Time to End the Era of Toxic Ports

The community could not have asked for a better example of what is wrong with our current Columbia River Port system than the front page of the July 22nd Oregonian.

On one side of the page, an article discussed how the Port of Vancouver is turning oil trains to fill its long-vacant lands. They are doing this despite the strong objections of the local community, which is concerned about public safety, oil spills, and promoting fossil fuels. That fear has been heightened even further since an oil train exploded in Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, killing at least 35 people and irreplaceable fish and wildlife habitat, triple air toxics to 55 times state benchmarks, destroy the health and livability of the local low-income community, and provide very limited local economic benefits. Despite the concerns of the community and the significant concerns expressed by four of the ten commissioners, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission voted 7-3 on July 8 to forward West Hayden Island for annexation to City Council.

Further undermining the credibility of this decision was that just prior to these votes, the community learned that the Columbia River Crossing had been formally declared for the first time under the auspices of the Columbia River Crossing Project. The project was launched earlier this year to address this developing industry area on the Lower Columbia.

Immediately to the right of that Oregonian article, another outlined the Port of Portland’s plans to reuse 300 acres of critical fish and wildlife habitat for industrial development on West Hayden Island under the pretense that we have a deficit in developable port land on the Lower Columbia. Fierce public opposition to this development has held back the Port’s annexation efforts since the late 1990s. Over the last half year, hundreds of people including conservation groups, the adjacent community, the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, Yakama and Nez Perce Nations, and eight neighborhood associations have expressed their opposition to this development, which will destroy irreparable fish and wildlife habitat, triple air toxics to 55 times state benchmarks, destroy the health and livability of the local low-income community, and provide very limited local economic benefits. Despite the concerns of the community and the significant concerns expressed by four of the ten commissioners, the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission voted 7-3 on July 8 to forward West Hayden Island for annexation to City Council.

Stop the “Disposal” of over 2,700 Acres of the Elliott State Forest

by Bob Sallinger

Last year Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands and Center for Biological Diversity brought a lawsuit against the State of Oregon for illegal clear-cutting in federally listed Marbled Murrelet habitat on the Elliot, Tillamook and Clatsop State Forests. As a result of that lawsuit, the district court found that our lawsuit was likely to be successful and placed an injunction on eleven timber sales. However rather than agreeing to adopt legal logging practices, instead the state is now considering SELLING OFF portions of OUR PUBLICLY OWNED State Forests.

The State Land Board, made up of Governor John Kitzhaber, Secretary Kate Brown, and Treasurer Ted Wheeler, is reviewing a reckless proposal to sell 2,714 acres of the Elliott State Forest. The loss of nearly 3,000 acres of public land is bad enough, but it could well be the beginning of efforts to sell off the Elliott’s entire 93,000 acres to private industry.

The right response to illegal clear-cutting is to establish environmentally responsible and legally valid management practices on our State Forests — not to sell them to private logging companies.

The Elliott State Forest, located just east of Reedsport and Coos Bay, provides essential habitat for a host of imperiled fish and wildlife species and its forests store more carbon per acre than virtually any other place on earth, including tropical rainforests. The forest also purifies our water and air and provides quality recreation experiences. The state must recognize these values and halt the proposed sell-off.

Please write to the State Land Board before November 11th and tell them that you want them to abandon efforts to sell off portions of the Elliott State Forest, and that you want them to replace their illegal clear-cutting practices with management practices that protect our old-growth forests, our watersheds and our wildlife.

Thanks in advance for taking action today.

Send emails to the following addresses:

lorra.stafford@state.or.us
clara.taylor@state.or.us
oregon.sos@state.or.us
oregon.treasurer@state.or.us

In order to answer the question of why a new Care Center was needed, we first had to determine the role(s) that the current Center serves within the organization and at the community level. Here is what we learned:

• The Wildlife Care Center, through its array of programs, research, and rehabilitation work, delivers on many of Portland Audubon’s visionary and strategic goals. For example, the Care Center contributes to Portland’s desire to engage existing supporters at a deeper level and to reach new and non-traditional audiences. We do this through the Living with Urban Wildlife programs, public releases of birds and raptors, and Education Bird presentations to people from all backgrounds and across the Portland metropolitan region.

In addition, the collection of data over the years better informs us about some of the manmade hazards in the environment. We use this information to advocate for local and state-wide policies to reduce the threats to birds, other wildlife, and in some instances, humans. In this regard, the Care Center addresses Portland Audubon’s visionary goal for enabling native bird populations to thrive.

• The Wildlife Care Center also popularizes the Audubon brand. Thousands of people come to the Center each year with orphaned or injured birds, and tens of thousands more receive information from us in some fashion.

• The famous snail darter case — TVA v. Hill — still stands as the most important milestone in the Endangered Species Act’s four decades of conservation. Charged with high drama, it featured a rag-tag band of environmentalists squaring off against one of the most prolific dam-building agencies on the planet.

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Welcome the fall migration with fun for everyone at the 4th annual Howl at the Moon Harvest Night at Kruger’s Farm Market! Just $10 per carload benefits Portland Audubon! AND you get:

- Live Music by Jawbone Flats
- Trips through Kruger’s Crazy Corn Maze
- Hay Rides
- Face Painting
- Harvest Bonfire
- Portland Audubon Activities
- Portland Audubon Education Birds

Rain or shine, help us celebrate the full moon and bring your friends and family for a fun-filled evening that benefits the Audubon Society of Portland. The farm stand will be open, and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Please, no dogs!

Come howl at the moon with us! © Tom Schmid

**Audubon Night at Kruger’s Farm Market**

17100 NW Sauvie Island Rd, Portland
Friday, September 20, 5:00pm – 10:00pm

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**Fernhill Wetlands Birds & Brew Festival**

Saturday, October 12, 8am–Noon

Fernhill Wetlands is in the midst of a massive makeover, and the changes are spectacular! Fernhill’s 2nd annual Birds & Brew festivities will feature tours on the hour, one led by Portland Audubon urban naturalist Mike Houck. Start your day with a cup of specially blended private-label joe from J’s Coffee Company and breakfast snacks from Maggie’s Runs, owned by two local businesswomen who are donating proceeds from the event to the Friends of Fernhill Wetlands.

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**International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!**

**FREE EVENT!**

Sat, September 7
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Heron Hall

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

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

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

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!

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Fernhill Wetlands looking for shorebirds, rails and bitterns. Meet at the Kiwa Trailhead parking lot on the River “S” Auto Tour Route at Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, Washington. The trail is a flat 1.5-mile walk and closes October 1st, so last chance for this year. Questions: Ron at 503-771-3454; no signup needed.

**October 17 (Thu), 8:30am–11:30am Sauvie Island**

We will meet at the General Store near the bridge, where required Island parking permits are sold. If we can meet by 8:30am we will arrange carpooling to keep the number of cars down. Registration is required; please contact Dudley Thomas at dthomas70@gmail.com or at 503-317-1663 before 6pm.

September 15 (Sun), 8:30am–11am

Fernhill Wetlands, Forest Grove

Join leader Timmelderine as we walk the ponds at Fernhill Wetlands looking for shorebirds and discussing their identification. Meet at the parking lot. From the junction of Hwy 47 and 8 in Forest Grove, head south 0.7 mile and turn left onto Fern Hill Road. Proceed about 0.5 mile and turn left into the parking lot. Please bring a scope if you have one. Questions: Tim at 971-221-2534.

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**International Vulture Awareness Day** — and it’s up to us to help save them.

Howl at the Moon! Harvest Night

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!
Portland’s first-ever showcase of local “cat patios”:
Join us for Portland’s Catio Tour!
Sunday, September 8, Noon–4pm

W hat do cat-lovers and bird-lovers have in common? We want what’s best for the animals we love. When it comes to cats and birds, “what’s best” does not have to be mutually exclusive. Every cat deserves a safe home where it is loved, cared for, and kept free from hazards — while wildlife deserves a landscape free from high volumes of unnatural predators. Yet, right now, tens of thousands of stray and feral cats roam our urban landscape, vulnerable to a variety of risks and preying on native wildlife.

On Sunday, September 8, from noon to 4pm, 12 residents across the Portland metro area will showcase a variety of cat patios that are keeping cats safe at home. From fabulous to frugal, these “Catio’s” offer pet cats healthy, enriching time outdoors, while protecting them from hazards like cars, predators, and poisons.

Time to End the Era of Toxic Ports
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dead... not “zombie dead” but truly dead, in the words of a spokesperson for Mayor Charlie Hales. Development on West Hayden Island has always been predicated on building of the Columbia River Crossing, without which interchanges on Hayden Island will reach service level “F” by 2030, the lowest score available and one which the city defines as “traffic at a standstill.” In fact, Mayor Hales said many times during his mayoral campaign and as recently as his state of the city address that it would be irresponsible to move forward with annexation until we understand the implications of the CRC.

Every significant study of development on West Hayden Island over the past four years, including the Public Health Impact Analysis, Cost/Benefit Analysis, Environmental Mitigation Plans, and Transportation Plans, has included the CRC as an underlying assumption. These studies have now been rendered fatally obsolete — the city is moving forward with annexation knowing that it has no viable way to access that facility.

Meanwhile downstream, other Columbia River ports are turning in desperation to coal trains and LNG to fill their vacant lands that have been standing idle for years, which join the Port of Vancouver’s oil trains to form an unholy trinity of hazardous energy exports that fly in the face of the Northwest’s commitment to renewable energy development. The City of Portland has steadfastly refused to substantively analyze how these Ports, some literally within view of one another, impact one another — and how creating more unneeded capacity in Portland could drive other local ports even further toward these desperate non-solutions.

Hovering in the air is the $180 million dollar stretch of the Columbia River Crossing, a project propelled forward because the donations requested that, rather than gifts, donations be made to Portland Audubon. Troy apparently made a lot of friends along his route because the donations were quite substantial! We in turn want to do something with the funds that would honor Troy. When I asked him if there was a project that he would like to see the funds dedicated toward, he hastily paused: “Well, it would be cool to put up some Purple Martin nest gourds at Smith and Bybee.”

Purple Martins are the largest member of the swallow family in North America. They were once common in the Willamette Valley, but now these cavity nesters are considered to be at risk due to loss of nesting sites, habitat destruction, and competition from invasive species such as starlings.

Today these colonial nesters can most often be found nesting in white gourds. The history of martins using gourds dates back hundreds and perhaps thousands of years. Native Americans discovered that these birds could be attracted to villages by hanging hollowed gourds from branches. Anthropologists speculate that the utility of this endeavor could have been entertainment, insect reduction, or the fact that martins will sometimes drive other birds such as crows from the area.

The first set of gourds at Smith and Bybee were up earlier this year, and this spring all eight gourds were occupied by a bumper crop of Purple Martins. Next year, a second set of gourds will be added as well. Thanks to Troy for his years of dedication to Smith and Bybee Lakes and for providing new homes for some of the lake’s coolest inhabitants!
Audubon and Other Local Conservation Organizations Announce Opposition to Water-Sewer Initiative
by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Y ou may have heard recently on the news about a proposed water-sewer initiative which would take control of the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Water Bureau away from the City of Portland and turn these bureaus over to an obscure new commission. Opponents of this initiative are about to begin collecting signatures to place this initiative on the 2014 ballot. We urge you NOT to sign the petitions.

Audubon strongly opposes this initiative. We believe that it will jeopardize the City’s core environmental programs. The lead proponent of this initiative, Kent Craford, recently led a lawsuit, backed by large industrial water users, against the City which argued that some of our most important environmental programs are illegal. Specific programs at the Bureau of Environmental Services that came under attack in this lawsuit included the Superfund Cleanup program, greenhouse acquisition, greening,5 stormwater, species removal, the City to Green initiative (which includes the City’s tree-planting programs), and river natural resource planning efforts. The lead lawyer on both the lawsuit and the initiative, John DeLorenzo, led successful efforts to oppose campaign finance reform in Oregon — and initiated unsuccessful legislations in Salem which the Oregonian described as the “boldest grab for water in recent Oregon history,” a failed effort that would have delivered Columbia River water to giant agricultural interests at bargain basement prices at the expense of salmon and the environment.

Meet Portland Audubon’s New Avian Conservation Program Manager
by Bob Sallinger

Joe Lieberzl started as Portland Audubon’s new Avian Conservation Program Manager in July.

He previously worked 12 years for the Wildlife Conservation Society as a conservation biologist, where he examined the impacts of oil development and climate change on nesting birds in arctic Alaska. During his time with WCS, Joe worked to quantify how predator populations (e.g., Arctic Fox, gulls, ravens) that benefit from oil development activities were negatively impacting nesting shorebirds and songbirds. He worked with a diverse group of stakeholders, including agencies and industry, to develop best management and land-use practices to minimize these impacts.

Most recently, in coordination with other NGOs including Audubon Alaska, Joe helped achieve a major conservation win by protecting more than 3.5 million acres in the Teshkepuk Lake region from oil and gas development activities. The Teshkepuk Lake region is one of the most important regions for nesting and migratory birds in the circumpolar arctic, supporting some of the highest breeding densities of shorebirds and songbirds in the world.

Joe was born and raised in New Jersey and has more than 20 years’ experience as a biologist and conservationist. Joe has participated in wildlife studies across the U.S., from Maine to Hawaii, as well as in arctic Russia and South Korea. He has lived in the Pacific Northwest for nearly 20 years and has been a Portland resident since 2005.

As the new Avian Conservation Program Manager, Joe will lead Portland Audubon’s citizen science efforts and develop new projects on timely conservation issues. He will also engage in urban conservation efforts in Portland as well as increase Portland Audubon’s role in key conservation issues across the state in areas like the Klamath Basin, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and vital coastal and marine habitats. With Joe’s breadth of experience and involvement in high-profile conservation issues, he brings a wealth of knowledge and new expertise to Portland Audubon.

We believe that the concept at the core of this initiative, taking control of the City’s water, sewer, and stormwater utilities away from the City and placing them over to an obscure board, is deeply flawed. It is ripe for takeover by the giant corporate interests that back this initiative, some of whom have already pulled our rivers and fought for our most important environmental programs. Audubon does not agree with everything the City does — we will continue to fight for policies and practices that protect our communities and our environment. However, we do not believe that transferring our most important environmental programs to a new commission that is less accountable, less accessible, less transparent, and more easily manipulated by big money interests is the right direction to go.

The following is a statement released by Audubon and ten other conservation and environmental justice advocates opposing this initiative:

Statement from Portland Conservation and Environmental Justice Advocates Opposing Water-Sewer Initiative
July 24, 2013

As Portland area conservation and environmental justice advocates with long histories of both challenging and creating opportunities to protect our natural resources and communities, we want to express our strong and unequivocal opposition to the recently proposed water-sewer commission initiative. The initiative would take control of the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Water Bureau from the Portland City Council and transfer them to an obscure board that will have less transparency and accountability. This effort masquerades as a populist movement but in fact is a Trojan horse backed by industrial water users designed to lower their costs and defund the City’s most important environmental programs. We strongly urge residents of Portland to not sign the petitions and to oppose this misguided initiative.

This effort will reduce accountability and transparency: Residents of Portland may not always agree with the decisions made by the Portland City Council, but the public is able to track and weigh in on important decisions through regular public hearings, strong disclosure rules, an extensive budget process, and ultimately through elections. Recent budget hearings attended by hundreds of people stand as a case in point. Special district boards by comparison are typically much more opaque, remote and faceless. Few people track the activities of special district boards, they receive virtually no media coverage, they meet relatively infrequently, and they are typically not included in media endorsement pages or in watchdog group scorecards. Creating a special district to run our public utilities is a recipe for takeover by special interests and less transparency and public oversight than exists today.

This effort will undermine Portland’s most important environmental programs: This effort is backed by the industrial Water Users Coalition, a lobbying group supported by some of Portland’s biggest and wealthiest industrial interests and oil development interests, and it is being funded by a right wing Oregon fundraising machine. This group includes some of Portland’s biggest polluters and many of these groups have worked in the past to roll back Portland’s environmental protections. Their current lawsuit against the City of Portland directly attacks the City’s core environmental programs such as watershed restoration and protection of our most important natural areas. It is disappointing that in their laudable efforts to protect Portland’s reservoirs, some Mt Tabor reservoir advocates have aligned themselves with some of Portland’s least civic-minded industries which seek to roll back years of environmental progress in Portland.

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We want accountability and transparency and we also want to see the City build upon, not abandon, its most important environmental programs. That is why we strongly oppose any effort to transfer our public utilities to an obscure board backed by big industrial interests.

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**Scotland! April 28 – May 7, 2014**

Join Portland Audubon on this 10-day trip to bird the ancient land of Scotland. This tour will take you from the Scottish forests, through the foothills and on to the scenic coast as we search for specialties of the region.

Our trip will begin in the northern town of Inverness, where we team up with one of Scotland’s premier birders to assist us on our quest for the Razorbill, Atlantic Puffin and Arctic Loon. We’ll also traverse the famous Highlands of Scotland as we search for the Red Grouse, a rare endemic subspecies of the Rock Parmigian.

The woodlands and estuaries surrounding Inverness will offer a nice introduction to the bird life of Scotland, and some of our first encounters may include Buzzard, Eurasian Siskin, Treecreeper Blackbird, Chaffinch and the European Robin.

Next we head to the northwest with its impressive sea cliffs, dunes and woodlands of Handa Island. One of the largest seabird colonies on the British Isles is found here with over 175,000 birds. Nesting season will be just beginning when we arrive and we should see the British Isles is found here with over 175,000 birds. Nesting season will be just beginning when we arrive and we should see

**March 9–16, 2014**

**Come birding with us on the Sayulita Coast!**

We’ll spend five nights in San Pancho, allowing us to thoroughly and comfortably explore the best birding areas within a day’s drive, while always returning to our delightful lodgings in the heart of San Pancho.

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**The Birds of Banderas Bay**

**Come birding with us on the Sayulita Coast!**

**March 9–16, 2014**

We’ll spend five nights in San Pancho, allowing us to thoroughly and comfortably explore the best birding areas within a day’s drive, while always returning to our delightful lodgings in the heart of San Pancho.

We’ll also traverse the famous Highlands of Scotland as we search for the Red Grouse, a rare endemic subspecies of the Rock Parmigian.

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**International Birding Blog**

You can enjoy David Mandell’s interview with San Pancho Bird Observatory Director Luis Morales, articles on our international birding blog! Just go to [audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/international-trips/blog](https://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/international-trips/blog) for an insider’s look at Audubon Ecotours, in-depth information about birds from around the world, and spectacular wildlife photos.

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Borneo: Trip of a Lifetime! by Barb Hill, Trip Participant  

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We started our journey with a stop at an orangutan...  

and Harlequin Monkeys, and Pig-tailed Macaques. Of the many species we observed...  

photos: Donna Dewhurst/USFWS  

Harry Nehls on:  

Swallows, Swifts & Hummingbirds  

September 17 (Tue), 7pm–9pm in Heron Hall  

Join Ilan in this, the first Audubon program to introduce some of the most agile flyers in the world of birds. Learn what characteristics swallows have in common with hummingbirds. Learn how to recognize a swallow from a swift and which species occurs in Oregon.  

Fee: $10 members / $15 non-members  

Free for active volunteers.  

Beginning Birding  

September 23 (Mon), 7pm–9pm  

Class in Heron Hall  

September 29 & October 6 (Sun), 8am–11am  

Local Field Trips  

Join Laura Whittemore for her ever-popular introduction to bird watching. You will learn about field gear such as binoculars and field guides, how to recognize birds by groups, and how to identify specific birds by their field marks, behavior, and sound. This is the perfect class for you if you're ever wanted to “get started” in bird watching. This class is likely to fill up so don't hesitate to sign up!  

Class & Field Trips (limited to 14 participants):  

$45 members / $60 non-members  

Class-only option (limited to 14 participants):  

$10 members / $15 non-members  

Hawk Identification  

September 24 (Tue), 7pm–9pm  

Class in Heron Hall  

September 26 (Sat) 9pm–5pm  

Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)  

Hawks, eagles, and falcons can be challenging to identify, particularly in flight. If you would like some help with this group, this class is for you! Have your newly learned identification skills on a Saturday field trip to Bonney Butte, a hawk migration study site near Mt Hood. This location offers an opportunity to see migrating raptors that use the updraft provided by this site to propel them on their way to their wintering grounds. Instructor Shawnne Finnegan once lived in one of the most famous hawk-watching locations in the country. In this class you will learn shapes and structures that distinguish different species.  

Class & Field Trip:  

$50 members / $70 non-members  

Field Trip limited to 12 participants. A second van may be added if needed.  

Class-only option:  

$10 members / $15 members  

Animal Tracking  

October 2 (Wed), 7pm–9pm  

Class in Heron Hall with Steve Engel  

October 3 (Thu), time & location TBD:  

Field Trip with David Moskowitz  

Register online; see Nature Store Highlights on page 9 for details.  

The Woods in Autumn: Beauty of the Season  

October 5 & 12 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall & Audubon Sanctuary  

Autumn is a turning time, a time of preparation for the coming winter by insects, animals, and plants. Seeds, fruits, and soft colors inhabit the landscape. Come and learn to see in a different way and learn techniques to express your unique style in a journal format. Our pages will develop in surprising and wonderful ways as we observe the life around us in the Audubon Sanctuary, working with techniques like plant prints, handmade nature stamps, borders, and other embellishments. No art experience needed! Jude Siegel is the author of A Pacific Northwest Nature Journal and has taught her techniques for Nature Journaling for over 30 years. “Jude is a wonderful, encouraging instructor who really helped me learn more about the subject.” —Amy Doyle, student  

Fee:  

$75 members / $85 non-members (plus materials)  

Limited to 16 participants.  

Beginning Birding  

October 13, 26, 27 (Sun), 8am-Noon:  

Local Field Trips  

Take your new birding skills to the next level with Laura Whittemore. This class is designed for those wanting more time in the field practicing and improving their birding abilities. Three morning field trips to local sites provide you opportunity to practice your ID skills under Laura’s patient tutelage, and to learn of great places to go birding in the future.  

Fee:  

$65 members / $80 non-members  

Limited to 15 participants.  

How to Disappear into the Woods  

October 19 (Sat), 10am–4pm: Outdoor location TBD  

Ever wonder where all the animals are when you walk in the woods? They all know how to blend in and move silently when they want to. You can learn these skills as well, it just takes some practice. Cader Oliver offers his experiences from the last 40 years of research, study, tracking on animals, and practical living in wild nature. Learn detailed exercises and practices that will change the way you move through nature.  

Fee:  

$45 members / $60 non-members  

Limited to 12 participants.  

Nature Observation Skills  

October 26 (Sat), 10am–4pm: Outdoor location TBD  

Ever walk through the woods with someone who saw and heard things you didn’t notice? We all have our own ways of perceiving the world, but it’s possible to change them if we want to. In this class you will learn skills and exercises that will allow you to reach your full potential as a nature observer. We will work with seeing, hearing, smell, touch, and other senses you didn’t even know you had. Cader Oliver will offer his experience from 40 years of study, research, sharing with others, and practical living in wild nature. Come prepared to see the world in new ways.  

Fee:  

$45 members / $60 non-members  

Limited to 12 participants.  

The Art of Bird Observation for Flecked Artists  

November 6 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall  

Are you convinced your drawing abilibiy will never advance beyond the stick figure level? Does your Killdeer look like a Great Blue Heron? With a little help, anyone can sketch birds. Come join nationally known bird artist Shawnne Finnegan as she helps demystify the art of drawing birds. You will become a better observer as you study the shapes and structures that distinguish different species. Heron Hall is a perfect place to hold this class, where we have access to photographs, birds coming to feeders, and mounted specimens. This one-day class is designed to help you improve your observation skills through sketching. No artistic ability needed.  

Fee:  

$45 members / $60 non-members  

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We started our journey with a stop at an orangutan rehabilitation center where the rare primates are seen moving freely in forested habitats. While here we gained a better understanding of the efforts to conserve and rehabilitate one of the iconic species of Borneo. The first field visits were at Mt Kinabalu National Park, with its 13,435-foot namesake at the center. As the highest mountain in the Southeast Asian tropics, it is a Mecca for natural diversity with habitats ranging from lowland tropical rainforest to subalpine. The Park has over 5,000 plants, including over 700 species of orchids and 375 species of birds. Many of the species are endemic to the Park, such as the Bornean Flowerpecker and the Mt Kinabalu Squirrel, both seen by the group.  

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Field Notes
by Harry Nehls

Bird migrations are for the most part not well understood, but more is learned every season. While it is difficult to fully observe the migratory movements of most birds, shorebirds are conspicuous and easily studied. There is much information on the movements of these birds that could be useful in examining the movements of other species.

Although most shorebirds are seen in close cohesive flocks, several studies have shown that each individual shorebird migrates independently, and more or less sets its own movement schedule. They gather at feeding stations, and flock primarily for protection from predators. Flots are not as cohesive as they may appear, and there is considerable interchange between individuals from one flot to another, and from one wintering spot to another. This may account for the great number of seemingly lost individuals found during each migration.

This could also explain many of the out-of-range birds regularly seen during migrations. Most migratory flocks are made up of several different species.

Sightings

The Sandy River Delta continues to be the local hotspot during the summer. This year three pairs of Eastern Kingbirds nested in the Delta after John Gatchter spotted the first one June 2. Dave Irons reported a probable immature Indigo Bunting there June 21. Adrian and Christopher Hinkle and Em Scattagrigia visited the area several times this summer. On July 21 they recorded a Grasshopper Sparrow, and on June 19 a Brewer’s Sparrow and an Ash-throated Flycatcher.

On July 5 at the Koll Wetlands in Beaverton, Dave Irons noted a Brewer’s Sparrow. On June 13 Shawneen Finnegan observed an entirely unexpected Ash-throated Flycatcher in the trees at Westmoreland Park.

White-plumaged hummingbirds are always unusual, but there were three reported in the area this summer. On July 9 Stephanie Hazen reported one in Salem. Sara Switzer had one at her feeders in Sandy June 3, and Doug Raunessan saw one in Tualatin June 30.

M. Jaqua reported a Rose-breasted Grosbeak July 4 along Skyline Road. A Great-tailed Grackle was spotted June 1 by Dan Fries at Smith & Bybee Lakes in North Portland. Another remained in Banks for a few days during late June. Dan Nelson reported a male Broad-tailed Hummingbird June 6 in Cooper Mountain in Beaverton.

Peregrine Palooza
Saturday, September 14
11am–2pm in Heron Hall

The Nature Store hosts “Peregrine Palooza” on Saturday, September 14 to honor the publication of Falcons in the City (Indiwater Press, $14.95), written and illustrated by local artist and children’s author Lisa C. Manning. Financed by a Kickstarter campaign, Manning’s book is a colorful tale of Peregrines living on our rooftops and on our website. We’ll have some special activities and multimedia displays, and of course Lisa will read her book and be on hand to chat and sign your copy. Please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 for more information.

Volunteer of the Month: Carol Goldberg
by Wildlife Care Center staff

N o one would appreciate the nickname “Fecal Queen,” but this month’s Volunteer of the Month wears it proudly. Carol Goldberg says some individuals don’t even know her real name, but they sure know she’s the one who performs most of the parasite checks, also known as fecal exams, in the Wildlife Care Center — and that’s a large feat. All patients in the care center are tested for parasites, amounting to several every week when Carol comes into the center for her shift.

Looking for bugs is not new for Carol. She is a retired veterinarian and has had a love for parasites for as long as she can remember. When asked how she landed at Audubon, Carol reports that in 2005, while waiting in a car salesroom, she heard someone talking to someone on a cell phone about parasites. She struck up a conversation and found out the person was a volunteer at Audubon and suggested Carol take her microbiology skills and offer them there.

Staff veterinarian Deb Sheaffer remembers when Carol first showed up. Carol’s first words were “I can help you,” and that has certainly been the case. And Carol’s passion for parasites extends to teaching others. She’s happy — even excited — to bring other volunteers to the microscope and explain the mysteries of worms, fungal elements, bacteria, and the other wonders to be found under a microscope. This fall she has agreed to teach a class on parasite exams to Wildlife Care Center volunteers.

In addition to helping with the parasite investigations, Carol has contributed much more to the Wildlife Care Center. Commuting a four-hour shift per week for the past 8 years, Carol feeds and medicates patients, answers phone calls, and does her share of cleaning. Her dry sense of humor makes her a pleasure to work with. Larry Campbell, WCC Operations Manager, shares views of the many volunteers who work with Carol. “She’s really fun to work with and can really brighten the day. How can you not appreciate someone who is passionate about poop?”

While Carol spends a lot of time in the Wildlife Care Center, she’s also a familiar face in other parts of Audubon. She has served on the Volunteer Council and the International Vulture Awareness Committee. She also has volunteered for multiple events including the “Night Flight” Halloween event, Birdathon, and Wild Arts Festival. Carol received Audubon’s Mamie Campbell Award in 2011 for her commitment, leadership, and multifaceted volunteer service to our organization. Since 2005 Carol has logged over 1,900 volunteer hours at Audubon. We thank you, Carol!
Sanctuaries Happenings

Join us October 2 & 3 for three events celebrating wolves and animal tracking!

Animal Tracking: Class & Field Trip
October 2 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall with Steve Eng
October 3 (Thu), time & location TBA: Field Trip with David Moskowitz

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On October 2nd, Steve Eng will teach an evening class covering the basics of identifying individual animal tracks plus how to recognize common track patterns and what they mean. Through hands-on exercises you will learn tracking terminology and become familiar with family characteristics — which animals have four toes and which have five, different shades of toe and heel pads, are there claws or no claws, and more. Steve has studied animal tracks for over 30 years and in the process has amassed a large collection of plaster casts of footprints which will be part of the class.

On October 3rd, join David Moskowitz outdoors and spend four hours seeing the landscape as a tracker sees it as we explore and search for tracks and signs of who lives there. Exact time and location to be announced, but you’ll be back in plenty of time for David’s evening presentation on Wolves in the Land of Salmon.

To register for the Class ($15 members / $20 non-members), or the Class and Field Trip ($55 members / $75 non-members, limited to 15 participants), go to audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult-classes/animaltracking13. For more information contact Steve Eng at 971-222-6819.

Explore Wolves in the Land of Salmon with David Moskowitz!

Free Presentation: Thursday, October 3 7:00pm in Heron Hall

The Nature Store welcomes you to an evening with noted tracker, photographer, and wildlife authority David Moskowitz on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00pm in Heron Hall. The author of two popular titles, both from Timber Press, David is a gifted speaker on nature topics. His most recent book, and the focus of his presentation, is Wolves in the Land of Salmon. Expect to be dazzled by his outstanding photography and fascinated by his description of the complex and intricate interactions between Pacific Northwest wolves and the landscape they live upon, as well as the oftentimes conflict-laden relationship between humans and these charismatic and mysterious carnivores.

The evening is FREE and open to the public. However, because we expect this to be a popular event, we are trying something new. You can reserve seating in Heron Hall if you purchase a copy of David’s book ahead of time ($29.95 list price, or $26.95 for members). Each purchase guarantees seating for one or two people. You can make your purchase and reservation either in person at the Nature Store or by calling us at 503-292-9453. Remaining seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, and books will also be available that evening. David will be happy to sign books for you after his presentation.

From the publisher: “Wolves in the Land of Salmon is nature writing at its best. Vivid imagery and a sense of wonder bring the text alive and help the reader understand exactly what it means to be a wolf. David Moskowitz’s training as a wildlife tracker gives him insider knowledge that he generously shares in hopes that with greater understanding comes new perspective.”

About David Moskowitz

David Moskowitz, a professional wildlife tracker, photographer, and outdoor educator, has contributed to wildlife studies in the Pacific Northwest and in the Canadian and U.S. Rocky Mountains. He has tracked, documented, and photographed wolves in the wild in Oregon, Washington, Montana, British Columbia, and southern Alberta, studying den and rendezvous sites and assisting with efforts to detect the species in parts of the region where its current status is unknown.

David helped establish and co-manages the Cascades Citizen Wildlife Monitoring Project, and teaches wildlife tracking programs through the Wilderness Awareness School in Duvall, Washington. As an evaluator for Cybertracker Conservation, he provides certification of wildlife tracking skills as part of efforts to increase observer reliability and the use of this skill in research and conservation initiatives across North America. As an instructor and trainer for Outward Bound, he has explored many of the most remote parts of the Pacific Northwest.

Along with his regular busy schedule of teaching, guest lectures, and research, during the summer of 2004 David will join three other conservation adventurers to embark on a 1200-mile overland journey on the Wolf 087 Expedition. Learn more at http://on expedition.org, including how you can get involved and sign up for email updates from the expedition.

Sanctuaries TALON Apprentices

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Our youngest participant this year enjoying the start of her 250-foot climb during the family-friendly Tall Tree Tour © Brian French

REI Grant
Portland Audubon recently received a $5,000 grant from REI to support our ongoing volunteer stewardship projects in the Sanctuaries. This is the second consecutive year REI has partnered with Portland Audubon to support projects in our Sanctuaries. This year’s project will build on the success of last year’s Collins Trail Reconstruction Project as well as the recently completed Metro-funded Balch Creek and Cornell Corridor Invasive Plant Removal Project.

This year’s stewardship project begins with the hard work of our two Sanctuaries TALON apprentices (Peach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture, our community program for youth ages 16 to 22). Our apprentices have been busy surveying and monitoring the restoration work we have completed over the past five years, identifying areas where invasive plant communities are still lingering, and mapping and inventorying to create a work plan for the coming year of volunteer restoration efforts.

These efforts will kick off with two work parties to get at some of these areas identified by our TALON apprentices:

• Saturday, September 28 from 9am to noon we will host a work party in partnership with REI for National Public Lands Day.

• Saturday, October 12 from 9am to noon we will host another work party as part of the Portland Parks Foundation’s Parke Day.

Please join us for these two work parties and help us get rid of those last lingering invasive plants in our Sanctuaries. We have accomplished so much in the past five years, with almost all of our major infestations of non-native plants now gone. It will take another few years of work and vigilance to make sure that these efforts are lasting.

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Thanks to their work we now have a functional map and inventory of some prominent populations of invasive plants that have either survived or re colonized after our restoration projects of the previous five years. We have also completed an inventory of trail conditions for the Collins Trail and the Miller Trail of the Uffelton Sanctuary and have started to address some of

the remaining problem areas of these two trails. Most significantly, Leigh and Elijah are in the midst of completing the second Collins Trail Boardwalk, a project we were unable to complete as part of last year’s flush of trail work on the Collins.

Tree Climb
On July 12, 13, and 15 we hosted the Tall Tree Tour in partnership with Ascending the Giants. This tour brought 88 participants 246 feet into the canopy of the urban forest. The guest speakers, Dr. Kathy Wolfe of University of Washington and Dr. Eric Forman of Oregon State University and the U.S. Forest Service, accompanied participants into the canopy. Professional arborists and expert tree climbers from Ascending the Giants came from as far as Ashland (O.R.), Bellingham (Wash.), and Victoria, B.C. to make this event possible. Participants included local members as well as visitors from all over the country who were in town for the National Audubon Convention. We are looking into the possibility of making this a recurring event. Keep an eye out for next summer!

TALON apprentices building the second Collins Trail Boardwalk © Tom Costello

About Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

Tom Costello, the Director of Portland Audubon, is a professional wildlife tracker, photographer, and researcher. He is the author of two popular titles, both from Timber Press; Wolves in the Land of Salmon, nature writing at its best, and Wolves in the Land of Salmon: Art and Science, new perspective.”

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Mid-sized Binoculars have Found Their Niche!

While most nature lovers enjoy the stunning visual images offered by full-sized binoculars, we have found a great niche for the expanding range of mid-sized binos now on the market. While a full-sized binocular is typically one with an objective lens of 42mm, a standard mid-sized will have a smaller objective lens of around 30–32mm. Though the smaller lens doesn’t allow as much light to reach your eyes, so viewing is not quite as bright in low-light situations like dawn or dusk, there are some great benefits for downsizing!

First, with smaller objective lenses, binoculars are lighter and more portable. Another surprising benefit is that, even though they are smaller, many mid-size binoculars have a wider field of view than their full-sized counterparts. For example, a full-size 10x42 Swarovski EL has a 136-foot-wide field of view (FOV) at 1000 feet, while the mid-size 10x32 has a much wider 206-foot-wide FOV. Some models even offer shorter close-focus distances, like the 8x32 Vortex Viper with an incredible 3-foot close focus. So, give a new mid-sized a try!

Whether you are interested in having a lighter, more compact pair of optics for everyday use or are looking for a second pair to use as a light-weight travel or hiking companion, Vortex is offering many exciting models for you to try. Our latest addition is the Zen-ray ZRS, which is available in an affordable 8x32mm for $229 ($205 for members) or 10x52 at $239 ($215 for members). Also recently added to our selection is the Zeiss Conquest HD 8x32 at $999.99 ($899.99 for members). And until September 30, with the purchase of any Conquest HD, you can get a free Federal Duck Stamp which we know you have a year of unlimited access to National Wildlife Refuge leases (like Ridgefield NWR) that have an entrance fee. Looking to the future, Leupold has plans to release new smaller versions of both their popular Acadia and Mojave models. We’ll keep you posted!

You can count the loss of light due to smaller lenses by upgrading to binoculars featuring extra-low dispersion (ED) glass which offers brighter images than conventional optical glass.

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Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

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

For those who enjoy nature photography, there is a special weekend focusing on October 5th & 6th. The Tuatulain River National Wildlife Refuge (TRNWR) is holding the 2nd annual ‘Focus on Nature Festival,’ which offers 17 exciting workshops to assist you in finding the best locations, taking the best images, getting the most from your camera equipment, working with digital images, and much more. The weekend kicks off with a Saturday morning workshop with Audubon favorite Harry Nehls on photographing birds. Another highlight will be a Sunday morning digiscoping workshop with Clay Taylor of Swarovski Optics.

As and a warm-up for the weekend’s festival, Audubon Society of Portland will host Clay Taylor at a free lecture on Friday, October 4th, at 7pm in Heron Hall at Audubon’s Nature Sanctuary. Clay will give an overview of digiscoping and a close-up look at the current Swarovski spotting scopes, digiscoping camera attachments, and other equipment. He will also be on hand at the Audubon Nature Store all day Saturday, October 5th, demonstrating Swarovski products and answering questions.

For details on registering for workshops at TRNWR, please visit trnwr.org or call the Refuge at 503-625-5944 ext 227. Additional information about Clay’s Audubon appearances can be directed to the Nature Store at 503-292-9453.

Estate Planning Seminar

If you are thinking of doing your estate planning, please join us for a brief seminar on wills, trusts, estate planning, inheritance taxes, and the tax aspects of charitable giving. Our attorney will help you navigate through the process and help you determine what charitable giving might fit into your plans, please call Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 971-222-6117.

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Estate planning is a personal process, involving thoughtful evaluation of family needs, values, and finances. Tax benefits vary according to the gift, which might come from sale of a home or real estate or from stock, a retirement account, or other asset. We can recommend an independent advisor to help you devise a plan that includes Portland Audubon, or you may work with an advisor or attorney of your choice.

When you notify us confidentially of a decision to leave a bequest to the Audubon Society of Portland, you are eligible to join our Legacy Circle. The Legacy Circle celebrates estate gift donors with invitations to periodic gatherings, special events, and listing in our Annual Report Honor Roll. We welcome the opportunity to hear about your values and vision, and we will keep a confidential record of your intentions. For more information, or to arrange a discussion of how Portland Audubon might fit into your plans, please call Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 971-222-6117.

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 Audie Armour at 971-222-6129 or aarmour@audubonportland.org.

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Volunteers Needed for Audubon’s Biggest Show!

Wild Arts Festival: November 23–24, 2013

The Wild Arts Festival, Audubon Society of Portland’s most elaborate production, is just around the corner. Last year’s Festival was a huge success, netting almost $85,000 to support a wide variety of programs at Portland Audubon, and we expect to be even more successful in 2013, with some great new artists, a fabulous lineup of Northwest authors, and even more community sponsorships. WAF 2013 is scheduled for Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th, and the best way to get a backstage look at the event is by volunteering. It’s also a great way to connect with Audubon friends, old and new.

Volunteers are needed to set up Wild Arts on Friday, November 22nd, to run the event on Saturday and Sunday; and to strike it down on Sunday afternoon and evening. Over 200 volunteers are needed during the course of the weekend, for tasks as diverse as helping to check in volunteers; staffing the info exhibit; booth-setting for artists; working the admission desk; helping with the Book Fair; and filling up a couple dozen other spots. Artists especially appreciate help with moving in on Friday and then out on Sunday, as this is a service that’s seldom offered at other shows. If you’re interested in being a volunteer, check out the volunteer page on the festival website, wildartsfestival.org, or check with our Festival volunteer coordinator Roberta Lampert at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.

Other Ways to Help

Don’t have time to volunteer? Or maybe you would like to do more? No worries! Here are some other ways you can support the Wild Arts Festival:

- Consider sponsorship: visit wildartsfestival.org/sponsors to learn about our various levels of sponsorship for businesses and individuals, from “Eagle” or “Great Blue Heron” to the very affordable “40 Friends of Wild Arts.”
- If you have access to weekend getaways, event tickets, gift certificates to intriguing restaurants or stores, items of interest to naturalists, etc., we would appreciate your donating them to the Audubon Society of Portland for fundraising.
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Calendar at a Glance

September

1–30
Daily
Swatch at Chapman School (p.1)

3 Mon — Labor Day: Closed

1-3 Sat 7:30am Birders’ Night, Harrow Hall

7 Sat 11am–3pm Nature Awareness Day events (p.3)

8 Sun Noon–4pm Cattle Tour (p.4)

10 Thu 7pm Nature Night: Great Salt-Air Birds of the Pacific Northwest (p.2)

15 Sat 11am–3pm Peregrine Falcons (p.7)

15 Sun 8:30–11am Audubon Outing (p.3)

October

1 Thu 7:30pm Birders’ Night, Harrow Hall

2 Wed 7–9pm Animal Tracking class (pp.7&8)

7 Thu 7pm Wildlife as the Jewel of Salmon with David Mlawski (p.9)

8 Thu 7pm “The Curious Case of the Endangered Snail Darter” at Reed College (p.3)

16 Fri 7pm Native Eastern Hemisphere presentation with Clay Taylor (p.11)

5 Sat Various “Focus on Nature” photo workshops at Tualatin River NWR (p.11)

10 Sat 10am–4pm Swainson’s special event: Clay Taylor at Nature Store (p.11)

10 Sat 10am–4pm The Woods in Autumn (p.7)

12 Sat Various Birdfest at Ridgefield NWR (p.3)

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26 Sat 10am–4pm Nature Observation Skills (p.7)

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5 Thu 7:30pm Birders’ Night, Harrow Hall

10 Thu 6pm Estate Planning Seminar (p.11)

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Birders’ Night

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

Business Alliance

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