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Gray Warbler

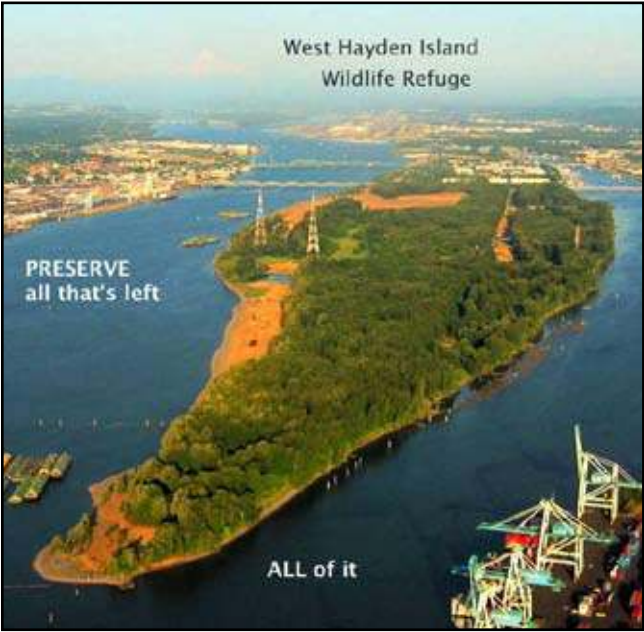
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Draft Portland Comprehensive Plan Turns its Back on the Community and the Environment

West Hayden Island, Other Greenspaces, and Our Rivers at Risk... Again

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

In January 2014, the Port of Portland withdrew its application to the City of Portland to annex and rezone wildlife habitat on West Hayden Island for industrial development. The Port told the City that it was unwilling to consider mitigation measures that the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) recommended as a condition of annexation in order to protect the local community and environment from the impacts of development. The withdrawal ended more than 5 years of public process and represented the third time in 15 years that the Port failed to move its development aspirations through a public process. It was an environmental high water mark for Mayor Charlie Hales and the City Council, which stood strong against relentless pressure from Port and business interests that demanded the City subsidize this project on the backs of one of Portland's most vulnerable communities and the ecological health of our river.



Now it appears that the City is poised to do a 180-degree turn in the wrong direction. In July 2014, the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability released its "Proposed Draft" Comprehensive Plan Update. The Comprehensive Plan is the land use plan for the City that guides future growth and development. In a city known (and sometimes criticized) for its multitude of planning processes, this is the plan that really matters. It represents a legally enforceable framework for where we protect and where we develop, how we invest public dollars in infrastructure, and how we decide when one land use goal conflicts with another.

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YES on 26-159, the 'Fix Our Parks' Bond Measure

by Bob Sallinger

In November, voters will have an important opportunity to invest in protecting and maintaining Portland's world-class park system. Portland Audubon is urging a YES VOTE on 26-159, the 'Fix Our Parks' Bond Measure.



Replacing this collapsed bridge along the Maple Trail in Forest Park is one of the projects that will be funded by this bond measure.

One of the things making Portland special is our amazing network of parks, trails, and natural areas. In 2011 Portland Parks and Recreation won a national gold medal for providing the best park system in the United States serving a population of at least 250,000 people. However, our park system still faces significant challenges — over the next decade, our parks, trails, and natural area system is expected to face approximately \$365 million in maintenance costs. Some of those maintenance challenges are already visible in the form of closed playgrounds and restrooms, deteriorating trails and bridges in our natural areas, and leaky swimming pools.

Bond Measure 26-159 will raise approximately \$68 million to address the most critical parks maintenance needs and will do it **without raising taxes**. 26-159 replaces an expiring bond measure that voters passed in 1994, so tax rates to support parks would simply remain the same going forward. (If the measure does not pass, the annual property taxes paid by the typical household with an assessed value of \$152,000 could decrease by about \$13. But we won't have enough parks funding.)

The funding will go toward the most urgent maintenance and repair needs including fixing collapsing bridges and washed-out trails in Forest Park, repairing the urban forestry building, as well as repairing or replacing restrooms, fixing leaking pools, repairing community centers, and improving accessibility for people with disabilities.

Please help us spread the word, and there are lots of ways to get involved. For more information on how to get involved or to see a list of specific projects, go to fixourparks.org.

Swift Watch 2014

We are anticipating the return of **Vaux's Swifts** to the Chapman School chimney in NW Portland as well as other sites in the area. Thousands of Vaux's Swifts gather in the city during late summer as they prepare to migrate to Central America. Migrating swifts often use chimneys as roosts, and they are likely to return to the same roost year after year. One population has been returning to Chapman since the 1980s and it is one of the largest known roosting sites of migrating Vaux's Swifts. Thousands of swifts gather in the air space above the school before sunset during the month of September. Once the sun sets, birds funnel into the chimney and spend the night there clinging to the walls.

Swift watching has become a popular activity at Chapman, and on many evenings, thousands of people gather to watch these aerial acrobats. We depend on you and other attendees to follow the rules and make Swift Watch a positive experience for all.

• Please be respectful of the neighbors and the impact this event has on them.

• While we encourage visitors to walk or use public transit, **FREE** Swift Watch parking is available at Montgomery Park (2701 NW Vaughn St) and Selco Community Credit Union (NW 25th & Thurman). Do not expect to find on-street parking!

• Portable bathrooms and additional trash cans will be provided — please use them!

• Leash and pick up after dogs.
• **It is illegal** to consume alcoholic beverages or smoke on public school grounds.

Portland Audubon volunteers will be present at Chapman School throughout September to inform and educate the public about the swifts. Go to audubonportland.org/local-birding/swiftwatch for more details.



Vaux's Swifts at Chapman School © Scott Carpenter



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Comedy Night at the Oregon Zoo

A Benefit for the Audubon Wildlife Care Center and Ruaha Carnivore Project

November 1, 2014 • 6pm–9pm

Daria O'Neill from 105.1 "The Buzz" will host an evening of comedy at the Oregon Zoo.

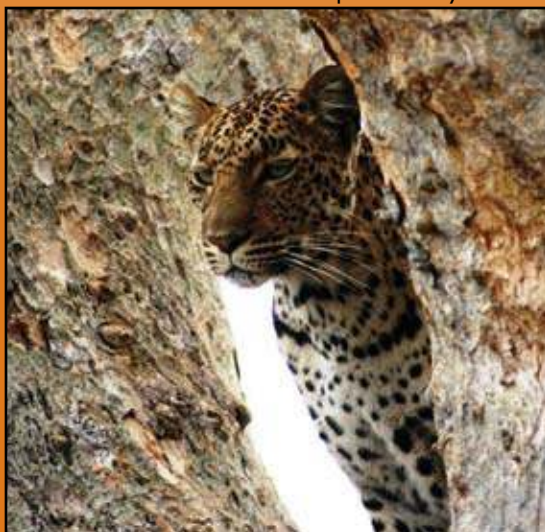
Admission will include hors d'oeuvres, adult refreshments, a silent and live auction, live music, and two hilarious comedic performances. The event is 21 and over.

Tickets are required and can be purchased online until Oct 30, 2014 at Eventbrite.com (search: Oregon Zoo).

Bald Eagle © Tinsley Hunsdorfer



Leopard © Gary Freeman



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Birds & Brew FESTIVAL

**October 11, 2014
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

At Fernhill Wetlands & McMenamins Grand Lodge in Forest Grove

See page 10 for information about the transformation at Fernhill Wetlands.

Questions? (503) 681-5111 or FriendsOfFernhillWetlands@gmail.com

Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge present

BirdFest & Bluegrass

Saturday & Sunday Ridgefield, WA

October 4th & 5th 2014

www.RidgefieldFriends.org

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 or 503-292-6855 ext. 130.

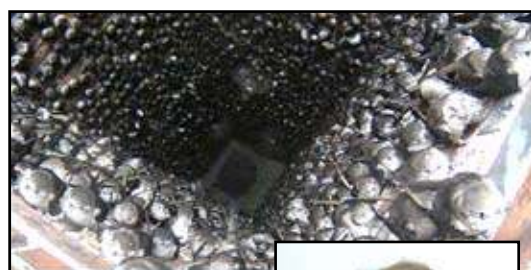
FREE and open to the public!

Vaux's Happening? Tracking the Vaux's Swift Migration

with Larry Schwitters

**Tuesday, September 9
7pm Heron Hall**

Portland, Oregon is home to one of the world's largest roosting colonies of Vaux's Swifts during their southbound migration each September. But where do they live for the rest of the year? How far North do they breed? What other roost sites do they use? How long does it take them to make their journey to Central America? How healthy are their population numbers? Biologist **Larry Schwitters** has dedicated himself to getting answers to these questions, launching the citizen science project called Vaux's Happening to gather data about Vaux's Swift numbers and the importance of preserving their disappearing roost sites.



A rare look down into a roost chimney. © Larry Schwitters



© L. Schwitters

Join Larry for a fast-paced presentation that will examine the ongoing Vaux's Happening project. Started 6 years ago to gather the data necessary to make a compelling case for the preservation of what has proven to be one of the most significant Vaux's Swift communal migratory roost sites in North America, Vaux's Happening quickly expanded into an attempt to locate, raise awareness of, and hopefully preserve the important roost sites used by this species all along their migratory path. In these 6 years, the project has documented nearly 500,000 Vaux's Swifts per migration in roosting events from San Diego to the Yukon. Schwitters will also share images and information captured by the project's chimney surveillance cameras and precision temperature recorders.

Larry Schwitters holds a Masters of Science degree from East Texas State University and spent 30 years in the trenches of public education, mostly as a middle school science teacher and coach in the Seattle area. He spent 4 years tracking down Black Swifts at Washington State's waterfalls for the American Bird Conservancy before his involvement with the Vaux's Happening project.

This will be a fun way to learn Vaux's Swift natural history before viewing their nightly gathering at the Chapman School chimney!

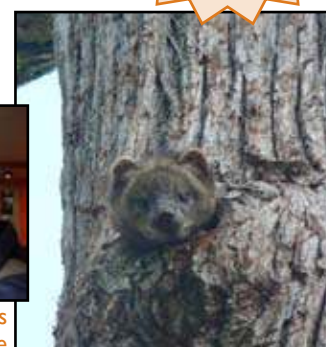
Fishers in the Pacific Northwest with Sean Matthews

**Tuesday, October 14
7pm Heron Hall**

Fishers are cool! A member of the mustelid or weasel family, the fisher, *Pekania pennanti*, is a mammal of many talents. Native to the late-successional or mixed forests of North America, it is mostly tree-dwelling, nesting in tree cavities tens or even hundreds of feet off the ground. Large for a weasel, but about the size of a house cat, fishers are one of the most adept carnivores in our western forests — one of the few predators that regularly prey on well-fortified porcupines!



Sean Matthews
© Jennifer Cooke



Female fisher in den. © Hoopa Valley Tribe/ Kerry Rennie

Join conservation scientist **Dr. Sean Matthews** as he talks about his decade of research and conservation experience with fishers throughout California, Oregon, and Washington. Through photographs and videos, Sean will share stories of fisher biology, conservation concerns, research and conservation efforts — and what it takes to raise an orphaned fisher kit, from rescue to release.

Despite their tenacity and elusive nature, fishers were unable to elude the pressures of unregulated trapping for furs and the loss of forested habitats associated with logging over the last century. It is suspected that logging continues to threaten fisher populations by means of habitat fragmentation, reductions in habitat size, and changes in forest structure that are unsuitable for fishers. As a result of population declines, range contractions, and existing threats, the fisher is a candidate for federal endangered species protection.

Dr. Sean Matthews is an Associate Conservationist and Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow with the Wildlife Conservation Society. He has been working cooperatively with colleagues from the Hoopa Valley Tribe, the Integral Ecology Research Center, Humboldt State University, and the University of California Davis to assess critical elements of fisher ecology since fall 2004. After receiving both his MS and BS degrees from Humboldt State University, Dr. Matthews completed his PhD in Environmental Conservation at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Sean has been conducting carnivore research for 16 years throughout the Pacific Northwest and Sierra Nevada Mountains. His research interests include human-wildlife interactions, carnivore ecology, and technological applications to wildlife research and management.

Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!



= Mostly weekday excursions



= Sign-up needed



= Fee involved

September 13 (Sat), 9am–12pm Wapato Greenway

Please join **Patty Newland** and **Candace Larson** for a bird walk at Wapato Greenway on Sauvie Island. We will traverse the 2-mile path around the marsh. From the Sauvie Island bridge, drive 2.4 miles north on Sauvie Island Rd and turn left (west) into the gravel parking area, where we will meet. (Be sure to stay left at the fork, staying on Sauvie Island Rd). Call 503-231-0933 with questions.

September 18 (Thu), 8am–12pm Sauvie Island Outing



Join **Karen Chaivoe** and **Mary Ratcliff** as we explore Wapato Greenway State Park and Coon Point on the lookout for shorebirds and cranes. Meet at the Sauvie Island parking lot just across the bridge at 8:00am, and we will carpool from there. Bring water and sunscreen — most of the time we will be out in the open. A spotting scope will be very helpful. All cars will need a Sauvie Island WMA parking pass, available at the Cracker Bar Store on Sauvie Island Rd near the bridge. Questions? Contact Karen at kchaivoe@comcast.net or 503-341-4750.

September 28 (Sun), 9am–11am Dawson Creek Park, Hillsboro

Join **Max Smith** and **Sarah Swanson** for a walk through Dawson Creek Park. We will visit Acorn Woodpecker colonies and check the ponds for ducks, grebes, and other waterbirds. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Main Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Parkway in Hillsboro. Questions? Call Max at 503-720-9730.

September 30 (Tue), 8am–12pm Kiwa Trail, Ridgefield NWR

Join us on a walk on the Kiwa Trail looking for rails and bitterns. The trail will close October 1st so this will be the last chance until next spring. The trail is a flat 1.5-mile walk. Meet **Ron Escano** at the Kiwa Trailhead on the River 'S' Unit of Ridgefield NWR, Washington. From I-5 in Washington, take Exit 14 (Pioneer Street/Washington SR-501) west toward Ridgefield. Turn left onto NW 269th St/Pioneer St. At the traffic circle continue to follow Pioneer St and drive about 1.8 miles to South 9th Ave. Turn left on South 9th and continue 0.3 miles. Continue onto South Hillhurst Rd. After 0.4 miles turn right onto the Ridgefield NWR entrance road. Questions? Call Ron at 503-771-3454.

September 30 (Tue), 8:30am–11am Tualatin River NWR



Before the seasonal trails close, join **Barbara Allen** for a 2-mile walk to look for migrating shorebirds, raptors, dabblers, and divers, plus a variety of songbirds. Meet at the refuge parking lot located just north of Sherwood off Hwy 99W. Questions? Call Barbara at 970-209-9209.

October 5 (Sun), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park



Join **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park to scope the lake for waterbirds then explore the riparian woodland for fall migrants. Meet at 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms. 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 Vancouver Lake Park (possible \$3 entrance fee). Questions? Call Ron at 503-771-3454.

October 10 (Fri), 9am–12pm Ridgefield NWR, Carty Unit

Leaders **Dena Turner** and **John Nikkel** will walk the 2-mile Oaks to Wetlands Trail, passing through Oregon white oaks, Douglas fir forest, wetlands, and meadows. Meet at the Carty Unit parking lot. The NWR is accessed from Ridgefield, Washington. Take I-5 North and Exit 14 toward Ridgefield. Questions? Call Dena at 503-953-3109.


October 16 (Thu), 8am–11am Jackson Bottom



Join **Sue Carr** and **Bonnie Deneke** as we view the marsh and forest birds. We will also visit the Interpretive Center which has an Eagle's nest on display. Go into Hillsboro on Hwy 8, turn left onto Hwy 219, drive about a mile to Jackson Bottom at 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, and meet in the parking lot. Questions? Call Bonnie at 503-644-7335.

October 24 (Fri), 9am–11am Whitaker Ponds

Please join **Patty Newland** and **Candace Larson** for a bird walk at Whitaker Ponds, a hidden urban oasis in NE Portland. We will circle the pond looking for ducks, songbirds, eagles, and owls. Park inside gated area at the Ponds, 7040 NE 47th Ave. Call 503-231-0933 with questions.



Audubon Night at Kruger's Farm Market


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

Welcome the fall migration with fun for everyone at the 5th annual Howl at the Moon Harvest Night at Kruger's Farm Market! **Just \$10 per carload benefits Portland Audubon AND gets you:**

- Live Music
- Trips through Kruger's Crazy Corn Maze
- Hay Rides
- Face Painting
- Harvest Bonfire
- Portland Audubon Activities
- Visits with 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



International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!

Sat, September 6
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Heron Hall

Around 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.



Ruby the Turkey Vulture
© Tom Schmid

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!

It's Time to Register for the Catio Tour

Registration is open for Portland's second annual Catio Tour! On **Saturday, September 6** from **10am–2pm**, tour nine catios ranging from fabulous to frugal as you get ideas for your own outdoor cat enclosure.

The goal of this unique event is to educate cat lovers about how catios keep pet cats and wildlife safe. We hope to inspire others to build one for their own cats! For more information visit audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/cats/catio or call Nikkie West at 503-292-6855 ext.126.



This fancy feline can be visited in its cool catio in East Portland on Sept 6th. © Olivia Hinton



Come celebrate Halloween and learn all about the creatures of the night. Come face-to-face with Portland Audubon's Great Horned Owl, Northern Spotted Owl, Turkey Vulture, and Raven. **Trick-or-Treat with naturalists and enjoy a night walk to investigate what creatures haunt the sanctuary at night.** Event will go rain or shine.

Pre-registration is required. You can register online at audubonportland.org/about/events/halloween or call 503-292-6855 ext.108 for more information. Space is limited for event and walks, so register early!

Mark your calendars for this family-friendly Halloween event!

Saturday, October 25, 2014
5:00pm – 8:30pm

\$12.50 covers registration and participation for first member of your group, \$10 per person for other members. Recommended for kids 5–12

Conservation

Portland Audubon ‘On the Ground’ at Malheur NWR

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

It’s a bright sunny spring day at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in southeast Oregon. Refuge manager Chad Karges and habitat ecologist Jess Swenick carefully back a flat-bottomed airboat into Malheur Lake down a boat ramp access. Portland Audubon Malheur intern Candace Larson and I climb aboard the boat to tour the lake and discuss how the refuge will attempt to restore it and attract back the tens of thousands of nesting and migrating birds that it once supported. Chad starts up the boat engine equipped with an oversized fan at the stern, and we race off to get up close and personal with the lake.

Decades ago over 110,000 baby ducks would hatch on the refuge annually. The lion’s share of duck production occurred on and near Malheur Lake. Today across the entire refuge only about 30,000 baby ducks hatch every year. Malheur’s wildlife potential has been severely undermined by invasive species. Carp, a fish native to Asia, was introduced to Malheur in the 1940s, and by the 1960s they had made their way into nearly all aquatic habitats on the refuge. Carp directly compete with water-dependent birds and have totally stripped aquatic vegetation from most water bodies. Their bottom-feeding behavior has reduced water clarity, which in turn alters invertebrate communities and kills plants by blocking the light they need to grow. As a consequence, many of the lakes and ponds on the refuge, including Malheur Lake, support only a fraction of the birds and other wildlife they once did.

We ride out toward the middle of the large lake. Chad shuts off the engine. Suddenly everything is quiet except for the sound of the gentle breeze and the rocking of the boat. We look out over a vast stretch of muddy water. I imagine there are many huge carp lurking in the murky water beneath



White Pelicans on Malheur Lake, two showing ‘breeding bump’ on beak © Joe Liebezeit

us. For miles in either direction we see no emergent vegetation, just barren stretches of water and few birds. Prior to the carp infestation, the lake supported a vast “hemi-marsh” with much of the lake dotted with productive wetland patches providing waterfowl and other bird species places to nest and forage.

How can the lake be restored to its former glory? It’s easy to be overwhelmed by the enormity of this problem. What is being done about it?

Recently, the refuge and partners, including the Audubon Society of Portland, crafted a 15-year management plan to address the daunting “carp issue” as well as other challenges the refuge’s bird communities and other wildlife are facing. This plan, called a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP), is a strategy that all national wildlife refuges are required to develop. At Malheur the development of the CCP was quite remarkable in the breadth of diverse partners that were included in the collaborative planning process.

With regard to the carp, the refuge has invested in an aggressive management regime to limit carp levels to 100 lbs of carp per square acre, allowing Malheur’s aquatic systems to recover and eventually support healthy waterbird and waterfowl populations. This includes a number of innovative methods, such as construction of a network of fish screens that will limit carp access to many water bodies and support of commercial fishing for converting carp into fertilizer.

Of course Malheur refuge includes more than Malheur Lake. The refuge harbors a diverse array of habitats including wet meadows used by grassland bird species including the largest western population of Bobolinks, sagebrush habitats important for Loggerhead Shrikes, playas used by the threatened Snowy Plover, and riparian areas important for declining Willow Flycatchers. In light of the new CCP, Portland Audubon has taken a lead role working with refuge staff to redesign their bird monitoring program. This winter as part of a Wildlife Workgroup, we began the development of bird survey protocols that will enable refuge staff to track bird populations in the various habitats across the refuge as restoration efforts move forward and new management practices are implemented that aim to increase bird numbers.



Joe Liebezeit, Chad Karges, and Jess Swenick on Malheur Lake tour © Candace Larson



Candace Larson, Audubon Intern, surveying grassland birds at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge © Joe Liebezeit

Candace Larson, Portland Audubon’s Malheur intern, just finished a 10-week stint on the refuge. Candace played a vital role working with refuge staff to take the “paper protocols” the Wildlife Workgroup developed, test them in the field, and refine them as needed. After this first season we’ve developed strong survey methods to monitor Sandhill Crane populations, track songbird use of wet meadows, and monitor waterfowl broods on refuge ponds. Additional surveys we develop will likely include aerial monitoring of Malheur Lake for waterbirds as carp removal begins.

As we ride across Malheur Lake and the shoreline nears, I feel hopeful. The challenges are great but not insurmountable. The development of the CCP with an inclusive group of stakeholders was an important first step. Ten years from now we hope to see Malheur Lake well on its way to supporting the thousands of birds it once did, providing a vital link on the Pacific Flyway.

Learn more about Malheur at audubonportland.org/issues/statewide/malheur, and follow us at facebook.com/RestoreMalheur?ref=br_tf.

Springtime on the Refuge

by Candace Larson, Malheur NWR Conservation Intern

As mentioned in the article above, the Audubon Society of Portland supports a seasonal conservation intern on the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Through this position, Portland Audubon is helping the refuge monitor wildlife impacts as they work toward their long-range conservation goals. In 2014, I was the lucky one chosen for this assignment, and in early April, I packed my bags for an exciting 10-week field season in the high desert.

I arrived two days after a late-spring storm dropped four inches of snow at headquarters, and the John Scharff Migratory Bird Festival was about to begin. Thousands of white geese coated the flooded fields in the Harney basin, refueling for the journey north, while soon-to-be-ubiquitous Yellow-headed Blackbirds straggled into the valley one by one. The refuge is like that: with over 320 species using the landscape, each week presents an ever-changing array of birds. Calliope hummers pass through for a day or two, while Ring-necked Pheasants never leave. Yellow Warblers are sitting tight on their nests by the time the first Common Nighthawk sets her sights on a refuge fence rail. And “Will I ever see an ibis?” becomes a game of “try-to-not-see-an-ibis” as spring progresses. This dynamism filled each workday with surprise and continual opportunities to study bird ecology and behavior.

My work centered on refining and field testing several bird monitoring protocols that will be used to measure avian response to refuge activities over the coming years. First up was a project to count Greater Sandhill Crane pairs throughout the upper Blitzen Valley. The cranes are part of California’s Central Valley population, and Malheur provides them key breeding habitat. With great pleasure, I observed these birds throughout my stay, from outlandish courtship dances in early April through a secretive May of nest-sitting, then into the days of fluffy, long-legged colts wobbling through June grasses.

My next task involved slogging through wet meadow habitat to establish a point-count protocol for landbirds. It was a treat to pull off the inaugural season of this survey and find a healthy cohort of backward-tuxedo-wearing Bobolinks, or, as they are sometimes called, “skunk blackbirds.” Later in the summer, volunteers would use the brood count protocol I refined to track the production of ducks and shorebirds across a wide variety of refuge ponds. As a bonus, I assisted with Golden Eagle monitoring work for the Oregon Eagle Foundation, hiking along the rimrock canyons in search of nesting birds and following those nests as the chicks hatched and developed.

As much as I delighted in the solitude of these assignments, I also enjoyed the chance to share birding and conservation highlights with visitors from around the state. From assisting with various bird festival tours to escorting the Portland Audubon foray around the refuge, the opportunity to share my passion for this place and its denizens was a welcome addition to the job.

When I left the refuge in late June, stub-tailed Canyon Wren babies were clinging to the rimrock, tiny Pintail chicks had just emerged from the marsh grasses, and the first Golden Eaglets were ready to fledge. I am proud of Portland Audubon’s role in the wildlife program at Malheur and honored to have represented Audubon in such a magnificent landscape. I look forward to the continued development of our long and strong relationship with this amazing refuge.



Candace Larson at Golden Eagle nest on Malheur NWR © Bill Price

Backyard Habitat Summer Highlight

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Coordinator



Lou Terkla is 90 years old and always up for a challenge. When he heard about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, he signed up immediately and had his first Site Assessment with long-time Backyard Habitat Technician Robin Jensen last March. Lou and his wife Phyllis live on approximately one acre of property in the southwest hills. Like much of SW Portland, their yard is a landscape of steep slopes, wet lowlands, and large areas of unimproved right-of-way in the shadows of towering bigleaf maples, Doug firs, and hemlocks. But beneath the canopy of these majestic and ancient trees lurked 50-year-old blankets of noxious weeds like ivy and vinca.



Lou proudly displays his well-deserved platinum backyard habitat certification. © Nikkie West

Following the initial assessment, it typically takes program participants between six months and one year to meet the criteria and become Backyard Habitat Certified. But not Lou; within four months of his assessment, he called us up excitedly, and invited us back to check his progress.

I arrived on a sunny morning in July to a transformed landscape. “I’ve been out here every day on my hands and knees. My wife doesn’t even know she has a husband anymore!” Lou says jokingly — though, in all honesty, he’s not kidding. Since March, Lou has single-handedly pulled the invasive species off every square foot of his property and hauled away 16 pickup truck loads of invasive plant material. In the areas left bare, he’s replanting appropriate native species, like snowberry and red huckleberry, and is even beginning to reintroduce species historically lost from the site.

The hard work pays off, both with his recent Platinum Level Backyard Habitat Certification and also with the diverse array of birds and other wildlife Lou and Phyllis cherish viewing from the porch. According to Lou, “Things just come and grow here, as they do in nature, and I just let her be.” Lou’s stewardship of his small piece of earth is truly an inspiration.

Draft Comprehensive Plan

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The draft Plan locks in 300 acres of habitat on West Hayden Island for industrial development while completely ignoring the mitigation measures proposed by the PSC just 12 months ago. In short, it throws the community and the environment under the treads of the Port’s bulldozers and makes a mockery of the extensive public process that led to the Port’s withdrawal. Sadly it doesn’t end there: the Plan also targets golf courses along the Slough for conversion to industrial development and weakens the City’s ability to put environmental regulations on critical salmon habitat along the river.

The City claims that it has to do this in order to meet its jobs target under Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 9. This is categorically false and the City knows it. At the time of the Port’s withdrawal, Portland Planning and Sustainability Director Susan Anderson was quoted in the *Oregonian* as follows: “The need in the comprehensive plan is not for acreages,” she said. “It’s for a certain number of jobs.” Mayor Hales was quoted as saying, “There are lots of opportunities to grow the economy in ways that will happen a lot quicker than anything would have ever happened on West Hayden Island. Even by the Port’s own estimates, these jobs were years and years away.”

Mayor Hales and Director Anderson were right then and the City is wrong now. There are better ways forward. The City should focus on reclaiming more than 900 acres of contaminated brownfields, intensifying use of the existing industrial land base, keeping organizations like the Port of Portland from converting industrial lands to other uses when there is a buck to be made, and forcing Columbia River Ports to move toward more collaborative relationships that allow them to make more efficient use of the existing Port facilities and to promote a sustainable regional Port economy. It should focus its job creation objectives on sectors that do not require the City to convert critically important environmental lands into industrial landscapes.

In the coming months we will be calling on our members to remind the Planning and Sustainability Commission and City Council that it is not okay to destroy critically important natural areas, it is not okay to allow industrial developers to pollute our most vulnerable communities, and it is not okay to trample public process at the beck and call of powerful industrial interests. Please check our website often and sign up for action alerts to find out how you can help ensure that Portland adopts a Comprehensive Plan that protects our communities and our environment: audubonportland.org/issues/get-involved.



Great Horned Owl on West Hayden Island © David Jewel

Reflections on an Internship in the Wildlife Care Center

by Felipe Guzman, TALON Intern

Note: Felipe Guzman is a 19-year-old TALON Intern at Portland Audubon who is about to complete his 2nd season in the Wildlife Care Center. Felipe started his internship with no experience with birds and has grown into an integral part of the Care Center team during its busiest months. This month’s WCC column is devoted to Felipe’s thoughts about his internship.

There’s a new program that started at the Audubon Society of Portland last year that aims to get the new generation of the 21st century ready to be conservation leaders and to educate others. The TALON (Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture) program is meant to bring more teens and adults together from different ethnic groups, to diversify and get the new generation involved with what is going on in the world. Portland Audubon’s Gladys Ruiz leads the TALON program which teaches us skills for a future conservation-related career. I was one of the first of 12 TALON members that started last year. The program placed us into 4 different areas: Education, Conservation, Sanctuaries, and the Wildlife Care Center. I was placed into an internship at the Wildlife Care Center, because Gladys thought I would be a great fit since I already had experience in the other areas.

The Wildlife Care Center changed the way I see birds. Before I started my internship, I honestly put all birds as one category: “birds.” When I started I was hesitant to hold the birds: Was I doing it right? Was I hurting them in any way? So many questions came to my mind. Luckily Lacy Campbell, the WCC Operations Manager, had all of the answers. Birds come in different shapes and sizes. Some are more energetic and hop all over the place, while some birds are calm but have a fear of humans. I never would have thought there would be such an enormous variety of birds out there in the blue sky.

I’ve worked with a range of birds, from Anna’s Hummingbirds to Red-tailed Hawks. The raptors are my favorite birds to work with. The first time I handled them I was a bit anxious getting them out of their enclosures. Deb Sheaffer, the Care Center Veterinarian, was there to talk me through it. She trained me to hold the legs because they have dangerous talons that could hurt you if they aren’t under control. She also taught me to keep an eye on the beak because raptors will use their beaks as a second defense. The first raptor I held was a Great Horned Owl — it had my blood rushing! It was an experience I will never be able to forget. Every time I hold a raptor, I still get that feeling to this day.

I learned a lot from last year but I wanted to expand my knowledge about bird anatomy this year. Since I’ve started studying bird anatomy I know a lot more about what’s happening inside a bird. A strange but fascinating thing I’ve learned about female birds is their reproductive system. As with every female animal they begin their life with two ovaries and oviducts. In most species of birds the left ovary and oviduct grow much faster than the right, and the right side reverts. Some people think it’s an adaptation to reduce the bird’s weight to aid it in flight. When the bird hatches the left ovary contains all of the egg cells it will ever be able to lay. Female birds may be determinate or indeterminate. Determinate birds lay only a set number of eggs, while indeterminate layers, such as chickens, will quickly replace any eggs that are lost. It takes 25 hours for a bird to lay an egg.

Since working in the Care Center, I can identify the species of many birds. I point them out to my friends and family. Whenever they see or hear a bird they say, “Hey Bird Man, what kind of bird is that?” When you learn about a specific

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Operations Manager Lacy Campbell and TALON Intern Felipe Guzman examine an Osprey in the Wildlife Care Center ©WCC

type of bird you will notice them everywhere. I always notice crows in my neighborhood, and even if I can’t see them I can hear them because I know their alarm and begging calls. Since crows are more common in the area and they make a lot of noise, some people think they are obnoxious. I feel like they are such amazing birds because they are very intelligent. When fledgling crows are being fed they make this noise that sounds like they are saying “Yumm. Yumm, yummm.” So next time you hear a crow begging, stop and listen.

I can honestly say that being a part of the Wildlife Care Center team has been a really amazing experience. I will be back to volunteer at the Care Center after my internship, because birds are interesting creatures and I would love to expand my knowledge and share it with those who do not know about birds.

Educational Trips

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early.
Trip deposit required to secure your place on the trip.

A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland. View more International and Domestic trips at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult. Portland Audubon's International Tours now include a Carbon Offset contribution that will go directly for the stewardship of our 150-acre Forest Park Nature Sanctuary. A flat fee of \$50 per person is included in the cost of these tours and will be used to maintain our trails, plant trees to help grow our native canopy, and sustain this special place for future generations. Thank you. Portland Audubon tours are a lot of things, but one thing they are not are photographic tours... so please, no lens over 400mm unless approved beforehand by trip leader.

Sri Lanka

January 9–25, 2015

Sri Lanka, the resplendent island, is known for breathtaking beaches, hills covered in carpets of Ceylon tea, and a culture steeped in ancient history. This island is home to a treasure trove of biodiversity, from leopards to elephants and crocodiles as well as 27 endemic birds. Named **Serendib** by Arab traders and **Ceylon** by European merchants, Sri Lanka offers a rich blend of diversity, both in nature and culture.



Blue Magpie. Photo:Thimindu

Our adventure begins in the **Kelani River Reserve**, a paradise for birders seeking out many Sri Lankan endemics. We will trek through the jungle searching for **Sri Lanka Junglefowl**, **Green-billed Coucal**, **Red-faced Malkoha**, **Yellow-fronted Barbet** and **Orange-billed Babbler**. We will also make an effort to see the **Serendib Scops-Owl**, first discovered in 2001.

Heading into the hills, our next destination is the pleasant town of **Kandy**, the cultural center of **Sri Lanka**. We will explore the city, visit a local Buddhist temple and take a trip to the famous **Sigiriya Rock**, where the remains of an ancient fortress were built on top of this impressive monolith.

En route to the coast we will stop at the cloud forest and grasslands of the **Horton Plains National Park** where we hope to see the secretive **Sri Lankan Whistling Thrush**. A host of other endemics live here as well, including the **Sri Lanka Scimitar-Babbler** and **Sri Lanka White-eye**.

Along the coast are the vast forests, savannahs and wetlands of **Yala National Park**. We'll explore this drier region of Sri Lanka by jeep as we search for **Asian Elephant**, **Water Buffalo**, **Sambar Deer**, **Golden Jackal** and **Grey Langur**. Considered to have the highest density of **Leopards** in the world, Yala National Park will provide us with the best chance of seeing these elusive animals. The birding will be great too as we watch for **Barred Buttonquail**, **Wooly-necked Stork**, **Great Thick-knee**, **Yellow-crowned Woodpecker** and **Chestnut-headed Bee-eater**. Our jeep safaris are sure to be unforgettable as we enjoy excellent views of large mammals and colorful birds. A visit to the **Bundala National Park** will reveal more exciting and exotic species such as **Yellow-wattled Lapwing**, both **Black** and **Yellow Bitterns**, and **Greater Flamingo**.

Our journey continues west, to the **Sinharaja Forest Reserve**, one of the last tracts of endangered lowland rainforest. While here we hope to see the dramatically colorful **Sri Lankan Blue Magpie**.

Three nights in Marissa along the beautiful seashore of the Indian Ocean, where light breezes blow through coconut palms, provide the perfect setting to relax and reflect on your adventures of the past week. While here we will take a short boat excursion on the Indian Ocean to view such species as **Blue** and **Sperm Whales** and **Spinner Dolphins**. Our trip ends in the capital of **Colombo** where there will be time to visit markets and museums or just explore. Contact Dan at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator

Group size: Limited to 14 participants

Fee: \$3945 members / \$4295 non-members

Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation within Sri Lanka, all **double-occupancy** lodging, meals except dinners, local guide fees and gratuities, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your skilled leaders. **Not included:** Dinners, and airfare to & from Sri Lanka.



Great Thick-knee. Photo:Thimindu

AT LONG LAST... CUBA!

February 27–March 9, 2015

Experience the rich culture and regions of unspoiled nature on the largest island in the Caribbean... Cuba.



La Habana Vieja. Photo:gildemax

On this 10-day adventure we'll search the island for its 28 endemic species of birds, learn about conservation efforts from local researchers, and participate in a Cuban bird survey. In **Havana**, we'll experience an eclectic mix of architecture in outlandish tropical pastels that brighten the exterior of historic buildings while local music fills the streets to create the cheerful rhythm that enlivens the island. Havana is a classic city preserved in time much as Hemingway knew it, complete with vintage cars cruising down its historic streets.

Our first excursion will take us west of **Havana** to the dramatic karst formations of the **Vinales** and **Guira National Parks**. In this mountainous region we will search for some of the many endemics including **Cuban Tody**, **Cuban Pewee**, **Cuban Grassquit**, **Cuban Solitaire**, **Cuban Vireo**, **Cuban Oriole**, and the national bird, the **Cuban Trogon**. Next we drive east to the **Zapata Peninsula**, a remote region of Cuba, dotted with wetlands and mangroves. The Zapata Swamp was the last refuge for the presumed extinct Cuban subspecies of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, not seen since 1986. This area remains one of the most important habitats in Cuba for many endemic species. The expansive **Cienaga de Zapata National Park** bordered by the famous Bay of Pigs is one of the gems of the Cuban park system and the largest protected wetland in the West Indies. This Everglades-like ecosystem is home to the smallest bird in the world, the diminutive **Bee Hummingbird**, literally not much bigger than a bumblebee. While exploring these wetlands, we hope to come across **Greater Flamingo**, **Sandhill Crane** (Cuban subspecies), **Zapata Sparrow** and the endangered **Cuban Crocodile**. Our last couple of nights will be spent in **Old Havana**, a city of cathedrals and churches on the Bahia de Havana. While here we'll take a city tour, visit the Museum of Natural History next to the Plaza de Armas and find out what Hemingway and others discovered about Cuba many decades ago. Contact Dan at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105.



Cuban Trogon. Photo:Laura Gooch

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator

Group size: Limited to 15 participants

Fee: \$4295 members / \$4595 non-members

Deposit: \$1000 required to secure your place

Fee includes: All ground transportation within Cuba, all **double-occupancy** lodging (except night in Miami), all meals in Cuba, local guide fees and gratuities, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your skilled leaders. **Not included:** Night in Miami, airfare to & from Cuba.

Birds & Wildlife of Brazil April 10–26, 2015

Travel into some of the most incredible bird habitat in the world as you explore the avian wonderland that is Brazil. We will begin in the **Pantanal**, one of the largest wetlands in the world, and spend three full days birding this vast wetland system in search of myriad species. Next we'll head to the **Serra das Araras** where we will have the chance to bird this Gondwanian remnant of the Amazon Rainforest, and then move on to the drier **Chapada dos Guimaraes**.

Finally, we will arrive at the **Atlantic Rainforest**, one of the most threatened ecosystems in the world, and home to an amazing diversity of tropical bird species. This tour is designed to cover several of Brazil's major habitats and provide the opportunity to build a healthy bird list and see other iconic animals of the region. Contact **Steve Robertson** or **Eric Scheuering** at 503-292-6855.

Leaders: Steve Robertson and local guides

Group size: Limited to 14 participants

Fee: \$3695 members / \$3995 non-members

Deposit: \$1500 required to secure your place

Fee includes: Ground transportation, 14 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, meals except some dinners, local guide fees and tips, fees for all planned excursions, and the services of your Audubon leader. **Not included:** Most dinners, airfare to & from Brazil, cost of internal flights.



Saffron Toucanet © Steve Robertson

HOW TO REGISTER

Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. Register and pay online:

Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.
OR: Contact Eric Scheuering via phone or email to be put on the roster. If class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then...

2. Mail in your check:

Make payable to Audubon Society of Portland. Include with payment: class name, your name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.

3. Credit card payment:

Call Eric Scheuering (971-222-6119) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover (3% fee charged).
- Contact Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Director, at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.
- Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!
audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes

Sparrows of Oregon

September 16 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Birdwatchers are often blown away by the similarity of these “little brown jobbers.” An amazing 18 species of sparrows occur in our area. These birds are the bane of some birders, but with a little practice and advice we can learn how to tell them apart. A local bird expert and author of numerous field guides, **Harry Nehls** will share his tips on when and where to find the elusive sparrows and how to recognize each “little brown job.”

Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free for active volunteers.

Beginning Birding I

(Session A): FULL with Waitlist

(Session B): FULL with Waitlist

Join **Laura Whittemore**, long-time birder and teacher, for an introduction to bird watching that takes the mystery out of the country’s most popular hobby. You will learn to recognize birds by shape, behavior, plumage, and more; and how to use binoculars and field guides to zero in on the identity of that mysterious little brown (or yellow or red or green) bird. Sign up now to learn about birds with the patient guidance of an experienced birder.

Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants*:
\$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class-only Option: \$10 members / \$15 non-members

Beginning Birding II

November 9, 16, & 23 (Sun), 8:30am–11:30am: 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 opportunities 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.

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration

Saturdays, 8am–Noon

Oct 4, Nov 1, and Dec 6: Local Field Trips

Saturday morning explorations at one of Oregon’s most accessible Important Bird Areas — Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, managed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife — continue with **Ricky Allen**! This class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of field conditions with the tutelage of an expert birder. Explore different habitats on the island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.

Fee: \$65 members / \$80 non-members
Limited to 15 participants.

Pre-registration required — participants register for all 3 days.

Do You eBird?

October 18 (Sat) 8am–9am: Local Field Trip; then 9:30–11:30am: Class in Heron Hall

Want to learn how to use eBird? This online Cornell Lab of Ornithology database is revolutionizing both how birders report what they see and how they access information about birds. Learn how to submit your own observations and explore the numerous eBird tools available to everyone. This is an interactive, hands-on workshop with **Shawneen Finnegan** and **Dave Irons**. Both are passionate users of eBird and are part of Oregon’s eBird review team. Bring your binoculars and smartphone, laptop, or iPad if available, though they are not required. This class is open to both new and veteran eBird users.

Fee: \$35 members / \$50 non-members
Limited to 16 participants.

The World of Birds 2014

Bird Names
Classes: Oct 8, 15, 22 (Wed), 6:30–8:30pm: Class in Heron Hall
Field Trips: Oct 11, 18, 25 (Sat): Two half-day field trips and one full-day trip.
Locations and carpooling to be announced.

Discover the world of taxonomy, scientific names, and avian diversity.
Fee: \$160 members / \$190 non-members
Limited to 16 participants.

For more information contact instructor Dan van den Broek at 971-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Adult Classes

The Art of Bird Observation for Fledgling Artists

November 15 (Sat), 10am–4pm in Heron Hall

Are you convinced your drawing ability 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 **Shawneen 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: \$65 members / \$80 non-members
Limited to 16 participants.

Waterfowl: Ducks, Geese, and Swans

November 18 (Tue), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Another great class with **Harry Nehls**, author of *Familiar Birds of the Pacific Northwest* and the voice of the Rare Bird Alert. This should be an excellent evening program covering the wide variety of waterfowl that arrive in the Northwest in fall and winter: wigeon, teal, geese, swans, and more! Learn the differences of these birds and how to pick them out in a crowd.

Fee: \$10 members / \$15 non-members
Free for active volunteers.

California Condors & Big Sur Coast

September 22–26, 2014

Two spaces remain

Experience the scenic beauty of the **Big Sur Coast** and witness the majesty of **California Condors** in flight. Join Portland Audubon on this unforgettable trip. Contact **Eric Scheuering** at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 for more information or to register.

Fee includes: Ground transportation, **double-occupancy** lodging, entrance fees for planned activities, meals except dinners, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** *Dinners, airfare to & from San Jose, California.*

Leaders: **Kirk Hardie**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and **Bob Sallinger**, Portland Audubon Conservation Director

Group size: Limited to 9–14 participants

Fee: \$895 members / \$1095 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

Southern California

February 16–22, 2015

The subtropical Mediterranean climate of Southern California makes for a perfect winter home for many wonderful species of birds. Based out of San Diego, this tour will take you through a variety of habitats from coastal lagoons to interior mountains and deserts, and to one of Southern California’s most popular birding destinations, the **Salton Sea**. We will also visit the world-famous **San Diego Zoo Safari Park**, known for its help with reintroducing the California Condor. Contact **Eric Scheuering** at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 for more information or to register.

Leader: **Kirk Hardie**, Audubon Trip Leader and Co-executive Director of the Tahoe Institute for Natural Science

Group size: Limited to 9–14 participants

Fee: \$1295 members / \$1495 non-members
Deposit: \$600 required to secure your place

Fee includes: Ground transportation, 6 nights **double-occupancy** lodging, entrance fees for planned activities, meals except dinners, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** *Dinners, and airfare to & from San Diego.*

Ohio’s Magee Marsh

May 16–23, 2015

This trip will highlight **Magee Marsh**, a prime stopover location for northbound migrants during spring, where we’re likely to encounter over 25 species of colorful eastern warblers. We’ll also make an effort to find the endangered **Kirtland’s Warbler** on its breeding grounds in Michigan. Contact **Dan van den Broek** at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 for more information or to register.

Leader: **Dan van den Broek**, Trip Leader and Educator
Group size: Limited to 14 participants
Fee: To be determined

Fee includes: Ground transportation, **double-occupancy** lodging, entrance fees for planned activities, meals except dinners, and the services of your leaders. **Not included:** *Dinners and airfare.*



Hooded Warbler.
Photo: Mike’s Birds

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

White Pelican Nests Vulnerable and Easily Disturbed

Andrew Emlen of Astoria regularly canoes around the lower Columbia estuary. On July 14, 2010 he was skirting an isolated sandbar off Altoona, Washington when he noticed that the sandbar held a nesting colony of **White Pelicans**. The colony contained 60 pairs of adults and a creche of immatures.

Over the next several years the colony slowly grew larger, until during the 2014 nesting season the colony contained 150 nesting pairs and about 120 immatures. During late June, when the young were about five weeks old and not able to care for themselves, the colony was disturbed, probably by nearby campers. The adults flew off and the young birds ran into the water and drifted downstream. It appears all the immatures died, except for the 30 that were captured and taken to the Wildlife Rehab Center in Astoria.

Sightings

Wet weather early in the season allowed good vegetation growth that remained green through much of the following dry period. This favored a good breeding season for birds with plenty of young by July.

On June 23 Lars Norgren and his son visited Sauvie Island, driving along the east side of the island to park at the end of Reeder Road. Walking father north along the river they observed a **Bank Swallow** colony in a low mud bank. This is a new colony.

Several years ago several swallows attempted to nest on the west side of the island in a bank along the Multnomah Channel. It was a race to successfully fledge their young before the spring floods swamped the nests. Apparently some of the nests were successful the first year but not the next. The birds did not attempt to nest there again. The only other Bank Swallow nesting colony in Northwest Oregon is an established good-sized colony along the Clackamas River near Carver.

On June 12 Erik Knight saw a **Red-eyed Vireo** at the Tualatin Nature Park in Beaverton. On June 30 Paul Sullivan and Carol

White Pelicans are one of the most threatened of American birds and are in need of continual protection. It's not that the birds themselves are fragile; they are fairly tough long-lived birds. It is their specialized nesting requirements that make them so vulnerable: they require fairly open islands in lakes and marshes that are protected from predator and human disturbance. There must also be a fairly large population of proper-sized fishes nearby to feed the adults and young. These birds feed in fairly shallow water where they scoop up fish, often by herding them to a shallow cove or shoreline. White Pelicans do not dive.

If the birds are disturbed while incubating eggs or protecting young they fly off, exposing the nest site to predatory birds or to the baking hot sun. If the water level drops during the nesting season and the islands are

Karlen found them north of Sheridan. Red-eyed Vireos are irruptive in this area, being fairly common some years and absent in others. It appears this might be a good year.

On June 28 Adrian Hinkle and Em Scattaregia saw a **Brewer's Sparrow** at the Sandy River Delta, possibly a nonbreeding drifter. Lawry Sager reports that on June 4 a male **Broad-tailed Hummingbird** visited his feeders in Oak Grove. It remained into July. Fred Schrock reports that on June 5 an **Ovenbird** visited his yard west of Willamina. This is one of the species that occasionally is reported during the summer in the Cascades.

A **Black Tern** was seen this summer at Ridgefield NWR, but it apparently did not nest. On July 2 a male **Wilson's Phalarope** was seen at Jackson Bottom in Hillsboro. With it were three fuzzy chicks.



Red-eyed Vireo.
Photo: Mike's Birds



White Pelican.
Photo: Alan D Wilson

connected to the mainland, coyotes and other ground predators quickly destroy the nesting attempt.

It is difficult for White Pelicans to successfully nest and raise young. Almost all North American nest sites are known and are carefully watched and protected. To offset reproduction difficulties White Pelicans have a fairly long life span. While as many as 20% of the adult population may die each year, some individuals reach 20–25 years of age.

Most of the western North American breeding White Pelicans winter in southern California and western Mexico. They return during March and April and begin nesting immediately. If conditions are not right at the nest site, a colony will not breed at all that year. These birds and other nonbreeders tend to wander during the summer and then gather with successful breeders at staging areas in the fall.

It appears that the White Pelican is now a regular part of the birding community in the Willamette Valley and along the Columbia River, with nesting likely attempted where the habitat is available.

Thank You to:

- Richard & Caroline Arnold for bleach, dishwashing liquid, eggs, and 2 pairs of dishwashing gloves for the Wildlife Care Center
- Pat & Joe Campbell for 2 cases of Elk Cove Vineyards wine
- Lois Campbell Estate for 40 books on birds, wildflowers, and geology for Education
- Jim Cruce for framed wildlife photos including one 5x7", five 8x10", four 16x20", and one 20x30"; and wildlife photos on boards with covers including eighteen 8x10", eighteen 11x14", and four 20x30"
- John & Judie Hammerstad for 2 cases of Carabella Vineyards wine
- Jennifer Jones for 6 bottles of bleach for the Wildlife Care Center
- Megan Legernes for Science Diet Kitten Growth Food and Dawn Dishwashing Liquid for the Wildlife Care Center
- Janice Sellers for a Cabella's 20/48/65 Spotting Scope for Education
- Tanya Senn for a wishbone collection for Education
- Shannon Shanks for 39 frozen rabbits for the Wildlife Care Center
- Heidi Stetson for two 50-foot garden hoses for Sanctuaries

Our Wish List

For All Departments:
Ergonomic Office Chairs

For Wildlife Care Center:
Science Diet Kitten Growth
Bleach
Dawn Dishwashing Detergent
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
Paper lunch bags

For Wild Arts Festival:
8 Floor Easels, wood or metal
8 Tabletop Display Easels, 1'–2' metal
6 metal Clip-on Lights, contemporary style
Plain Paper Bags, all sizes, with or without handles
Rolls of Bubble Wrap
Boxes for Jewelry

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.

Volunteer of the Month: Maggie Bell

by Lacy Campbell, WCC Operations Manager

Margaret "Maggie" Bell has been volunteering since August 2011 and has already racked up 1121 hours, 917 of which have been spent in the Wildlife Care Center. Maggie wears many hats in the Wildlife Care Center. Not only does she have her regular 4-hour shift every week, but she also substitutes on other shifts, transports injured animals to the center through our WART (Wild Animal Rescue & Transport) team, is active in conservation and citizen science, and has recently started serving on the Wildlife Care Center Online Auction Committee. Maggie is a very dedicated, sweet, and enthusiastic volunteer who is always up to any task we ask of her. Her infectious laughter and smile brighten every shift she works on.

Maggie consistently comes in early to her shift to make sure she is prepared for what the day holds and will stay late if necessary to complete all of the day's tasks. We can always rely on her to get the job done and for it to be done methodically. Volunteer manager Deanna Sawtelle says, "Maggie is always smiling and willing to help. We fight over her when it comes to whose van she'll ride in during Birdathon because she's so much fun."

Maggie has also been instrumental in helping the Wildlife Care Center succeed in releasing young Vaux's Swifts. The Care Center often gets in dozens of orphaned Vaux's Swifts every summer. They tend to come down from their chimney nests into fireplaces and for some reason or another can't make it back up the chimney to their parents. These birds require intensive feeding (every 30 minutes) the entire time they are in our care. Maggie has helped us find flocks of Vaux's Swifts (one



Photo © Wildlife Care Center

in her neighborhood) and release the rescued juveniles into the bigger group of adults. She carefully details when, where, and how many birds she sees, what the weather is like, and how long they spend foraging in the area. We are happy to say that because of Maggie's dedication over the years we have successfully released over 30 of these birds back to the wild.

Maggie is also a Legacy Circle Member. Legacy Circle Members look to the future by including the Audubon Society of Portland in their estate plans that leave a lasting impact on the environmental health of our region and the future of Portland Audubon's conservation and education programs. According to Maggie, "The Audubon Society of Portland manifests my values and what is important to me." Maggie has become an invaluable member of the Wildlife Care Center team and we look forward to her presence every week.

NATURE STORE EVENT

Swarovski Optik Weekend

At the Audubon Nature Sanctuary
5151 NW Cornell Rd, Portland

Saturday, Sept 20 from 10am–4pm
Sunday, Sept 21 from Noon–4pm

with a

Free Digiscoping Workshop

Saturday, Sept 20 from 10:30am–11:30am

Pre-registration is required for the workshop; contact nmattson@audubonportland.org or 503-292-9453.

John Nicholson, Swarovski's NW Territory Representative, will be at the Nature Store during the **weekend of Sept 20–21** to demonstrate **Swarovski Optik's** current line of binoculars, scopes, and accessories.



John Nicholson
© J. Nicholson

Kicking off the event on **Saturday, Sept 20 from 10:30am–11:30am** will be a **free digiscoping workshop**. Digiscoping is capturing a highly magnified digital image or video through your binoculars or spotting scope. It's a fun way to capture images of nature and a terrific way for birders to ID birds and share images online. John radiates passionate energy but takes a simplistic approach to nature photography. His claim: "Anybody can do this!"

John will demonstrate how great images can easily be taken using a Smartphone, point-and-shoot, or DSLR camera using special adapters. While the new gear makes it simple, this free workshop will show you the little tricks that will help you take incredible pictures the first day you start digiscoping. Bring your own equipment (Swarovski or any other brand) for digiscoping practice and instruction. Pre-register for the workshop by contacting **nmattson@audubonportland.org** or 503-292-9453.



Cedar Waxwing ©
John Nicholson

And stop by the store any time both days to see and test Swarovski's full line of products. Be sure to check out the Nature Store Highlights on this page for details on **Swarovski's 65th Anniversary Sale** with savings up to 10% on sighting scopes and binoculars!

Nature Store Highlights

End of Summer Optics Specials

At the end of July, four major optic manufacturers announced end of summer sales. Unfortunately, the July/August *Warbler* had already gone to press, but we did include an announcement in our August e-newsletter, the *BirdWord*. So, if you haven't already subscribed to the *BirdWord*, we suggest you sign up right away so you don't miss important last-minute announcements. You can sign up on our website at **audubonportland.org/full_signup**.

Carl Zeiss Optics & Kowa Optics

If you are reading this before August 31st, it's not too late to take advantage of **Zeiss Optics Field Days** and the **Kowa Summer Optics Sale**. Kowa is offering a **15% discount off our member prices** on their line of sighting scopes. Zeiss offers instant rebates of **\$100 on all Conquest HD** and **\$150 on all Victory HT binoculars**.

Special note: Watch for the new Zeiss Victory SF to arrive at the Nature Store in the next few weeks. It is an all-new design featuring field-flattening lenses, wider field of view, and a new bridge design!

Nikon Sport Optics

A special that will continue through September 15, 2014 is **Nikon's Step Up to Monarch** instant savings. Nikon is offering a **\$50 rebate on the full-size Monarch 5 models, \$80 on the Monarch 7 full-size models, \$80 on the Monarch 7 8x30 mid-size, and \$70 on the Monarch 7 10x30 mid-size**. The Monarch 5 binoculars are Nikon's most affordable ED (High-Definition/ Extra-low Dispersion Glass) models. The Monarch 7 takes ED viewing a step beyond with even brighter glass and a wider field of view, but still with regular



Nikon Monarch 7 10x30



Swarovski ATX Modular Scope

Swarovski EL 8.5x42

member prices under \$500. The compact and comfortable mid-size models have been very popular.

Swarovski Optik

We are especially excited to announce that the **Swarovski Optik 65th Anniversary Sale** will offer savings of **up to 10% off member prices on the full lines of EL and Companion binoculars as well as the ATX and ATS sighting scopes through the whole month of September**. This is Swarovski's first sale in 5 years, so we expect it will be at least another 5 years before special prices like this come around again. If you're not sure which Swarovski product is the right one for you, stop by the Nature Store on **Swarovski Optik Weekend, September 20 & 21**, and talk personally with John Nicholson, Swarovski's NW Territory Representative. See details of his upcoming visit in the left sidebar.

Online Price Sheets

Check the Nature Store pages of the Portland Audubon website to **see our price sheets for sale details**, then stop by the store to give these great products a try. It's a rare treat to have sales offered on so many of our top-selling products. These sales cover nearly all the ED (High-Definition/ Extra-low Dispersion Glass) models we sell. Plus you'll find sale prices on some of our other HD display models, like the Opticron Verano which was a 'Cornell Labs Top Pick' in 2013. What a great way to end the summer season!

Sanctuaries Happenings



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Sanctuary gazebo © Tom Costello

Shelter and Sanctuary

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

This August we began some emergency repairs on the old gazebo down by the pond. After approximately 80 years of providing maintenance-free shelter, the old structure developed a bit of a lean due to some rot in the logs that were used as the posts to support the structure. The rotten posts will be replaced, with temporary cribbing holding up the nearly ancient roof structure. I've always liked to joke that this was Portland's first eco-roof due to the large community of ferns, forbs, and weeds that grow from the old cedar shake roof. I am excited that by the time of printing the old gazebo will have new legs and a solid base to showcase our historic eco-roof.

According to the late Dave Marshall, the old gazebo was built by his uncle Norma, the same man that single-handedly excavated our pond at about the same time. As the pictured sign indicates, the Audubon Society of Portland, then the Oregon Audubon Society, envisioned this property first and foremost as a sanctuary for birds. But Uncle Norma's gazebo lets us know that this sanctuary has always been seen as a place for people as well.

We recently had a conversation among some staff, working to come to agreement on how we should refer

to our sanctuaries: are they nature sanctuaries, wildlife sanctuaries, or something else? Should we consider a different term such as preserve or refuge? While often these discussions of semantics can be overdone, I found it an important exercise to discuss why we maintain these properties as sanctuaries and to ensure that the way we talk about our sanctuaries reflects our intent in managing the properties: to protect habitat; to showcase healthy ecosystems; and to provide places for people to connect with nature.

Our choice of sanctuary as our preferred term for our properties reflects the value we place on providing a place for people to come enjoy and develop a relationship with the natural world. While the past hundred years or so have seen sanctuary used increasingly to describe refuges for plants and wildlife, historically sanctuary has had a much closer relationship with humans than with flora or fauna. Etymologically 'sanctuary' derives from the Latin *sanctuarium*, meaning a sacred or holy place, and was commonly used to refer to places such as churches, temples, shrines, etc. Digging deeper into the etymology brings us into a tangled web of circular definitions that just refer back to one another, from sacred to holy and back again.

This lack of clear definition is actually quite appealing to me. In my experience we all have a different experience with and relationship to the natural world, and I am happy that we can find a way to represent our properties that does not unnecessarily narrow the range of possible experiences a person could have on the property. This is why we have chosen to refer to our properties as "Nature Sanctuaries" rather than "Wildlife Sanctuaries." While we do limit certain uses, such as dog-walking and trail biking, the intent is not to be restrictive but rather to create an environment where more people and wildlife feel welcome, and where competing uses do not threaten the health or safety of the property or the plants, people, and critters that find themselves here. Our hope is that our visitors still feel the sacredness, mystery, and majesty of the natural world when they visit our properties.

And much as our old gazebo has provided shelter from the elements for our visitors, we hope the sanctuary as a whole provides shelter, if only temporary, from the hustle and bustle of our busy lives.

Wild Arts Festival: November 22–23, 2014

Volunteers Needed for Our Biggest Show of the Year

It's hard to believe it's already September! Fall is an exciting time for the Audubon Society of Portland because it means that the **Wild Arts Festival** — our most elaborate production of the year — is right around the corner. This year's Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, November 22nd** and **Sunday, November 23rd**, and preparations are well under way. Last year, Wild Arts raised nearly \$150,000 for the organization, brought in 160 memberships, and featured 69 artists, 35 Northwest authors, and 200 Silent Auction items. Needless to say, it was a huge success... and we expect 2014 to be even better, with some wonderful new artists, a terrific lineup of Northwest authors, and more community sponsorships. The best way to get a behind-the-scenes look at the event is by volunteering. It's also a great way to connect with Audubon friends, old and new.

We need volunteers to set up Wild Arts on Friday, November 21st; to help run the event on Saturday and Sunday; and to strike the set on Sunday afternoon and evening. We depend on over 150 volunteers during the course of the weekend, for tasks as diverse as helping to check in other volunteers; working the admission desk; staffing the 6"x6" art exhibit; booth-sitting for artists; helping with the Book Fair; and filling a couple dozen other slots. Artists especially appreciate help moving in on Friday and out on Sunday,



Book Committee 2013 © Susan Bexton

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Portland Christmas Bird Count** will be held on **Saturday, January 3, 2015**. We will need both field counters and feeder watchers. Watch for details in the November/December issue of the *Warbler* and on our website.



Varied Thrush photo: USFWS



6x6 Team 2013 © Susan Bexton

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 email Roberta Lampert, our Festival volunteer coordinator, at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.

Other Ways to Help

- Don't have time to volunteer? Interested in doing more? Not a problem! Here are some other ways you can support the Wild Arts Festival:
- Think about sponsoring the event: 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., consider a **donation to the Silent Auction**. Contact Marilyn Scott at mswestlinn@comcast.net for more details.
 - Visit The **Wild Arts Facebook page**, where you can "like" us, and share your thoughts and Wild Arts experiences.
 - Last, but certainly not least... **mark your calendar**, and don't forget to see the show!

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

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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 or by calling 971-222-6130. A songbird card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

A Transformation for Fernhill Wetlands

by Jay Withgott, Portland Audubon Board Secretary

A prime birding location in our region is undergoing some major changes — and with Portland Audubon's help, may soon offer even better habitat for birds. Fernhill Wetlands is being transformed in an ambitious effort to improve wastewater treatment and water quality while enhancing wetland habitat — all while saving ratepayers money. Soon Fernhill may join the shortlist of constructed wetlands (such as Arcata Wetlands in California and Sweetwater Wetlands in Tucson, Arizona) that are nationally known for their wildlife-watching opportunities.

Recognized by Audubon as an Important Bird Area, Fernhill Wetlands is a key stopover site for migrating shorebirds, a productive wintering area for waterfowl, and a breeding site for Green Herons and other water-loving species. Located in Forest Grove just off Highway 47, this popular Washington County birding destination is part of a 5,000-acre network of wetlands stretching across the upper Tualatin River basin.

Fernhill comprises part of about 750 acres owned by Clean Water Services (CWS) that includes the Forest Grove Treatment Facility, old sewage lagoons, wetland mitigation sites, and agricultural fields. CWS manages the trails and publicly accessible areas in cooperation with the City of Forest Grove and the nonprofit Fernhill Wetlands Council.

In 2012, CWS began work on a "natural treatment system" at Fernhill that aims to improve water quality. This approach will take advantage of the natural pollution-filtering abilities of wetlands to provide additional treatment to previously treated wastewater prior to discharge into the Tualatin River. The natural treatment system should save ratepayers money by offsetting the need



Heavy machinery has been used this year to sculpt a new landscape for the wetlands of Fernhill's natural treatment system. © Dale Peterson

for much costlier "brick-and-mortar" infrastructure. As this multiyear project proceeds, engineers are sculpting the landscape to move water among thousands of native plants that will absorb nutrients and will cool and cleanse the water.

Portland Audubon anticipates that these new wetlands should enhance habitat quality for dabbling ducks, herons, egrets, and rails, as plant diversity is increased and some areas of open water are transformed to marsh. Upland areas will be enhanced as well, helping songbirds and raptors. Migratory shorebirds are of greatest conservation concern, and Audubon is working with CWS to help ensure that the new design is as shorebird-friendly as possible.

I have represented Portland Audubon as an advisor on this project, and this spring we held a forum of area birders and stakeholders to funnel advice to CWS. We also hope to set up a collaborative citizen science project to monitor bird use of the area over time.

Besides creating new habitat, the Fernhill redesign aims to facilitate recreational access for wildlife watching. Trail improvements along the site's northern edge will enhance

Dabbler's Marsh at Fernhill will continue to offer refuge for birds during the construction process. © Clean Water Services



educational opportunities, and the new water garden area aims to provide a unique and welcoming environment to commune with nature.

Construction this year is transforming the existing lagoons into the new natural treatment wetlands, and trail access has been restricted for visitor safety. You may, in fact, arrive to find a chaotic-looking scene of bulldozers and mud! If so, don't be alarmed; this stage is temporary. CWS staff and consultants are designing the project with long-term benefits for birds and wildlife in mind.

If you'd like to learn more, visit www.fernhillnts.org. If you'd like to offer input, I'd be happy as Portland Audubon's representative to pass along your ideas or concerns. If you'd like to get involved, consider joining Friends of Fernhill Wetlands, a volunteer group that hosts activities, has a Facebook page, and may be reached at FriendsofFernhillWetlands@gmail.com. And if you've never been to Fernhill Wetlands, come attend this year's **Birds & Brew Festival on October 11** (see page 2 of this *Warbler*), which will feature Bob Sallinger and others from the Portland Audubon family.

Legacy Circle

A Change of Habitat

A couple’s Will to dwell with birds

Elizabeth Duke and Ray Braghetta arrived in the Pacific Northwest in 2011, looking for a change of habitat. When they joined the Legacy Circle of the Audubon Society of Portland, it was habitat for the birds that they had in mind.

The couple had spent 17 years living in a hot, dry climate near Dallas, Texas. At their new home in Battleground, Washington, they now relish the cool, moist climate and plentiful birds — especially the twittering yellow goldfinches which crowded their black oil sunflower seed and thistle feeders.

“Birds keep me company,” says Elizabeth. “I love looking out the window to see who is here today.” When noisy development for apartments began nearby, Elizabeth noticed that the goldfinches seemed to disappear. It was a wrenching example of the effects of habitat loss, up close and personal.

Elizabeth and Ray attended the Wild Arts Festival in 2012, and signed up as members of Portland Audubon on the

spot. They came to appreciate the wildlife advocacy, youth education, conservation, and bird rescue programs. “Anyone who reads the newspapers will recognize that Portland Audubon has a respected voice,” Elizabeth said.

When they sat down to make a Will, they wondered whether they would have enough for charitable giving. They listed all their assets, enlisted an attorney, and worked together to specify their obligations and intentions. Then, just a year after finding us, Elizabeth and Ray joined Portland Audubon’s Legacy Circle by designating a bequest.

“Habitat protection is the most important thing,” Elizabeth says. And fortunately, the goldfinches appear to be returning.



Ray Braghetta and Elizabeth Duke
© Portland Audubon

Amazing Nature Photography

Presented at Audubon!

This fall the Nature Store has two talented photographers and conservationists coming to Heron Hall to present new books. On **Tuesday, October 28th at 7:00pm** we host **Ian McAllister**, author of ***Great Bear Wild: Dispatches from a Northern Rainforest*** (University of Washington Press, \$50.00). The Great Bear Rainforest is the region stretching up the rugged Pacific coast from the top of Vancouver Island to southern Alaska. A longtime resident of the area, Ian McAllister takes us on a deeply personal journey from the headwaters of the Great Bear Rainforest’s river valleys down to where the ocean meets the rainforest and finally to the hidden depths offshore.



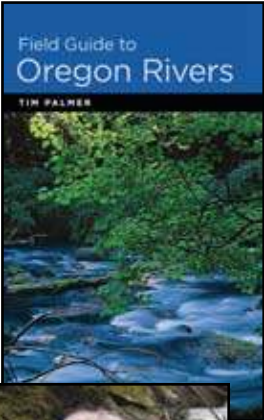
Bear cubs © Ian McAllister



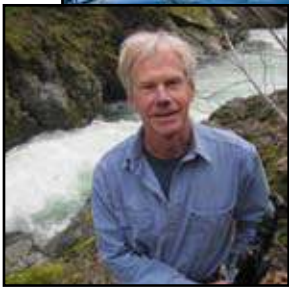
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We’ll meet the spectacular wildlife that inhabits the Great Bear Rainforest, as well as the First Nations people who have lived there for millennia. We’ll learn about the scientists racing against time to protect the rainforest from massive energy projects. Rich with full-color photographs of bears, wolves, whales, and other creatures, ***Great Bear Wild*** is a stunning celebration of this legendary area.

Ian McAllister is a cofounder of the wildlife conservation organization Pacific Wild and an award-winning photographer and author of ***The Last Wild Wolves***. Time magazine named him one of the Leaders of the 21st Century. The event is free and open to the public. Contact the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 with questions or to reserve a book.



Next, coming **Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00pm**, please welcome river conservationist **Tim Palmer** as he presents his new book ***Field Guide to Oregon Rivers*** (Oregon State University Press, \$24.95) in a **free evening program**. Profiling 120 waterways throughout the state, from the Alsea to the Williamson, it is richly illustrated with Palmer’s outstanding photographs. This is both a natural history of Oregon’s rivers and a recreational guide to hiking, fishing, and exploring by canoe, kayak, or raft.



Tim Palmer © Ann Vileisis

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- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit **fredmeyer.com/communityrewards**

Audubon Storytellers return on September 20 and October 18!

The Nature Store continues to offer free programs for young children on the **3rd Saturday** of each month. Starting at **12:30pm**, with a repeat performance at **1:30pm**, these are fun interactive nature programs in our Interpretive Center lobby for **children ages 4–8**. We don’t know at press time what books will be featured, but check the Audubon website or call us at 503-292-9453 for more details.

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!

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If the Corps goes forward with their proposal, nearly 16,000 birds like this nesting cormorant will be shot as they attempt to nest. © Portland Audubon

East Sand Island is also home to the world's largest colony of Caspian Terns. The Corps has spent millions of public dollars to relocate terns because they also eat fish. © Bob Sallinger



Audubon Leads Efforts to Prevent Cormorant Slaughter on East Sand Island

by Bob Sallinger

On August 19th Portland Audubon submitted comments signed by nine Oregon Audubon chapters to the US Army Corps of Engineers opposing the slaughter of nearly 16,000 Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island in the Columbia River Estuary. In addition, Audubon locally and nationwide generated thousands of comments from across the United States opposing this horrendous proposal.

The Corps is proposing to kill 16,000 Double-crested Cormorants, 25% of the entire population west of the Rocky Mountains, because they eat on federally listed salmon and steelhead. Audubon believes the Corps should focus in the real causes of salmon declines — dam operations, habitat loss, and hatchery management — not kill birds that have coexisted with salmon since time immemorial.

The Corps is expected to issue a final decision on this proposal by early 2015 and intends to start killing in the spring of 2015. Portland Audubon will continue to oppose this proposal through all available channels. To see our most recent comments or past comments on this issue, visit our website, audubonportland.org. Join the Audubon activist team to get updates on how you can help at audubonportland.org/issues/get-involved/activists-form.

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

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| 15 | Wed | 6:30pm |
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Labor Day: Admin and Nature Store closed
Swift Watch at Chapman School (p.1)
Birders' Night, Heron Hall
Audubon Night at Kruger's Farm Market (p.3)
Catio Tour (p.3)
International Vulture Awareness Day (p.3)
Nature Night: Vaux's Happening? Tracking the Vaux's Swift Migration (p.2)
Audubon Outing (p.3)
Sparrows of Oregon class (p.7)
Audubon Outing (p.3)
Board Meeting
Nature Store: Swarovski Weekend (p.9)
Free Digiscoping Workshop (p.9)
Audubon Storytellers (p.11)
Nature Store: Swarovski Weekend (p.9)
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Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration class (p.7)
BirdFest & Bluegrass at Ridgefield NWR (p.2)
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Audubon Outing (p.3)
Bluegrass Jam, Heron Hall
Birders' Night, Heron Hall
The World of Birds class (p.7)
Audubon Outing (p.3)
Birds & Brew Festival, Fernhill Wetlands and McMenamins in Forest Grove (p.2)
The World of Birds field trip (p.7)
Nature Night: Fishers in the Pacific Northwest (p.2)
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Birders' Night

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



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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.

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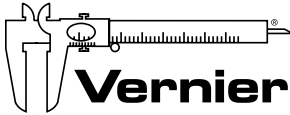
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