 2013 Give!Guide. The Give!Guide is a holiday season fundraiser that serves as a unique vehicle for generating donations for a collection of Portland-area nonprofit organizations.

The goals of the Give!Guide are:

- to encourage people age 18–35 to get involved in philanthropy,
- to attract new donors and/or volunteers to these causes, and
- to provide publicity and exposure to a variety of local nonprofits.

The organizations included in the Give!Guide represent a cross section of nonprofits across the following sectors: Animals, Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Social Action, Wellness, and Youth.

Last year the Give!Guide raised \$1.97 million for 110 local nonprofits. This year the goal is to break \$2 million raised for 130 area nonprofits. *Willamette Week* wants everyone to get in the spirit and offers fun incentives, swag and cheer, like discounts from local merchants, gift bags, and the chance to win \$1,000 for donors 35 and under, and much more — check out the entire list at [www.giveguide.org](http://www.giveguide.org).

This year, Portland Audubon is offering our own incentives including weekly drawings for a chance to win a unique Audubon experience like a bird walk, Education Bird presentation, behind the scenes tour of our Wildlife Care Center, and coupons from our business partners, Backyard Bird Shop and Sauvie Island Coffee Company. An extra added incentive is provided by our good friends at Backyard Bird Shop, who will match the first \$1,000 of donations!

We were not accepted in the 2012 Give!Guide, so this year, we want to pull out the stops! Follow us on Facebook for announcements and incentives at [facebook.com/portlandaudubon](http://facebook.com/portlandaudubon).

Donations are accepted from the date of the Give!Guide's publication (Wednesday, Nov. 6) **through midnight on Saturday, Dec. 31**. Make your contributions online via the Give!Guide website, [www.giveguide.org](http://www.giveguide.org). Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the "Environment" category, and spread the word!



## Holiday Open House at the Audubon Nature Sanctuary

Saturday, Dec. 7, 10am–6pm  
Sunday, Dec. 8, 10am–5pm

Join us for our free annual Holiday Open House as we kick off the season. A warm, welcoming fire in our cozy Audubon House hearth will beckon winter revelers. Delicious treats and warm beverages will chase away the winter chill. Meet some of our local vendors and creative environmental partners. Take a short hike in the Nature Sanctuary and visit with the Education Birds!

### All Weekend Enjoy:

Sauvie Island Coffee, Spiced Tea & Hot Cocoa, plus holiday food treats...

### Saturday Events:

- **Meet an artist who climbs the biggest trees:** Brian French of *Ascending the Giants* has agreed to stay on the ground all weekend to share his tree-inspired artwork.
- **Meet the creator of a new nature song CD for kids (one that won't drive parents nuts!):** Matt Clark, Executive Director of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council, has gathered together a group of nature-loving musicians to create toe-tapping music that celebrates and benefits the Johnson Creek Watershed.



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### ...and Children's Movies:

We'll be screening *Lost in the Woods*, *Stranger in the Woods*, *First Snow in the Woods*, and *Bearly Alike*, the imaginative children's DVDs from Sisbro Studios, local creators of high quality nature movies for the young and young at heart. The kids can enjoy a movie while you shop. Plus, you can pick up DVD copies in the store to keep little ones occupied at home on these wintery days.

### Sunday Events:

- **Meet Oregon authors:** Terry Irish and Bobbie Snead will autograph copies of their children's books, *A Pika's Place* and *Owl Grove* (set in Clackamas, Oregon!) and their new adult book, *Owl Oregon*. Terry also has a children's book of her own called *Tree Secrets*.
- **From Noon to 5pm meet fiber artist** Sara Quigley and watch her craft delightful little owl holiday ornaments, and peruse her nature-inspired handmade gifts. This year she'll be joined by Linda Bergman, who crafts unique collage holiday and everyday greeting cards.

## SAVE THE DATE

## Audubon Kids Day Saturday, January 25

Come join Audubon staff and volunteers as we host a day just for kids and their families. We'll have activities and projects based on many of our most popular Summer Camp programs including Animal Tracking, Archery, Basket Weaving, and many other nature-based Art Activities. Come join the fun!



Pre-registration is highly recommended for Audubon's Kids Day and opens on Monday, December 16 at 9:00am — go to [audubonportland.org/trip-classes-camps](http://audubonportland.org/trip-classes-camps) or contact Camp Director Ian Abraham at [iabraham@audubonportland.org](mailto:iabraham@audubonportland.org).

Get a jump on Summer Camp registration: Audubon Kids Day attendees will be able to register early for our Summer Camp programs.

## NATURE NIGHTS

Second Tuesday of the month from September to May. If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation, contact Pam Meyers at [pmeyers@audubonportland.org](mailto:pmeyers@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855 ext. 130.

FREE and open to the public!

## Finding and Photographing Hidden Nature in Your Neighborhood with Scott Carpenter

Tuesday, December 10  
7pm Heron Hall

Join local birder and photographer extraordinaire **Scott Carpenter** for a presentation on finding and photographing breeding birds in the Portland metro area.



Photo © Tammy Carpenter

Scott will share photos and videos that he captured at nest sites of some of Portland's fascinating breeding birds, as well as his strategies for finding and observing these nesting birds while minimizing disturbance to them.

Scott will focus on four of his favorite Portland area locations: Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge, Forest Park, Tryon Creek State Park, and his neighborhood. That's right — Scott's typical urban/suburban Portland neighborhood is teeming with nesting birds (he's confirmed 14 breeding species so far, and is still counting), and your area probably is, too. After attending Scott's presentation, your daily walk will never be the same!

Scott will share what he learned from spending over 80 hours observing six different Anna's Hummingbird nests one spring. He'll also share videos and photos from the dozens of hours he has spent observing other species, including Northern Pygmy-Owls in Forest Park, Barred Owls in Forest Park and Tryon Creek State Park, and the many nests he found while walking his dog in his neighborhood.

Scott Carpenter is a self-taught bird photographer based in Portland, Oregon. He began his obsession with birds as a kindergartner in Texas in the 1970s. After decades of fast-paced birding and listing, Scott began incorporating photography into his bird obsession so that he could get to know the subjects of his fascination. He now spends as much time as possible in the field, primarily in the Pacific Northwest, attempting to capture images showing the behavior and beauty of birds in the wild, under natural conditions and lighting. You can see more of Scott's work online at [www.scottcarpenterphotography.com](http://www.scottcarpenterphotography.com).

## January's Nature Night: Marbled Murrelets!

On **January 14, 2014**, author Maria Mudd Ruth and biologist Paul Englemeyer (Portland Audubon's Ten Mile Sanctuary Manager) will cover the natural history and current status of the little, elusive, and threatened seabird, the Marbled Murrelet. Maria is author of the engaging book *Rare Bird: Pursuing the Mystery of the Marbled Murrelet*. Paul Englemeyer has worked for years to preserve the old-growth habitat crucial to the survival of these fascinating birds.

# What Are We Willing to Sacrifice to Find New Industrial Lands?

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

The City of Portland has reached a major decision point that will define whether it retains its reputation as a “green” city in the coming decades. Over the next year, the City will complete work on its Comprehensive Plan Update. The Comprehensive Plan is the land use plan for the City that guides future growth and development. Among the most difficult issues to be addressed in this process is the challenge of finding new industrial lands.

Under Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 9, cities are supposed to maintain a 20-year supply of industrial land. However, Portland is a landlocked city surrounded by other cities and has run out of undeveloped industrial parcels on which to expand. Analysis conducted by the City and Metro, based in large part on information provided by self-interested industrial landowners, has determined that Portland needs approximately 670 acres of new industrial land. As a result much of the Comprehensive Plan Update process has focused on a desperate search to find these 670 acres.

Proposals to meet this demand for new industrial land include developing 300 acres of irreplaceable wildlife habitat on West Hayden Island, converting significant portions of 4 golf courses in North Portland to industrial use, limiting environmental regulations on industrial lands, integrating industrial development into neighborhoods, and cleaning up brownfields and restoring them to productive use. In short, the City is considering sacrificing the health of our environment, our valuable greenspaces, and the livability of our neighborhoods in order to meet this arbitrary target.

However, there are some important things to understand that are often left out of the discussion.

First, it is critical to understand that the land use system does allow the City to inform the State that it has run out of land and is unable to meet industrial land targets. State land use planning goals do not require the City to sacrifice our environment or our neighborhoods in order to meet industrial land goals. In fact Goal 9 explicitly states that industrial land objectives “should consider as a major determinant, the carrying capacity of the air, land and water resources of the planning area.” Instead, Portland

should inform the State that it will meet job targets through strategies other than creation of new industrial lands.

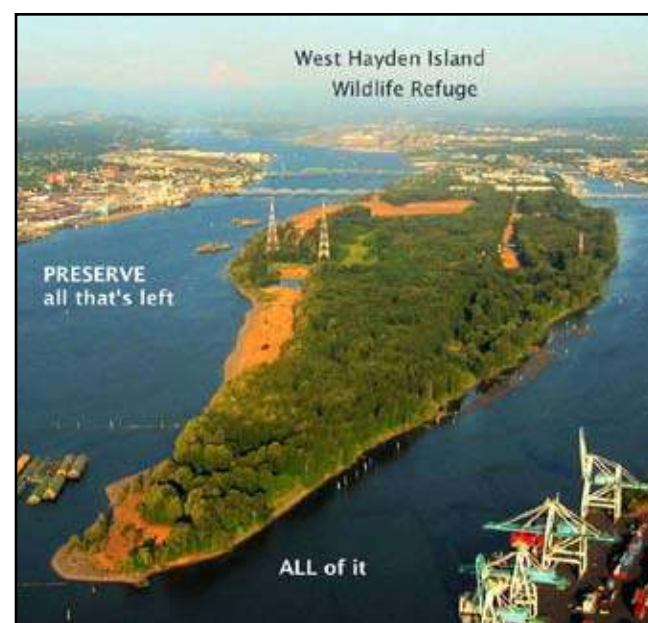
Second, the City has over 900 acres of brownfields — contaminated industrial sites that have either limited or no productive use. In short there are more than enough brownfield sites to meet the industrial land deficit. The problem has been that owners of these sites have been reticent to invest the capital to clean them up and put them back into productive use. It is absolutely critical that the City develop an aggressive strategy to hold polluters accountable for these sites through a combination of enforcement actions and incentives.

Finally, to the degree an industrial land crisis exists at all, it is a self-inflicted crisis. Although City forecasts predict a surplus of commercial and residential property, the City and industrial stakeholders have spent the last 15 years rapidly converting industrial lands to residential and commercial uses. Today the City brags about the transformation of the Pearl District and South Waterfront from “industrial wasteland” to high-end development. The Port of Portland, one of the loudest advocates for more industrial land, sold its property at Terminal One to make way for low-rise condos and it converted industrial land next to Portland International Airport for a big-box shopping center. Whether intentional or not, the strategy pursued by both industrial interests and the City over the past 15 years has been one of allowing industrial land owners to cash out by upzoning their industrial land to more profitable use and then backfilling the industrial land deficit through conversion of greenspace.

Audubon is participating in the Comprehensive Plan Update Process and will be advocating for the following strategy:

- The City should inform the State that it has run out of adequate undeveloped land to meet industrial land forecasts and therefore will develop other strategies to meet jobs supply objectives. This does not mean that the City will never add new industrial land to the inventory, but it does mean that the City will not be held hostage to an artificial target that would necessitate destruction of natural areas, open space, and neighborhoods.

# Conservation



An irrational effort to find new industrial land is part of what is driving the effort to rezone irreplaceable wildlife habitat on West Hayden Island... but there is a better way to deal with our industrial land deficits. © Jim Labbe

- The City should develop an aggressive strategy to force industrial polluters to clean up brownfields. This should include a combination of enforcement actions as well as non-subsidy-based incentives.
- The City should put in place regulatory and non-regulatory programs to increase use intensification on the existing industrial landbase, something that is already occurring in cities in Europe and Asia that have a limited land supply.
- The City should put in place strong protections to prevent the rezoning of existing industrial lands except in extraordinary cases.
- The City and State should take a hard look at strategies to promote real collaboration and cooperation and potentially unification of the Columbia River Ports in order to maximize efficient use of land, promote a sustainable regional Port economy, and stabilize our Port system, which is on the brink of system failure. This is something which has been in the Port of Portland’s Marine Terminals Master Plan since 1991 but which has never been seriously pursued.

We will keep you updated about opportunities to comment on the Comprehensive Plan Update during the coming year.

## Another Great Year in the Wildlife Care Center

by Lacy Campbell, WCC Operations Manager

December is a time for reflection and planning. With the New Year almost upon us, we look back on the past 12 months and take stock of our accomplishments while anticipating ways we can grow in the future. 2013 has been a great year for the Wildlife Care Center — we’ve been able to release many animals back to the wild.

Here is a small sample of successes from the average of 3,000 animals we see yearly:

- 30 Red-tailed Hawks including the fledgling from the Raptor Cam breeding pair that was on the news
- 3 Peregrine Falcons: a fledgling from the Fremont Bridge and 2 that successfully recovered from a Botulism outbreak
- A turkey vulture that had been illegally shot
- 2 Bald Eagles that had been poisoned, one from lead and the other from barbiturates
- An oiled Great Blue Heron
- 2 Western Painted Turtles with shell fractures and infection

On January 1st of 2013 we started testing the blood lead values of every raptor, vulture, and raven admitted. Since, we have been able to compile all of our data and give a presentation at a lead workshop in November. We are excited to continue this and will compile more data in 2014.

We hosted the week-long 2013 NWRA (National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association) symposium, for which wildlife rehabilitators from all over the country came to Portland to learn about advances in wildlife rehabilitation.

We were able to accomplish all of these things because of one reason: our dedicated volunteers.

The Wildlife Care Center has over 100 amazing volunteers that come in each week. Their tasks run from doing dishes and laundry to cleaning cages, handling wildlife-related conflict, and performing educational programs with our resident animals both on- and off-site. In fact, our care

## Wildlife Care Center



Eileen Wynkoop gives an injection to an injured Bald Eagle ©WCC

center volunteers worked 21,870 hours this past year. This translates to about 10 full-time staff and makes up over half of the total volunteer hours at the Audubon Society of Portland! They really do such a great job and we couldn’t thank them enough.

### Thank you to all of our Wildlife Care Center volunteers — we couldn’t do it without you!

Brooke Abbruzzese	Joe Chapman	Carol Fuller	Briana King	Tammi Miller	Ginnie Ross	Torrie Shaul	Trudi Stone	Jennifer Wanslow
Marilyn Abend	Genny Cobarrubias	Patsy Gelb	Lei Kotynski	Michelle Mintmier	Kyna Rubin	Wendy Shoemaker	Kathleen Studdert	Dolores Weisbaum
Christina Armstrong	Hannah Cohen	Kristina Gifford	Christie Kraushaar	Carol Mitchell	Scott Salzwedel	Bonnie Shoffner	Lynn Sweeney	Zibbs West
Christine Babic	Courtney Crawford	Jan Gilbertson	Mariha Kuechmann	Charlie Monroe	Sherie Salzwedel	Mandy Sims	Naomi Swenson	Amanda Westendorf
Matt Baird	Susan Dale	Carol Goldberg	Dana Kuiper	Leslie Mundt	Teresa Schechtel	Kiersten Sorensen	Sandy Tamiesie	Deb Whitcomb
Sam Baldwin	Liane Davis	Robbin Gray	Kristine Lape	Jennifer Parks	Sydney Schick	Jackie Sparks	Rochelle Teeny	Zach Winchell
Annie Barklis	Erika Dedini	Carol Gross	Monika Lapinski	David Pizzuti	Bob Schmitt	Ann Spencer	Chris Tempa	Anne Woodbury
Stephanie Bartlett	Barbara deManincur	Gary Gross	Bruce Lind	Candy Plant	Jean Schoonover	Dorothy Springer	Bob Thompson	Eileen Wynkoop
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Claire Carter	Amy Frank	Kari Jones	Susan Miles	Robin Rogers	Dr. Susan Kirscher and The Animal Eye Doctor	Dr. Greg Stanchfield and Cornell Center Animal Hospital	Dr. Sonja Lapinski	
Tanya Cecka	Nancy Fraser	Cristina Keef	Janet Miller	Christine Ross	Dr. Greg Stanchfield and Cornell Center Animal Hospital	Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital		

### And a huge thank you to the local veterinary community, in particular:

- Dr. Dave Barno and VCA Rock Creek Veterinary Hospital
- Dr. Susan Kirscher and The Animal Eye Doctor
- Dr. Greg Stanchfield and Cornell Center Animal Hospital
- Dove Lewis Emergency Animal Hospital
- Laurelwood Animal Hospital
- Dr. Steve Skinner and Oregon Veterinary
- Specialty Hospital
- Dr. Sonja Lapinski

# Nadaka Nature Park and Garden Project Gets Traction

by Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist

Over the last year the Nadaka Nature Park and Garden Project has moved forward with leaps and bounds. The project is a collaborative grassroots initiative led by Audubon Society of Portland, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, and the Friends of Nadaka to construct a nature-based neighborhood park in Gresham's Rockwood Town Center. The new nature park includes community garden, nature-based play area, ecolawn, and other natural features on two acres adjacent to a ten-acre urban natural area.

Last January project collaborators hosted the second of two big community work days. Dozens of neighbors came out to mulch hundreds of square feet at the location of the future community garden. In the spring Audubon, Friends of Nadaka, and Columbia Slough Watershed Council led an urban forestry service learning project in partnership with Wolfree Inc and Rosemary Andersen High School.

The project enlisted local high school youth to diagnose and propose treatments for a laminated root rot infection within the ten-acre natural area. Local youth also conducted a tree inventory for the entire natural area. In August roughly 350 people celebrated the third annual Nadaka Community Festival after Audubon Society of Portland staff, TALON apprentices, and the Groundwork Portland's Green Team members canvassed the surrounding neighborhoods to spread the word. In September Audubon Society of Portland hosted a Cooper's Hawk release at Nadaka attended by over 30 people. Meanwhile throughout the year the Friends of Nadaka hosts regular community stewardship days to remove invasive species, clean up trash, remove graffiti, and plant natives.

All these events and more are helping connect more neighbors with Nadaka, with each other, with the natural world, and with the value and benefits of investing in their



Rosemary Andersen High School students inventory trees and assess laminated root rot in Nadaka Nature Park, Spring 2013 © Lee Dayfield

local parks and natural areas. Throughout it all, perhaps the biggest news came in June when we heard that an Oregon State Parks grant awarded the project \$523,480. Combined with existing funding from the City of Gresham, Metro, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, and Meyer Memorial Trust, we will break ground on the new nature-based neighborhood park next spring or summer. Stay tuned! 2014 will be a big year for the Nadaka Nature Park and Garden Project.

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

...to count birds on Saturday, Jan 4, 2014! Whether spending an entire day in the field or even just an hour watching your bird feeder, you can contribute significantly to our knowledge of birdlife in the Portland area — even if you're a beginning birder. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is the longest running "citizen science project" in North America. The results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the 114 years it has been conducted. Please consider helping out this year!

Begun in 1900 as an alternative to the traditional wanton slaughter of anything that flew during Christmas Day "side hunts," **hundreds of Christmas Bird Counts are now conducted throughout the Western Hemisphere**, and they continue to contribute valuable scientific data to the longest existing record of bird population trends. Naturally, everyone likes the idea of contributing to science, but the real reason the Counts have exploded in popularity? They're so much fun!

All over the Americas, birders will be participating in **one-day Counts between Dec 14, 2013 and Jan 5, 2014**. This winter, our 88th **Portland Count will be held on Saturday, Jan 4**. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year a record 238 field observers and 152 feeder watchers found 130 species, also a record. Those 390 participants made the Portland CBC the largest in the U.S. and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. Please join us this year!

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

Each Christmas Bird Count attempts to count all the birds in a 15-mile-diameter circle on one given day. In addition to the Portland Count, roughly 50 other Counts will be conducted in Oregon and SW Washington during the 3 weeks surrounding the holidays. A link to a list of Counts in Oregon and SW Washington can be found at [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc) — and it'll be updated regularly as Counts are added, so check often!

The other, and equally important, way to participate is as a **Feeder Watcher**. The feeder you watch **must be within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle** (please check your location on the detailed Google map at [tinyurl.com/26pmpf](http://tinyurl.com/26pmpf)) — but even if you can **watch for only an hour**, your observations will be helpful. Last year, the best bird found

## Christmas Bird Count

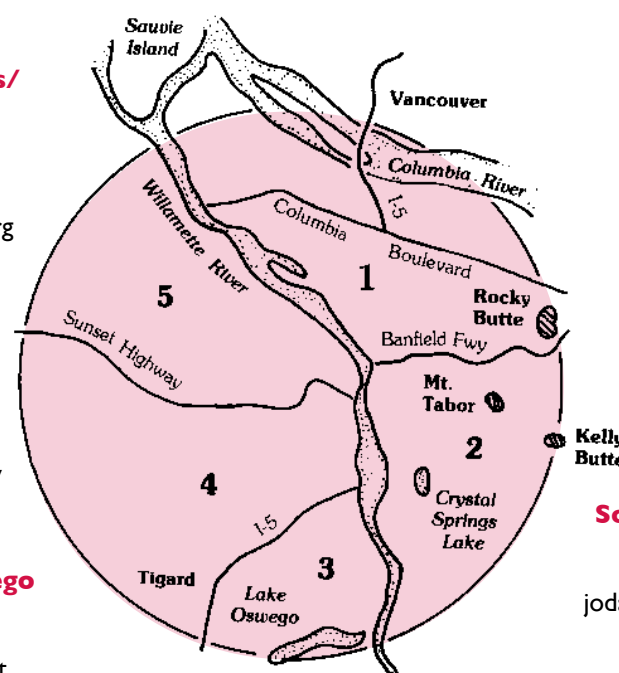
by Wink Gross, Portland CBC Compiler

### Area Leaders for Portland Count (Saturday, Jan 4, 2014)

**Area 5: Northwest Hills/Forest Park**  
Steve Engel  
971-222-6119  
or 503-640-1123  
[sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org)

**Area 4: Beaverton**  
Lori Hennings  
503-797-1940  
or 503-329-5003  
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**Area 3: Lake Oswego**  
Lynn Herring  
503-635-8030  
[lynnhe@comcast.net](mailto:lynnhe@comcast.net)



**Area 1: Columbia Riparian**  
Tony DeFalco  
503-224-2064  
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**Area 2: Southeast Portland**  
Dan Strong  
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Here are just a few other Oregon counts — see [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc) for a link to many more.

**Dec 14 (Sat) — Tillamook Bay**  
Owen Schmidt: 503-789-4854  
[oschmidt@att.net](mailto:oschmidt@att.net)

**Dec 15 (Sun) — Columbia Estuary**  
Mike Patterson: 503-325-1365  
[celata@pacifier.com](mailto:celata@pacifier.com)

**Dec 18 (Wed) — Hart Mountain**  
Keely López: 541-947-2731  
[keely.lopez@fws.gov](mailto:keely.lopez@fws.gov)

**Dec 21 (Sat) — Forest Grove**  
Mary Anne Sohlstrom: 503-463-9540  
[masohlstrom@msn.com](mailto:masohlstrom@msn.com)

**Dec 22 (Sun) — Sauvie Island**  
Oregon side: Karen Bachman: 503-802-2057, [pppahooie@comcast.net](mailto:pppahooie@comcast.net)  
Washington side: Scott Carpenter: 503-753-1267, [slcarpenter@gmail.com](mailto:slcarpenter@gmail.com)

**Jan 2 (Thu) — Tygh Valley**  
Joe Blowers: 503-297-8347  
[jblowers@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jblowers@ix.netcom.com)

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

on the Portland CBC was an **Ovenbird** spotted by an alert Feeder Watcher in the Laurelhurst neighborhood.

**Want to participate as a field observer in the Portland Christmas Bird Count?** Look at the map of the Portland CBC circle on this page and pick an area you would like to help cover. (It need not be where you reside.) **Contact the area leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on January 4.** The area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am–5pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can't decide which area? Contact me, Wink Gross, at [winkg@hevanet.com](mailto:winkg@hevanet.com) or 503-226-3842.

**Want to be a Feeder Watcher?** Check your location first at [tinyurl.com/26pmpf](http://tinyurl.com/26pmpf) to be sure the feeder you'll watch is **within the 15-mile-diameter circle**, and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc). Remember, only birds seen on January 4th "count"!

Can't do the Portland Count on January 4? Check out the other Counts around the state (see [audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc](http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc)). Pick one that suits your schedule, and contact the compiler for that specific Count. Check this site often since it'll be frequently updated.

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

Almost every Christmas Count turns up an unusual bird. In addition to the **Ovenbird**, last year's Count found **Black-throated Gray Warbler, Ross's Goose, Sora, and Black-headed Grosbeak.** Often the "best bird" of the day is first spotted by a beginner. Perhaps You will be the person that finds the bird that makes everyone say, "Wow! We never expected that!"

# Trips & Classes

## Educational Trips

See full descriptions at [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult).

### TEXAS GULF COAST



Green Jay photo: Alan Wilson



Eilean Donan Castle © Steve Robertson

## Scotland!

2 spots left!

**April 27–May 7**

Fee: \$2995 members

Deposit: \$1500

Leaders: Steve Robertson & Dan van den Broek

Contact: [srobertson@audubonportland.org](mailto:srobertson@audubonportland.org)

## Northern Great Plains

**June 13–20**

Fee: \$1595 members

Deposit: \$600

Leader: Steve Engel

Contact: [sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org)



Chestnut-collared Longspur photo: USFWS

**April 9–17**

Fee: \$2295 members

Deposit: \$1200

Leaders: Dan van den Broek & Patty Newland

Contact: [dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org)



Palouse Falls in eastern Washington © Marilyn Stinnett

## Ice Age Floods

**April 13–19**

Fee: \$1095 members

Deposit: \$500

Leader: Steve Engel

Contact: [sengel@audubonportland.org](mailto:sengel@audubonportland.org)

## Adult Classes

See full descriptions and register at [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult).

### Gull Identification

**January 15 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**January 18 (Sat), Noon–3pm: Local Field Trip**

Class & Field Trip: \$25 members / \$40 non-members

Class-Only Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

### The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists

**January 18 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall**

Fee: \$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class size: Limited to 16 participants

### Raptor Road Trip Rev-Up!

**February 6 (Thu), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall**

Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Free for active volunteers.

### The World of Birds The Ecology of Bird Populations: How they utilize the landscape to survive and reproduce

**March 19, 26 and April 2, 6:30pm–8:30pm:**

**Classes in Heron Hall**

**March 22, 29 and April 5:**

**Field Trips, two half-day & one full-day**

Field trips will focus on bird identification and methods of bird surveys.

## Winter Break Classes 2013

Register online at [www.audubonportland.org](http://www.audubonportland.org) — or call Ian Abraham at 971-222-6120.  
All classes run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY, DEC. 23	TUESDAY, DEC. 24	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25	THURSDAY, DEC. 26	FRIDAY, DEC 27
<p><b>Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Have you ever wondered how the smallest birds handle the winter weather? Would you choose to have feathers or fur to survive harsh conditions? Journey within the Audubon Sanctuary as we explore the amazing and unique adaptations that animals use to cope with the harsh winter weather. We'll scour the woods for animal burrows and dens, track animals we can trail, and end the day working with the Audubon specimens that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p><b>Ducks and Doughnuts</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Become a Junior Ornithologist and expert doughnut connoisseur for a day as we seek out and identify bird species at hidden wild wetlands in and around Portland. We'll see Heron, Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal and, if we're lucky, maybe even a Bald Eagle as we travel to Sauvie Island on this birding adventure. <b>Fee per person:</b> \$65 member/ \$75 non-member <b>Instructor:</b> Gladys Ruiz</p>	<p><b>Bounty of Bats</b> <b>Grades: 1–2</b> Experience these mysterious mammals of the night from a new perspective as we study bats from all over the world. We will have hands-on experience with specimens of some of the more common bats of Oregon, play bat games, and learn more about the myths &amp; legends that these flying mammals have inspired. Don't forget, we will hike around our Wildlife Sanctuary and check on the two new bat houses that were just hung for any new inhabitants! <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p><b>Winter Forest Bird Art</b> <b>Grades: 3–5</b> Hike through the forest, home to many species of birds in winter. Observe a variety of birds and discover some of their amazing adaptations. Create colorful drawings, imaginative sculptures, and a mixed media mobile construction during this full day of art and nature! <b>Fee per person:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member <b>Instructor:</b> Susan Leeb</p>	<p><b>NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY</b></p> <p>Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p><b>Bullseye!</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> The bow is one of the oldest tools still used in its original form, dating back over 10,000 years. We'll begin to master the skills of shooting a bow onsite at Audubon's own archery range. Spend the day traveling the trails of Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn proper form and technique for shooting a bow and arrow, a skill that will last you a lifetime. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member <b>Instructor:</b> Ian Abraham</p>	<p><b>Junior Wildlife Vet 101</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p><b>Junior Wildlife Vet 102</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p>	<p><b>Audubon's Winter Rangers</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Bring your camouflage as we explore and discover the amazing secrets of one of the most beautiful forests around: Spend your day becoming a Winter Audubon Ranger! Learn to be a quiet presence in the forest. Venture deep into the Audubon Sanctuary to learn the secrets of local plants and animals. Hear the amazing stories about the history of the Audubon forest and become an expert on how to stay safe in the outdoors. If you love playing outside, learning about nature, and hiding in the woods, this adventurous camp is for you! Come join the ranks of the Winter Audubon Rangers! <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p>
MONDAY, DEC. 30	TUESDAY, DEC. 31	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1	THURSDAY, JAN. 2	FRIDAY, JAN. 3
<p><b>Winter Wildlife Art</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Search for some amazing animals that live in our forest Sanctuary in winter. Develop your observations of winter wildlife and forest habitat into imaginative drawings, animal masks, and clay sculptures. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member <b>Instructor:</b> Susan Leeb</p>	<p><b>Creatures of the Night</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Do you ever wonder what animals roam the Audubon Sanctuary at night? Hike along the trails of our own Wildlife Sanctuary searching for tracks and sign of these nocturnal animals. Learn about these nighttime hunters and create a colorful art project based on your observations. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p>	<p><b>NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY</b></p> <p>Step into the world of the fabled Gnomes of the Pacific Northwest as we explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for the elusive woodland Gnomes, build homes to attract these little creatures, and make your very own Gnome hat. Equipped with magnifying glasses, Gnome Detectors, and field guides, you'll search Audubon's Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes and learn how these fantastic woodland creatures cope with the difficulties of the winter season. <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p>	<p><b>Expedition: Winter Gnomes</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Join Education Director Steve Robertson and our Naturalist-Educators on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mt Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon, searching for tracks of Snowshoe Hare, Bobcat, and Coyote. We've been leading these snowshoe trips for over 12 years and cannot wait to guide another. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Your leaders are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to team up for the most epic snowball fight of the century! <i>Fee includes snowshoe rental.</i> <b>Fee per person:</b> \$70 member/ \$80 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off at Upper Macleay Park <b>Instructors:</b> Steve Robertson, Tim Donner &amp; Laura Newton</p>	<p><b>Homing In on Habitats</b> <b>Grades: 1–3</b> Spend the day with an Audubon Naturalist as we adventure through our Wildlife Sanctuary in search of the different habitats around Balch Creek. We'll explore some of the smallest and some of the largest homes that are in our woods. We'll zero in on animal adaptations, taking the time to learn and play while we home in on habitats! <b>Fee:</b> \$60 member/ \$70 non-member</p> <p><b>Wolves!</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> Come experience the thrilling world of Wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. We're sure to have a howlin' good time! <b>Fee:</b> \$65 member/ \$75 non-member <b>Instructor:</b> Tim Donner</p>
MONDAY–TUESDAY, DEC. 30–31 (overnight)				
<p><b>Cookin' at the Cabin</b> <b>Grades: 4–8</b> The holiday season lends itself to treats and sweets. Prepare your stomachs for fun and food as we head to Portland Audubon's <b>Marmot Cabin</b> for two days and one fun-filled night of this popular favorite, <i>Cookin' at the Cabin</i>. We'll spend one day learning different fire-building techniques in order to explore various cooking methods on an open fire. Anyone up for orange cakes, western hemlock tea, and homemade bannock (bread on a stick)? Once we've tried our hands at cooking over an open flame, we'll return to the kitchen to delve into more culinary delights such as bread baking, canning, preserving, and much more! Parents: your child is sure to return home with a tasty homemade treat for the whole family to enjoy! <b>Fee:</b> \$130 member/ \$150 non-member Pick Up &amp; Drop Off at Upper Macleay Park <b>Instructors:</b> Tim Donner &amp; Laura Newton</p>				

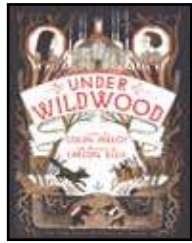
# Nature Store Highlights

## Too Many Wonderful Books!

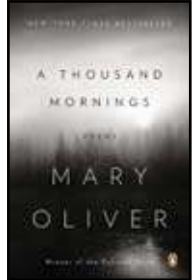
by Sally Loomis, Book Buyer

For the holiday season, we want to feature as many books as possible, books that would either make great gifts or ones you would enjoy yourself. Many of these featured are by Northwest authors. Please contact us at the Nature Store (503-292-9453) for more information about any of these titles or to confirm availability. We're happy to take phone orders as well!

### Fantasy and Poetry



**Under Wildwood** (Meloy & Ellis, \$9.99). The second volume of the popular, Portland-based Wildwood Chronicles has been newly released in paperback. The adventures of Prue and Curtis continue!



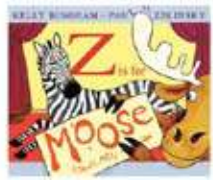
**A Thousand Mornings** (Oliver, \$16.00), Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver's latest collection of nature-inspired poetry, is newly available in paperback. Oliver explores the mysteries of our daily experience with the natural world.

### Fun Picture Books for Kids and the People who Read to Them

**Z is for Moose** (Bingham and Zelinsky, \$16.99). A wacky look at the alphabet, courtesy of Zebra, Moose, and a terrible misunderstanding. A fun t-shirt-wearing stuffed Moose is also available (\$16.00).



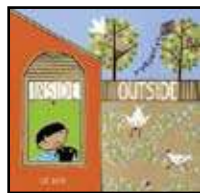
**Flowers by Number** (Shapiro and Vair, \$14.99). A beautifully illustrated counting book showing Northwest native flowers. Learning to count never looked so good!



**Inside Outside** (Boyd, \$15.99). This wordless, whimsically illustrated book with die-cuts shows a boy and his dog playing inside and out throughout the seasons.



**Yes, Let's** (Longstreth and Wicks, \$15.95). Full of clever visual puns, this is the story of a family camping trip and all the great memories it can inspire.

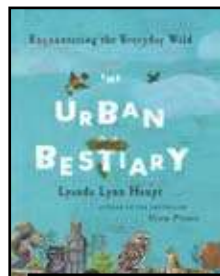


**Brownie Groundhog and the Wintry Surprise** (Blackaby and Segovia, \$14.95). Portland author Susan Blackaby provides a charming, humorous view of friendship versus the need for a good nap. Plus pie.

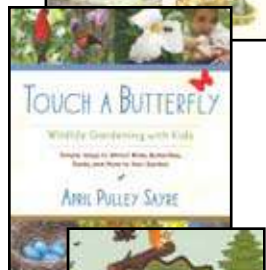


### Nature in Your Backyard & Beyond

**The Urban Bestiary: Encountering the Everyday Wild** (Haupt, \$27.00). Seattle's Lyanda Lynn Haupt, whose previous work **Crow Planet** was an Audubon bestseller, is back with more stories of the delights and quandaries of wildlife in the urban landscape.



**Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life** (McDowell, \$24.95). A beautifully illustrated exploration of the gardening experiences that inspired Potter's classic nature stories.



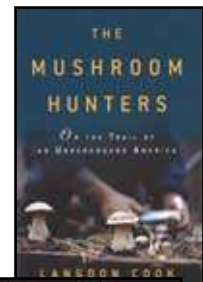
**Touch a Butterfly: Wildlife Gardening with Kids** (Sayre, \$19.95). Lots of suggestions for getting children involved in creating a backyard habitat for wildlife. The author has written over 60 children's books, many with a nature theme.



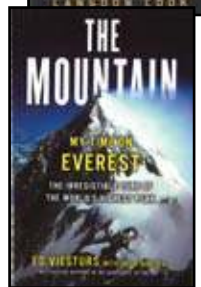
**Let Them Be Eaten By Bears: A Fearless Guide to Taking Our Kids into the Great Outdoors** (Hoffmeister, \$16.00). Eugene-based writer Hoffmeister's funny, inspirational, and common-sense guide to getting kids outside, whether into the backyard or the deep woods.

### Great Adventures (in the Ground and in the Sky)

**The Mushroom Hunters: On the Trail of an Underground America** (Cook, \$26.00). A gonzo look at the shadowy subculture of mushroom foragers, from Seattle writer Langdon Cook.



**The Mountain: My Time on Everest** (Viesturs with Roberts, \$27.00). One of America's top mountaineers vividly describes his experiences on top of the world. Seattle-based Ed Viesturs has summited Everest seven times. Also includes a recounting of historical expeditions.



## Welcome, New Members!

Portland Audubon is a force in conservation thanks to its strength in membership, standing together since 1902. We appreciate each and every one of our members and celebrate our membership by welcoming our new members in each *Warbler*. Thank you for joining our vibrant and growing community!

Deb Abela-Chauvin  
Jules Altfas  
Martha Andrews  
Natalie Anthony  
Diane Apperson  
Natalie Averill  
Nedra Bagley  
Ruth Bajema  
Lynne Barnes  
Martin & Beverly Bean  
Braden Beukelman  
Jennifer Brady  
Robert Branch-Dasch  
Holly Campbell  
Lisa Castillo  
Madeleine Crosswhite  
Nicole & Chris Dawson  
Michele & Michael Dewitz  
Michelle Dinsmoor  
Brian & Barbara Doyle  
Patricia Doyle  
Ken & Heather Eagon  
Margaret & Robert Earls  
Graham & Dina Erickson  
Dawn Fitzgerald  
Dr. Ursula Franke  
Keith Fredrickson  
Cathy Frost  
Grace Garner  
Sherrie Guilmette  
Kari & Thomas Hancock  
Jillian Henderson  
Jim Jarzabek  
Gautam Josse  
Sean Kane & Jan Miner-Kane  
Jenny Kanter  
Larry Keele  
Steve Kimple  
Margery Knapp  
Michael Koller  
Bradley Lechman  
Alexa Leistner  
Kevin & Shannon Lindsey  
La Shelle Lowe-Charde

Kaz Malhotra  
Ted & Kellie Mann  
Ron & Virginia Mapes  
Kristina Masthem  
Laura McMullen  
Kit Morris & Donna Pierleoni  
James Motroni  
Lynda Mueller  
Timothy & Gayle Norwood  
Sarah Nuxoll  
Susan Oretsky  
Carla Pacheco  
Priscilla Parenti  
Rachael Pecore  
Christine Pendleton  
Mark & Karen Popma  
Steven Post  
Donna Potts & Jane Palmieri  
Alan Pryor & Sunny Holland  
Eileen Rella  
Erik Rogers  
J Roxane Russell  
Ken Scalapino  
Steve Schoening  
David Schreiner  
Gabriele Schuster & Robert Haines  
Michelle Seidelman  
River Selda  
Ursula Short  
Patricia Sinclair Belkin  
Rebecca Stearns & Laurie Paz  
Kathryn Stoffel  
Celine Stroinski  
Caroline Sullivan  
Joe Tonn & Jeff Willis  
Ulrich Troeger  
Harry & Linda Vallery  
Lydye & Jean Vann  
Patricia VanVlack  
Karyn Versteeg  
Carmel Wax  
Sarah Yam  
Paul Zalewski  
Terri & Ernest Zolka

If you would like to join us or have any questions about membership, please contact Pam Meyers at [pmeyers@audubonportland.org](mailto:pmeyers@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

#### In Memory

Jan Klinefelter  
Ronald & Wanda  
Nakata

#### In Honor

Gregg Everhart  
J Roxane Russell

Bob Marier  
Laurie Frajola

Ginnie Ross  
Jeanne Beyer

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

## Members Get 10% Off at the Nature Store!

Every few years the **Cornell Lab of Ornithology** undertakes the daunting project of reviewing current binocular models and selecting the best. Binoculars are separated into 5 categories, from "Top of the Line" to "Budget Bins." This fall they gathered 60 staff & local bird watchers to look at over 100 models, then filled their categories with their top 28 picks (see the Autumn 2013 issue of Cornell's *Living Bird* magazine or visit their website, [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org)).

Our Nature Store was delighted to find that we carry nearly half (13) of the winners. Since our goal is to carry as many top-quality binoculars as possible, our selection was a bit top-heavy, with **8 of the 12 selected "Top of the Line"** & **"The New Midrange"** binoculars on our shelves.



Zeiss Victory T\* HT 8x42  
Cornell Lab Top Pick

As expected, Zeiss and Swarovski were the heavy hitters, but we were pleased to see the Vortex Razor also among the top contenders.



Opticron Oregon LE WP 8x32

While we carry Cornell's favorite picks in every category, I'd like to focus on a surprise favorite in the "Budget Bins" grouping. We just recently picked up a line that is new to the states but is a household name in the UK, where this family business was founded in 1970. Their first product to catch our eye was the **Opticron Oregon LE WP 8x32** (member price \$135). Obviously, the name was the first thing to get our attention, but once we looked through the lenses, we were sold! So was Cornell Lab, which said **"Excellent value. Small size, ideal for smaller hands. Best of the lower priced 'small-sized' binoculars. Great for kids!"** I guess I don't need to say much more, except where the heck did the name Oregon come from on a pair of British binoculars? Turns out the owner just liked the name. Well, so do we!

### PORTLAND AUDUBON'S NATURE STORE

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Open 10am–6pm Monday through Saturday  
10am–5pm Sunday

## Thank You to:

- Jim Cruce for 32 matted and framed wildlife photos of various sizes; and 196 4x6-inch wildlife photos in a photobook
- Thomas Hammond for a Pentax PF-80 EDA Spotting Scope with 8–24mm zoom eyepiece and Minox 8x40 binoculars for the Education Program
- Morning Star Mice for 400 frozen mice for the Wildlife Care Center
- Ginnie Ross for supplies and refreshments for the Wildlife Care Center Basics Class

## Our Wish List

- For East Portland Office:**  
10 Binoculars
- For Sanctuary:**  
Loppers • Hand saws  
Work gloves
- For Development Department:**  
Medium-sized ergonomic office chair in good condition.
- For Education:**  
Laptop with dual core processor or greater  
Powerpoint Projector
- For Wildlife Care Center:**  
Science Diet Kitten Growth • Bleach  
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent
- If you can donate these items, please first contact Audubon Society of Portland at 503-292-6855 ext. 102, Mon-Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.**

# Give a GREEN Gift this Holiday Season!

Protect birds, wildlife, and our shared habitats by giving gifts that give back!

## Sponsor a Wild Thing

Our Wildlife Care Center provides a permanent home for eight non-releasable native birds. Each of these birds 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!

These birds act as ambassadors for their species and for Portland Audubon, in classrooms and at events. Your "Wild Thing" sponsorship or gift sponsorship of one or more of these birds will also provide care for the sick, injured, and orphaned native animals that come to our Care Center for treatment.

With your tax-deductible adoption, as a Wild Thing Sponsor you or your gift recipient will receive:

- A beautiful color photo of your bird
- A collectible Wild Thing button featuring your bird
- A genuine Wild Thing Sponsor Certificate
- A personal history of your sponsored bird
- General information on the species
- Information about helping injured wildlife
- Recognition on our Wild Thing sponsor board in the Wildlife Care Center

Sponsor a Wild Thing — and give the gift of sponsorship to a fellow nature lover — online at [bit.ly/plAfrv](http://bit.ly/plAfrv) or at our Nature Store.

### Meet a few of our Education Birds...



#### Aristophanes, the Common Raven

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

Aristophanes, the Common Raven © Tammi Miller



#### Hazel, the Northern Spotted Owl

Hazel was found starving on the ground in the Mt. Hood National Forest with injuries to both eyes and damage to her primary feathers. After more than a year of effort in the WCC, it was clear that Hazel would never regain the ability to fly.

Hazel, the Northern Spotted Owl © Don Baccus



#### Ruby, the Turkey Vulture

Ruby was found imprinted onto humans, probably illegally taken from the nest as a chick. As a result, she cannot be returned to the wild, where she would likely fall prey to predators, be hurt by humans, or be taken in as a pet.

Ruby, the Turkey Vulture © Tammi Miller

Find out more about our Education Birds at [audubonportland.org/wcc/edbids](http://audubonportland.org/wcc/edbids).

## Do You Know Someone Else who Loves Birds?

Give them the gift of a community of bird 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 know how membership makes you feel, so if you know someone who values birds for birds' sake, treat them to membership in Oregon's oldest conservation organization! You can purchase online at [bit.ly/odVKB3](http://bit.ly/odVKB3) or at our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

### Give the Gift of Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Introductory | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Goldfinch         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 Individual   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Warbler           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Family       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Owl               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Wren         | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Great Blue Heron |

I would like to give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to:

This gift is for me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The GIFT MEMBERSHIP is from:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Payment Method

- My check, payable to Audubon Society of Portland, is enclosed.
- Please charge my:
- MasterCard  Visa  Discover
- Card #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Give the Gift of Backyard Habitat!

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Coordinator

Each year at this time, the holiday frenzy and commercialism can put us at odds with our true values. So, consider spending less and planting more by gifting your garden-loving friends and family with enrollment in the Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

This \$25 gift certificate covers the cost of BHCP participation. As a program participant, the recipient of your gift will receive a one-hour Site Assessment of their yard, a follow-up Site Report that outlines specific recommendations for enhancing their backyard habitat, educational resources, incentives and coupons, and access to our discounted native plant sales.

The Backyard Habitat Certification Program supports small lot landowners (under 1 acre) in Portland and Lake Oswego in creating aesthetically pleasing, native landscapes that will help rebuild our region's rich



ecological legacy. Right in our own backyards, we all have a great opportunity to deepen our connection to nature while enhancing crucial habitat for our birds and other wildlife. For more information about the program, go to [audubonportland.org/issues/backyardhabitat](http://audubonportland.org/issues/backyardhabitat).



To order a BHCP Gift Certificate and have it sent to you (or the gift recipient), please call our Nature Store at 503-292-9453. If you have general questions about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, please contact program manager Nikkie West at 503-292-6855 ext.126 or [nwest@audubonportland.org](mailto:nwest@audubonportland.org).

## Give the Gift of a Living Tree!

Honor someone with a Gift Tree from Portland Audubon and Friends of Trees, and help us build a healthy forest. For your donation of \$35, a young native tree will be planted in honor of your friend or family member, and an acknowledgement card will be sent to the person you choose. You will be invited to plant your Gift Tree at one of two annual Gift Tree plantings. (Due to the sensitive nature of the site, we cannot label the trees.) You can purchase online at [bit.ly/aONUXr](http://bit.ly/aONUXr) or at our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

\_\_\_\_\_ # Gift Tree(s) @ \$35 ea. = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

### Your information:

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tributee Information:

In Honor \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Gift Notification:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



Kestrel photo: Jim Cruce

## Cars for Birds!

Your tax-deductible vehicle donation helps protect birds across Oregon. It's easy to rid yourself of that unwanted car or truck! Running or non-running, your vehicle can benefit you with a charitable tax deduction AND support Portland Audubon's conservation and education programs. For information contact Ann Takamoto at 971-222-6117 or [atakamoto@audubonportland.org](mailto:atakamoto@audubonportland.org).

# Bring Nature Home for the Holidays

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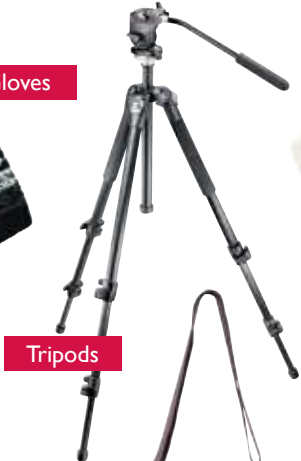
Alice's Cottage also offers stationery featuring a variety of birds matched to their towels, so friends you gift will have notes on hand to send you a big **THANK YOU!**

Do I have time to tell you more? Well, I'll just check our Paper, Scissors, Rock clock that says "home is where the cat is" and shows Kitty safe and warm inside, enjoying nature through the window!



## Enjoying Nature Outdoors

Where to even begin? We have binoculars, backpacking guides, woolly hats, field guides, fingerless gloves for flipping through field guides, lotion bars for chapped hands from flipping through field guides in fingerless gloves, **Portland Bee honey lip balm**, t-shirts with long sleeves, t-shirts with short sleeves, **Oregon Cloudburst rain hats**, mushroom guides, sighting scopes, tripods, maps, atlases, foraging guides, backpacks, field bags, and even Rite in the Rain weather-proof notebooks and pens so you can make a long list just like I did, outside, all winter, even when it's raining!



## Enjoying Nature with Kids

I'm running out of space, but you probably already know we have the largest selection of **Folkmanis plush puppets** in the city — plus other plush animals and birds from Douglas, Unipak, and Wild Republic, including dozens of different species of **Audubon Singing Birds with real bird songs**. Other toys, puzzles, and games abound. There are t-shirts with bugs, bats, and birds, as well as knit animal caps to warm those winter walks. Our **huge collection of children's books** will surprise and delight you. Many come with matching toys like *Z is for Moose* (see page 6), *Bats at the Beach*, and the loveable Raccoon from *The Kissing Hand*. To get a personally autographed copy of the children's books

Owl Grove or *A Pika's Place*, or to see any of the wonderful gifts you've seen or read about here, **please come to our Holiday Open House** the first weekend in December (see page 2).

The Audubon Society of Portland Nature Store is "Where all of the profits are for the birds!" — and where our valued members get a 10% discount.

## Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org).

### December

1	Sun	9am-11am	Audubon Outing (p.2)
1	Sun	12:30pm	Bluegrass Jam, Heron Hall
3	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
4	Wed	7pm-9pm	Marine Mammals of Oregon (see website)
7	Sat	10am-6pm	<b>Nature Store Open House</b> (p.2)
8	Sun	10am-5pm	<b>Nature Store Open House</b> (p.2)
10	Tue	7pm	<b>Nature Night: Finding &amp; Photographing Hidden Nature in Your Neighborhood</b> (p.2)
11	Wed	9am-11am	Audubon Outing (p.2)
14	Sat	8am-11am	Audubon Outing (p.2)
23-24	Mon-Tue	Various	<b>Winter Break Classes</b> (p.5)
25	Wed	—	Christmas: <b>Nature Store &amp; Admin closed</b>
26-27	Thu-Fri	Various	<b>Winter Break Classes</b> (p.5)
30-31	Mon-Tue	Various	<b>Winter Break Classes</b> (p.5)
31	Tue	To Midnight	Give!Guide donations accepted (p.2)

### January

1	Wed	—	New Year's Day: <b>Nature Store &amp; Admin closed</b>
2-3	Thu-Fri	Various	<b>Winter Break Classes</b> (p.5)
4	Sat	All Day	<b>Portland Audubon Christmas Bird Count</b> (p.4)
7	Tue	7:30pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall

Please join us on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm** in Heron Hall for **Birders' Night**, a gathering of local birders sharing recent sightings, a slideshow, and discussion.



## Audubon Society of Portland

Inspiring people to love and protect nature since 1902

Audubon Society of Portland promotes the enjoyment, understanding, and protection of native birds and other wildlife and their habitats. We focus on our local community and the Pacific Northwest.

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

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

### SANCTUARIES

Dawn to dusk every day

### WILDLIFE CARE CENTER

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

### NATURE STORE

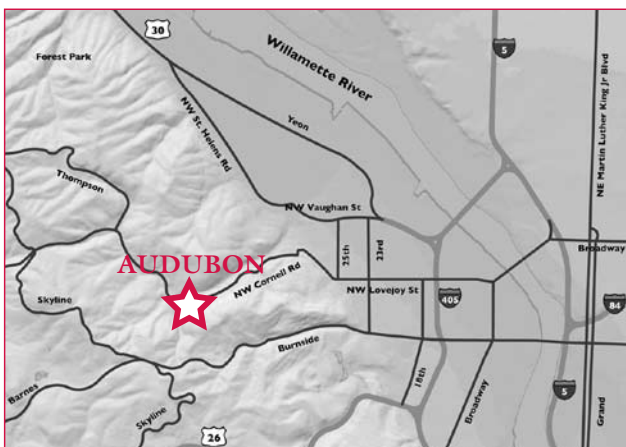
503-292-9453  
10am to 6pm, Mon. – Sat.  
10am to 5pm on Sunday

### INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store

### RARE BIRD ALERT

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



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## 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 Audubon Society of Portland Business Alliance, please contact our Development Director at 971-222-6117.



Audubon Society of Portland  
**NATURE STORE**

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| antler gallery                            | McCoy Foat & Company                   |
| Backyard Bird Shop                        | PC, CPAs                               |
| Bob's Red Mill                            | Miller Nash LLP                        |
| Dave's Killer Bread                       | Morel Ink                              |
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