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Wild Arts Festival
Presented by Backyard Bird Shop

Now in its 35th year, Audubon Society of Portland’s Wild Arts Festival, the Northwest’s premier celebration of nature in the visual and literary arts, is only a couple of weeks away. A signature fundraiser for Audubon, last year’s Festival raised $175,000 for our conservation and environmental education programs.

Once again, Wild Arts will be held at beautiful Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, Saturday, November 21st and Sunday, November 22nd. Festival hours are Saturday 10am–6pm and Sunday 11am–5pm. Tickets are $8 (ages 16 and under free) and 2-for-1 coupons can be found with this article and at our website, wildartsfestival.org.

For 2015, Festival organizers have gathered an amazing group of authors and artists, along with a complement of exciting additional attractions.

Artists
The Art Fair is always a highlight, and again this year a variety of arts and crafts will be represented — painting, photography, textiles, weaving, sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, glass art — whatever your pleasure, you’re sure to find something beautiful at Wild Arts. Among the many Festival favorites returning this year are Babette Harvey (ceramics), Amanda Houston (oil and pastels), Jim Piper (wood), and Sara Wiener (textiles and upcycled materials). But don’t forget to check out all the incredible artists joining us for the first time! They include metal sculptor Dan Chen, woodworker Glenn Burleigh, jeweler Robbie Curnow, painter Diane Culhane, ceramicist Jennifer Mannila, and fiber sculptor Claudia Paillao. The Art Fair is always gorgeous, and is a collector’s paradise — not to mention a wonderful place to do some holiday shopping! Check out wildartsfestival.org for a full list of our talented artists.

Wild Arts Festival
Nov 21 (Sat), 10am–6pm
Nov 22 (Sun), 1 am–5pm
Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn, Portland
$8 admission (16 and under free); also see 2-for-1 coupon on p.12 and at our website
More information at wildartsfestival.org

Authors
The author lineup this year features a wonderful mix of returning Festival favorites and newcomers. We are thrilled to welcome Ursula K. Le Guin back to the show, just one year after she received the Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters from the National Book Foundation. Ursula has received many other honors and awards, including recognitions from Hugo, Nebula, National Book Award, and PEN/Malamud. Her most recent publications are The Unreal and the Real: Selected Stories of Ursula K. Le Guin and Steering the Craft: A 21st-Century Guide to Sailing the Sea of Story. She’s joining lots of Festival favorites with their new publications, including Brian Doyle with Martin Marten; Floyd Skloot with Approaching Winter; and Nikki McClure with A. Joining us for their first visit in recent years are Thor Hanson with The Triumph of Seed, Gerrit Vyn with The Living Bird, and Carson Ellis with her beautiful new book. But this is just a fraction of the authors who will be at the show! For a full list, check our Festival website.

Silent Auction
Every year, the Wild Arts Festival’s Silent Auction features a huge variety of items and experiences, including original paintings, photography, jewelry, garden art, pottery, weaving, sculpture, metalwork, birdhouses, and much more. Many participating artists donate their work to the Silent Auction.

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Portland’s Environmental Health is on the Line — Time to Get Involved
by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

In the coming months, Portlanders will be faced with an unprecedented series of environmental decisions that will determine the city’s environmental trajectory for decades to come. Some of these decisions have been years in the making while others have only recently entered the public consciousness. Together, however, they add up to a landscape- and community-defining moment. Will we perpetuate our city’s legacy of green or will we cede to big money interests that want our city to make decisions that would undermine the health of the environment for generations to come? What we do here not only affects our local communities; it can reverberate at a global scale. Recent events in Portland have drawn the attention of the Pope and President.

I encourage all of our members to get involved. We are over 15,000 households strong! Write a letter, send an email, attend a hearing. Join Audubon’s activist network to get regular updates on how you can have a real impact (audubonportland.org/issues/activists-form).

Following is a road map for some of the biggest environmental decisions looming before our community.

Portland Harbor Superfund
The final 11 miles of the Willamette River is a toxic soup of contaminants including PCBs, dioxins, DDT, and other chemicals. This is the legacy of decades of industrial activity; many corporate shareholders got rich while our river got polluted. Now it is time for responsible parties to clean up the mess they have made. Many of those parties are still around. Others are long gone but subsequent property owners are also legally liable for the contamination under federal law.

In 2000, the Portland Harbor was listed as a federal Superfund Site, a designation reserved for the most contaminated sites in the United States. Portland Harbor is one of the largest and most complex with over 150 parties identified as responsible for the pollution. After nearly a decade and a half of process, the Superfund process is reaching its final stages. This spring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will release a recommended cleanup plan for a 60-day public comment period. Shortly thereafter it will adopt a final record of decision (ROD). The decisions that

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The Portland Christmas Bird Count wants YOU...

by Wink Gross, Outgoing Portland CBC Compiler, and Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

…to count birds on Saturday, Jan 2, 2016! Whether spending an entire day in the field or even just an hour watching your bird feeder, you can contribute significantly to our knowledge of bird life in the Portland area — even if you’re a beginning birder. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is the longest running “citizen science” project in North America. The results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the 116 years it has been conducted. Please help out this year!

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

All over the Americas, birders will be participating in one-day counts between Dec 13, 2015 and Jan 4, 2016. This winter, our 90th Portland Count will be held on Saturday, Jan 2. The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year 529 field observers and 146 feeder watchers counted 121 species. Those 375 participants made the Portland CBC the largest in the U.S. and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. Those 375 participants made the Portland CBC the largest in the U.S. and second only to Edmonton in the Americas. Please join us this year!

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

If you want to participate as a field observer, look at the map of the Portland CBC circle on this page and pick an area you would like to help cover. Contact the area leader, who will tell you where and what time to meet on January 2. The area leaders will put together teams to balance birding skills and cover as much of their area as possible. Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am–5pm, but you can usually make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. Can’t decide which area? Contact Candace Larson at candacleazar.ornshop@gmail.com (503-720-4016).

Another important way to participate is as a Feeder Watcher. Even if you can watch for only an hour.

Looking to other species we’re actively protecting, like the Marbled Murrelet, a major University of British Columbia study published in July showed a 70% decline in monitored seabird populations since 1950. Clearly, the need for citizen science and informed policy has never been greater. We currently have 12 projects active at different times of year to inform advocacy for the most effective bird and habitat protection efforts possible.

A new year brings with it many opportunities, ranging from cleanup of the Willamette River’s most polluted Superfund sites to shaping Portland’s Comprehensive Plan for land use. That said, our best long-term strategy for protecting wildlife is to grow the size and strength of the conservation movement: to inspire more people from all walks of life to enjoy, understand, and protect nature. And so, like the natural systems around us, Audubon will continue to evolve and to lead.

All of these efforts are made possible only through the generous dedication of our members. Thank you.
November 12 (Thur), 8am–I am Jackson Bottom
Join Dena Turner and Bonnie Denke as we view the marsh and forest birds. We will also visit the Interpretive Center which has an eagle’s nest on display. Go to Hilliboro on I-405 South and exit left on 219th. Jackson Bottom is located at 2000 SW Hilliboro Hwy. We will meet in the parking lot. Questions: Bonnie at 503-644-7335.

November 15 (Sun), 8am–12pm Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island
Join Ron Escano for a waterfront and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at the East Side Check Station Parking Lot on the corner of Reeder and Rentenaar Roads. We will walk Rentenaar Rd and back (1.6 miles round trip). All vehicles will need a Sauvie Island parking permit. From the Sauvie Island bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles to the intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Renteder and continue north 9 miles to the Eastside Check Station and Rentenaar Rd on the left (allow 25 minutes to drive from the bridge to the Check Station). Registration is required with Ron at 503-771-3454.

November 21 (Sat), 9am–12pm Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge
Join Candace Larson and Patty Newland for a walk around Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge in southeast Portland. We’ll explore wetlands and woodlands, talk about sight of any of this amazing urban wild space, and look for resident songbirds and wintering watering fowl. Meet at the Sellwood Park parking lot on SE 7th Ave at Malden St at 9am sharp. Expect to walk 2-3 miles on both paved and uneven dirt trails. Questions: Candace at acrudanders@gmail.com.

December 5 (Sat), 9am–I am Brown’s Ferry Park, Tualatin
Sarah Swanson and Max Smith will lead a walk to look for waterfowl, woodpeckers, and other winter birds in this compact Clackamas County park. From I-5, take Exit 208, follow SW Nyberg St east, and turn left onto Nyberg Lane. Meet in the parking area on the left at 8555 SW Nyberg Lane, Tualatin. Questions? Call Max at 503-728-9730.

December 10 (Thur), 9am–I am Dawson Creek Park
Join Mary Batchill and Richard Arnold for a walk through Dawson Creek Park. December is a great month for seeing lots of wintering ducks, and we could get a good selection of Hooded Mergansers and Wood Ducks. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Main Library at 2850 NE Brookswood Parkway in Hillsboro. Questions? Call Caroline Arnold at 503-746-4460.

December 12 (Sat), 8am–I am Vancouver Lake Park
Join Ron Escano to scope the lake for waterfowl then explore the riparian woodland for White-throated Sparrows. Meet in the parking lot in front of middle bathrooms. 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 $3.00 entrance fee). Limited to 15 participants; registration is required with Ron at 503-771-3454.

Keep those binoculars handy—we’ve got a lot planned for 2016! In the coming year, we plan to visit all our favorite birding spots, and even add a few new ones.

Nature Store Holiday Open House
Saturday, Dec 5, from 10am-6pm & Sunday, Dec 6, from 10am-5pm
Join us for the Nature Store’s free annual Holiday Open House to kick off the solstice season. A welcoming fire, delicious treats, warm beverages, and our great selection of holiday gifts and cards await your arrival! Highlights include Audubon volunteer Stephanie Baldridge performing winter-themed Native American stories, local environmentalist Rex Burkholder signing his book The Activist’s Toolkit, and music courtesy of the Oregon Bluegrass Association. More details to come in our special December Holiday issue of the Watcher!

Freeway and Phantom: Birding I-5 and the Great Gray Owl with Harry Fuller
Tuesday, December 8
7pm Heron Hall
The Great Gray Owl (Strix nebulosa) is a huge owl of the boreal forest and western mountains. It’s the tallest owl in North America yet is rarely seen. Getting a glimpse or a photo can be a daunting quest for any birder or biologist. Journalist and expert birder Harry Fuller spent countless hours in the field searching for this elusive owl. And while living in northern California and southern Oregon for many years, Harry also became deeply familiar with great birding areas located just minutes from the Interstate Highway 5 (I-5) corridor.

Join us for a Nature Night talk and book signing on December 8th as Harry shares his knowledge of both subjects: the Great Gray Owl and birding along I-5. Using photos and colorful stories, Harry will discuss several birding hotspots along I-5 in southern Oregon — all within 20 minutes of a freeway exit. He’ll explore the biology and breeding range of the elusive Great Gray Owl in that same area. Harry will share maps of the owl’s true breeding range on the Pacific Slope and explore what effects climate change may have on this species.

Harry Fuller has been leading birding trips and teaching birding classes on the Pacific Slope for 20 years. A retired TV and Internet journalist, he is the author of two birding books. Freeway Birding (2013) covers the I-5 corridor from Seattle to San Francisco. Great Gray Owl: California, Oregon and Washington (2015) contains a summary of what we now know about this owl — and some of what we don’t know. It includes original, detailed range maps and over 100 photographs by co-author Peter Thiemann. In addition to being president of the Board of Klamath Bird Observatory and co-founder of the Mountain Bird Festival in Ashland, Oregon, Harry is a trip leader for Partnership for International Birthing. He and his wife recently settled in McMinnville.

Both of Harry’s books will be available for sale in the Nature Store and he will be signing them after the talk. So buy a book, grab a seat, and join us for a fascinating evening!
Conservation

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the EPA makes regarding how the river will be cleaned up will determine whether our river and the communities that depend on it are restored to health, or whether our children and children’s children are greeted by warning signs at the river’s edge telling them that it is dangerous to eat the fish.

Audubon serves on the EPAs Citizen Advisory Group and we have reviewed the different alternatives under consideration by the EPA. None of the current alternatives currently under consideration, even the most aggressive options, are sufficient to protect our rivers and communities. Even the most aggressive alternatives are not in place in approximately 65% of the Superfund area.

The EPA is under tremendous pressure from both polluters and politicians to keep costs down. In the coming months you will hear a lot about a price tag that could be in excess of $2–$3 billion. Remember that this is a huge site — the more than 150 responsible parties include huge multinational corporations, oil companies, the Port of Portland, and federal, state, and city governments — and those costs will be spread over 20–30 years. Know that just four of the responsible parties, ConocoPhillips, Bayer CropScience, Chevron, and ExxonMobile, have combined profits of more than $312 billion per year. It is time to hold polluters responsible parties, ConocoPhillips, Bayer CropScience, Chevron, and ExxonMobile, have combined profits of more than $312 billion per year. It is time to hold polluters accountable and shift the debate from accommodating pollution to returning rivers to health. The river is the lifeblood of our community and it is time to clean it up!

Portland Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan is the city’s long-range land use plan. It determines how our landscape will develop in the coming decades and how we will prioritize competing community goals. Audubon served on several committees that helped craft the plan. The city has lots of plans, but this is the one that really matters. The update process has spanned three mayors but after more than a year of hearings, a draft recommended plan has been forwarded by the Planning and Sustainability Commission to City Council for final hearings and adoption. Thanks to outstanding community testimony, there are a lot of good things in the draft plan regarding equity, parks, and green infrastructure that need to be supported as it moves to council.

The most contentious issues before council will regard protecting natural resources along the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. The urban portions of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers are already heavily degraded, but industrial interests made a very strong push to convert the urban portions of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers to industrial use and to limit or even roll back existing environmental protections along the river’s banks. Thanks again to very strong community testimony, the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) said “no.” Instead of converting our last natural acres to industrial use, the PSC recommended a plan that focuses on intensifying use of the existing industrial land base, cleaning up and restoring productive use Portland’s more than 800 acres of contaminated brownfields, and limiting conversion of industrial lands to other uses. The PSC determined that West Hayden Island is likely not needed for industrial use for the life of the 20-year plan.

We expect industrial lobbying to undermine the PSC’s recommendations will be intense. It is much cheaper to destroy natural areas than it is to clean up the messes they have made and improved habitat value on the existing industrial land base. The Community has already spoken loudly on this issue, but it will need to speak even more strongly as the plan enters its final stages: industrial interests need to make better use of what they have, not further degrade our already severely degraded rivers. The first hearing at City Council will be on November 19 at 2:00pm, and hearings will continue into the winter.

Climate Export Policy

Earlier this year, our Community was galvanized by the battle over the proposed Pembina Propane Export Facility. This export facility would have placed our communities at a real increased risk of explosions both from the facility itself and from a huge increase in the fossil fuel trains moving through our neighborhoods. It would have increased Portland’s local CO2 emissions by an astounding 0.7% and global CO2 emissions as much as 0.01%. At a time when we need to be rapidly moving toward energy sources that leave fossil fuels in the ground, we would have been helping to create the next generation of fossil fuel export infrastructure that would have helped perpetuate fossil fuel extraction for decades to come.

The Community fought back with thousands of emails, protests, and overflow hearings, and our voice was heard. In May 2015, Mayor Charlie Hales made a bold and brave decision and withdrew his support for the Pembina Project, announcing, “At this juncture in Portland’s history, we do not have the power to listen to those who put us there.” It was a message that he would soon have the opportunity to carry to the Pope and the President. What we do in Portland can reverberate at a global scale — if we remain bold.

At the same time, Portlanders have become increasingly aware of the risks we already face from the existing sea of fossil fuel tank farms bordering our rivers. Local and national media have raised awareness that we have created a monumental hazard by placing structures directly in the path of a large subduction zone earthquake that is likely to occur in the coming decades. Building more tanks would only add to this incredible liability.

Mayor Hales has announced that he would like the city to adopt a fossil fuel export policy by the end of this year. This is a momentous opportunity for Portland to stand up and codify the overwhelming public sentiment expressed during the Pembina debate. Portland does not want to be part of the fossil fuel export industry. It is time for Portland to adopt policies that will prevent a new generation of hazardous fossil fuel infrastructure from being built within our city. Then we need to turn our sights to addressing the hazards we have already permitted to pervade the banks of our rivers. This process will be fast moving and heavily contested by fossil fuel companies that know that the tide is starting to turn.

Trees and Ecoroofs

Portland has long been a leader in “green infrastructure.” People come from all over the world to see our green streets, urban tree canopy, and green roofs. However, Portland has been resting on its laurels in recent years; some progressive green programs have been reduced or eliminated, and new initiatives have been minimal to nonexistent. Vanessa Keitges, President and CEO of local Columbia Greens Technologies and an advisory to President Obama on green building, has written: “There is a real gap between the myth and reality of what is going on with ‘green’ commercial development and we can see why other progressive communities have surpassed us. Portland is ranked one of the highest for heat island effect and yet FDX installed the same amount of green roofs in 2015 as they did in 2008. We are going backward not forward…”

More viscerally, the battle over three giant sequoias that were almost cut down by a developer in Southeast Portland has raised awareness that Portland’s famous green canopy is at real risk. There is very little protection in place for our biggest trees.

In the coming months the city will consider new regulations to protect big trees and to require ecoroofs on buildings in the central city. These are critical steps to restoring our leadership in green infrastructure and the green economy.

Please do get involved! We live in an amazing place, but it is at risk. We have immediately before us once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to clean up our river, protect our most valuable natural areas, reduce hazards in our communities, strike a major blow against the fossil fuel export industry, and promote our green economy. We need your voice and we need it now! Please join Audubon’s activities at audubonportland.org/activities/activist-form for regular updates on how you can have a real impact on the environmental health of the Portland region.

Portland Urban Coyote Project: Informing the Community about Our Urban Trickster

by Bob Sallinger

One of the most common phone calls at our Wildlife Care Center is about urban coyotes. The calls range from people who are excited and intrigued by the presence of these wild canids to people who are concerned and want them removed. Our common thread, however, is that most people think that sightings of coyotes in their neighborhoods is something new and extraordinary. But these sightings aren’t unusual — coyotes have been present in Portland neighborhoods for decades.

The Portland Urban Coyote Project (portlandcoyote.com) is an exciting effort by Portland State University’s Geography Department, in collaboration with the Audubon Society of Portland, to explore how humans and coyotes interact on the urban landscape. Professor Barbara Bowers and her graduate students Zuriel Rasmussen and Jennifer Grant have put together this outstanding website which provides interactive educational information, a tutorial, sighting maps, and promotes our green economy. We need your voice and we need it now! Please join Audubon’s activities at audubonportland.org/activities/activist-form for regular updates on how you can have a real impact on the environmental health of the Portland region.

Northeast Portland neighborhood.

Photo by Bob Sallinger

The Portland Urban Coyote Project will provide valuable information and research about these adaptable animals. You can also get information at Portland Audubon’s Living with Coyotes page at audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/coyotes. For neighborhoods interested in a presentation and discussion, Audubon offers an Urban Coyote Project presentation. Contact Micah Meskel at mmeskel@audubonportland.org.

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Photo by Travis Williams/Willamette Riverkeeper

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Forage Fish Protections: Federal Process Takes Important Step toward Finalizing Regulations

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager, & Paul Engelmeier, Ten Mile Sanctuary Manager

For the past three years, Audubon Society of Portland has worked with partners, including Pew Charitable Trusts and California Audubon, to increase protections for forage fish species like Pacific Sand lance and various smelt species. These species have “slipped through the cracks” of existing fishery management plans and were left unprotected in federal waters (3-200 miles off the west coast). Seabirds like the imperiled Marbled Murrelet depend on these species for survival, and a growing body of research indicates that declining forage fish populations are a major factor in subsequent declines and nest failures in dozens of seabird species around the world. Increasing interest in fishmeal and fish oil products threatens to open up commercial fisheries on these species in the near future.

At the September Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting, the Council unanimously voted to adopt the draft regulatory language for these fish that was proposed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). This decision ensures that no directed commercial fisheries can begin until and unless the Council has adequate scientific information to consider impacts on the species considered as well as to existing fisheries, fishing communities, and the greater marine ecosystem. This decision makes it possible for a few of the advisory committees to the Council. We thank the Council for recognizing the importance of moving forward with the regulatory process. This decision builds on earlier successes, most recently at the March 2015 PFMC meeting when the Council designated these species as “ecosystem component species,” opening the door for prohibition of new directed fisheries of these species without a full analysis.

With this most recent step the Council has completed their part of the process in protecting forage fish species. Now it’s up to NMFS to initiate rulemaking and formalize these rules in the Federal Register. This process will take place over several months and there will be a public comment period. With the federal forage fish protections process nearly complete, we turn our attention to protecting forage fish in state waters (0-3 miles from shore). Unlike California and Washington, Oregon currently has no forage fish management plan. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) expects to have a draft forage fish plan by early 2016, and Audubon will work to ensure this plan is effective and helps to protect seabirds that depend on these small but important fish. For more background and updates on this issue, visit audubonportland.org/issue/ species/seas/sea-birds.

We thank many of our members and other Oregon Audubon chapters for providing comments to the Council to help make forage fish protections a reality. Stay tuned for more opportunities for public comment as the federal process is finalized and the draft state forage fish management plan sees the light of day.

Chapman Swifts: In Decline?

by Joe Liebezeit and Candace Larson

Since 2005, our volunteer swift monitors have been diligently counting Vaux’s Swifts as they enter the Chapman Elementary School chimney on most September evenings. What we’ve learned over the last seven years is of some concern. During this time, the number of swifts using the chimney has declined from an average of 6,000 birds on a given night to 4,000 (see graph). This trend could be a signal of a real range-wide decline, or could there be another explanation?

We can’t draw a population level conclusion from one site, but the patterns do reflect a wider declining trend in Vaux’s Swift documented in Breeding Bird Survey data over the past 40 years across the Northwest. Veteran swift counters tell stories of having seen as many as 40,000 birds entering the Chapman chimney as recently as the mid-1980s. Yet there could be other explanations: Are the birds selecting other sites to roost in during migration? Are changing climatic patterns shifting their migration schedule, with more swifts using the Chapman chimney in August before we begin monitoring, or are they even bypassing Portland altogether as they head southward?

Our swift-counting efforts help Audubon track population changes in the Portland area and promote awareness of Vaux’s Swift conservation efforts region-wide. By contributing our swift data to a Pacific Flyway-wide effort (vauxhappening.org) and to publicly available continent-wide databases (e.g. eBird), we are helping foster a better understanding of this species and its habitat needs, so we can all help these birds thrive and we can continue to enjoy the fall swift migration spectacle at Chapman School.

Consider joining in as a swift counter or participating in one of Audubon’s other citizen science projects. Contact Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager, at jliebezeit@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6121.

Wildlife Care Center

Starving Common Murre Brought Back to Full Health and Returned to the Wild

by Ali Berman, Communications Manager

In August our Care Center took in three Common Murres, murres birds that some might mistake for penguins due to their black and white feathers. These birds, though not brought in at the same time, all suffered from the same issue. Each one was emaciated and found in various states of distress by Good Samaritans along the Oregon coast. As the Audubon Society of Portland is some distance from the coast, we haven’t received as many calls about starving birds. During the height of these incidences, one of our partners, the Wildlife Center of the North Coast (coastwildlife.org), took in approximately 12 birds a day, and 90% of those were Common Murres. Those were the ones who were able to get help. Many more never made it to a wildlife rehabilitation facility.

In nature, dead birds may not be that unusual, but the number of dead birds has lately exceeded normal levels. “Every bird we’re seeing is starving to death,” Joe Saranpaa, assistant director of the Wildlife Center of the North Coast, told the Daily Astorian (dailyastorian.com/LocalNews/20150825/scientists-searching-for-answers-in-bird-die-off). “It’s pretty bad.”

Why are these birds starving? Scientists have a few theories on what might be causing the problem. It could be that the fish which the birds need to feed on are going in search of cooler waters. It could be climate change. What isn’t up for debate? Something is seriously wrong and many species have been affected.

We are happy to report that the Common Murre we cared for was released back to the wild on October 5 in Astoria, Oregon.

Murres being released back to the wild. Photo by Wendy Shoemaker.

Common Murre recovering at Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center. Photo by Ali Berman.

OR. It couldn’t have been a more perfect day for the release. Wendy Shoemaker, a Portland Audubon volunteer, went out with the Wildlife Center for the North Coast. The juvenile Murre in our care was released with a group of 10 juvenile Murres the WCNC had rehabilitated. As is often the case, once the carriers were opened, the birds were out of their enclosures and back in the wild in seconds.

“Our guy was the first in the water,” said Shoemaker. “The murres all dove beneath the surface quite a bit as they swam away from the beach, then quickly were caught by the outgoing tide and floated under the bridge toward the ocean. I watched until I could see them no more and they were all still mostly in one area, separated a bit into two smaller tight groups.”

As the volunteers and rehabilitators watched the birds return to the water, they also saw a group of sea lions in the distance. And to add to the magic of the day, a humpback whale breeched in the distance.

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Educational Trips

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

Borneo
February 24 – March 10, 2016

Borneo… a land of rugged mountains, ancient people, and dense jungles teeming with wildlife and birds that defy the imagination…

Explore the world’s third largest island and many of the unique habitats on this 15-day adventure through the Malaysian state of Sabah located in the north of the island.

The first two nights of the trip will be in Kota Kinabalu, the capital of Sabah, exploring as we adjust to the new time zone and the culture. From there we head directly to Mt. Kinabalu, where we will bird the flanks of the highest peak in Southeast Asia in search of species such as the White-throated Trogon, Gray-throated Minivet, Indigo Flycatcher and perhaps even the rare Crimson-headed Partridge. From here we travel to Sepilok, where we’ll visit the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Center, famous for its canopy towers and walkways that offer premier birding opportunities and views of the treetops in the otherwise dense rainforest. This region is known as a birding hotspot and is perhaps the best location to spot the Bornean Bristlehead, one of the most sought after of Borneo’s endemics.

Next it’s off to the Sukau Rainforest Lodge, where more than birds await our group of intrepid travelers. This river valley along the Kinabatangan River is home of the strange Proboscis Monkey, a rare species of primate found only in Borneo, and the Bornean Pygmy Elephant, whose mysterious origins are still in debate. The fascinating bird life of this region will not disappoint! Many beautiful species await our discovery, including the Hooded Pitta, Rhinoceros Hornbill and Blue-eared Kingfisher, to name just a few. Lastly we’ll venture into the Danum Valley, and stay at the comfortable Borneo Rainforest Lodge where a vast tract of lowland rainforest is home to the legendary “man of the forest,” the Orangutan. Sightings of this massive primate are all but guaranteed, but not so for other mammals such as the Palm Civet, Slow Loris and strange bug-eyed Western Tarsier. Before leaving Borneo, we’ll have three days to bird this fantastically rich area as we search for Sooty-capped Babbler, Purple-naped Sunbirds, Long-billed Spiderhunters, and a multitude of other avian denizens of Borneo’s glorious rainforest.

After one last night in the town of Kota Kinabalu to catch our breath, repack our gear, and enjoy our camaraderie over dinner, we’ll be home with enough memories of this magical island to last a lifetime.

Contact Dan van den Broek at 973-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org to sign up or if you have further questions.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator, and Tim Donner, Environmental Educator
Fee: $1295* members / $1495* non-members
Deposit: $3400 required to secure your place on the trip

Ice Age Floods
April 10–16, 2016

Join the Audubon Society of Portland as we explore the route of the Ice Age Floods from western Montana, across the Channeled Scablands of eastern Washington and through the Columbia River Gorge. We will follow the path of the floods from Missoula to Portland and witness the many kinds of evidence they left on the landscape, from giant current ripples to slack-water deposits known as rythrits. April is a beautiful time of year to be on the path of the floods and we’ll make plenty of time for hiking, botanizing and wildlife viewing. Contact Eric Scheuering at 971-222-6139 or escheuering@audubonportland.org for more information.

Leader: Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: $1295 members / $1495 non-members

Death Valley
April 4–8, 2016

Death Valley National Park is the lowest, driest, and hottest place in North America and the largest National Park in the lower 48 states. Along with the extreme climate comes the opportunity to explore a unique, striking landscape with hidden pockets of flora and fauna. While we will always be birding, a large part of our time in Death Valley will focus on the spectacular geology of the area and the adaptations of the drought-tolerant plants. Destinations outside the park will contrast the higher elevations of the Spring Mountains and some of the best wildlife-viewing locales such as Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Birding opportunities will focus primarily on migrants and vagrants and some of the local desert species. Contact Eric Scheuering at 971-222-6139 or escheuering@audubonportland.org for more information.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: $1395* members / $1495* non-members
Deposit: $700 required to secure your place on the trip

Texas: Rio Grande Valley
February 14–21, 2016

Join us for a winter trip to southern Texas and the Rio Grande Valley to one of the hottest birding regions in the country.

The subtropical part of the U.S. is famous for being the southern limit for many tropical species including the Great Kiskadee, Plain Chachalaca and beautiful Green Jay. We’ll explore such well-known locations as Santa Ana and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuges, Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park, as well as many other hotspots. February is an ideal time of the year to see the many species that winter in southern Texas. This gateway to the neotropics is sure to impress the most avid birder and beginner alike! Contact Eric Scheuering at 971-222-6119 or escheuering@audubonportland.org for more information.

Leaders: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager, and Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: $2295* members / $2495* non-members
Deposit: $1200 required to secure your place on the trip

Thailand
January 15–30, 2016

In this country of Buddhist traditions, temples and images, the Buddha can be seen in nearly every corner, as can offerings of flowers and incense at Amarin Spirit Houses to provide the promise of good fortune. Known as the ‘Land of Smiles,’ Thailand is a country full of natural beauty and friendly people who, without fail, greet you with a smile, palms pressed together in a polite wai.

We begin our journey in the north of Thailand, in the city of Chiang Mai, where the night market and the magnificent temple complex of Wat Phra That Doi Suthep will whet your appetite for culture and tradition. Our first birding foray will be along the –Thai–Myanmar border where we’ll spend an unforgettable day in the vast forested hills that are home to Giant Nuthatch, Mrs. Gould’s Sunbird, Rusty-cheeked Scimitar-babbler, Red-faced Liocichla and Red-flanked Bluetail. Known as the root of Thailand, Doi Inthanon is at the eastern end of the Himalayan Mountains, and along the slopes of the highest peak in Thailand we’ll find an amazing variety of birds in habitats from cloud forest to deciduous Dipterocarp.

Next we fly to the metropolis of Bangkok to experience first-hand its famous markets and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. After searching the coast we’ll head to the mountains and the Kaeng Krachan National Park where we’ll have our best chance of seeing a variety of mammals. The last days of our trip will be in the coastal town of Hua Hin, where the view from our bungalows is of white sand beach, giving us time to reflect as we relax and gaze out over the Gulf of Thailand.

This amazing trip features some of the best wildlife viewing in the world and exploration of world-famous Buddhist temples. If you would like more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Dan van den Broek at 973-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader and Educator
Fee: $4175* members / $4475* non-members
Deposit: $2000 required to secure your place on the trip

Coming Soon: Australia and Oaxaca!

See our Natural History Ecotours brochure for more information at audubonportland.org/files/ecotours-brochure.

Our measure of a great trip is how many birds were seen well by all participants, and we strive to create a positive group dynamic so everyone feels comfortable and welcome. We model best practices in the field and interact with nature in a respectful manner. Most importantly, we want participants to be safe and have fun!

*Fee includes: Ground transportation, double-occupancy lodging, meals except dinners, entrance fees for planned activities and the services of your leader.

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Beginning Birding 1
(Session Mo): Jr. raptor road Trip Grades: 1–3
Dec 17 (Thu), 7:30–8:30pm: Class in Heron Hall (the Field Trips are both full — spaces still available in Class—Only Option)
Join Laura Whittemere, long-time birder and teacher, for an introduction to bird watching that takes the mystery out of the world'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 focus in on the identity of birds you see.
Fee per person: $60 member/ $70 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House
Local Field Trips
Class-only Option: $30 members / $40 non-members

Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears Grades: 1–3
Dec 3 (Thu), 7:30–9:00pm: Class in Heron Hall有限名额
Do you wonder which wild animals roam the Audubon Sanctuary at night? Hike along the trails of our own Wildlife Sanctuary searching for clues that the nocturnal animals have left. Learn about these night-time hunters and create a colorful art project based on your observations.
Fee per person: $60 member/ $70 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Drones and the Missoula Floods Grades: 4–8
Dec 19 (Sat), 8:45am–10:15am: Class in Heron Hall (transportation provided)
Be a part of an exciting field trip to Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Junior Wildlife Vet on the mountain! Attend an educational seminar on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland. Visit the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and learn about the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself by scoping out the forest for clues that you may have already discovered. Go home with your very own Gnome! Equipped with unique powers, your gnomes will explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures.
Fee per person: $75 member/ $85 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park
Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators

Couples of the Night Grades: 3–4
Dec 23 (Wed), 7:30–9:30pm: Class in Heron Hall
Spend a couple's date night exploring the world of winter animal survival. Look for animal tracks in the snow, huddle with your loved one, and create a colorful art project to take home!
Fee per person: $75 member/ $85 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park

Wild Wings — Bird Art Grades: 3–4
Dec 24 (Thu), 8:30am–10:30am: Class in Heron Hall
Explore the life cycle of birds through art. Come ready to tell a story in pictures!
Fee per person: $60 member/ $70 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Creatures of the Night Grades: 5–8
Dec 27 (Mon), 3:00am–5:30pm: Class in Heron Hall
Join Audubon educators on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland. Visit the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and learn about the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself by scoping out the forest for clues that you may have already discovered. Go home with your very own Gnome! Equipped with unique powers, your gnomes will explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures.
Fee per person: $75 member/ $85 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park
Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators

Adulthood: November—December}

Winter Break Classes
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How to Register
Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:
1. Register and pay online: Visit class description at: audubonportland.org/trips—classes—camps/adult and follow registration link.
2. Call us: Call 503-292-WILD (9453) to speak to a staff member. Please confirm date and class name(s) and, if this is your first class with us, your full contact information.
3. Credit card payment: Call Marissa Duncan (971-222-6131) or our Nature Store (503-292-WILD) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover.

Contact Marissa Duncan, Education Program Assistant, at mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here! audubonportland.org/trips—classes—camps/adult/classes

Winter Wildlife Art Grades: 1–2
Dec 17 (Thu), 10:00am–12:00pm: Class in Heron Hall
Join Audubon educators on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland. Visit the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and learn about the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself by scoping out the forest for clues that you may have already discovered. Go home with your very own Gnome! Equipped with unique powers, your gnomes will explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures.
Fee per person: $25 member/ $30 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Keeping kids in touch with nature!

hoots There! Grades 1–3
Dec 11 (Sat), 8:45am–10:15am: Class in Heron Hall (limited to 14 participants)
Meet Julie and Hal, Audubon’s resident owls. Investigate the amazing adaptations of these avian predators. Explore owls, skulls, nests, wings, and feathers. Listen to owl calls, dissect an owl pellet, and hike in owl habitat.
Fee per person: $45 member/ $60 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Grades: 4–8
Dec 18 (Thu), 7:00pm–9:00pm: Class in Heron Hall
Have you ever wandered through the woods looking at tracks on the ground and searching for their meaning? Come along as we track the footprints of the Sandy River at Oxbow Regional Park. Through detailed observation, we will unravel the mysteries of wildlife tracking through basic track identification and sign interpretation.
Fee per person: $70 member/ $80 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park

Grades: 3–4
Dec 19 (Fri), 8:00pm–10:00pm: Class in Heron Hall
Have you ever wondered what animals do when we’re not looking? Join Audubon educators on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland. Visit the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and learn about the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself by scoping out the forest for clues that you may have already discovered. Go home with your very own Gnome! Equipped with unique powers, your gnomes will explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures.
Fee per person: $70 member/ $80 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park
Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators

Grades: 1–3
Dec 22 (Mon), 12:00pm–2:00pm: Class in Heron Hall
Adventures in the arts! Join Audubon educators on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of some of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland. Visit the beautiful Columbia River Gorge and learn about the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself by scoping out the forest for clues that you may have already discovered. Go home with your very own Gnome! Equipped with unique powers, your gnomes will explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures.
Fee per person: $10 member/ $15 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House

Grades: 4–8
Dec 26 (Fri), 4:00pm–6:00pm: Class in Heron Hall
Join Laura Whittemere, long-time birder and teacher, for an introduction to bird watching that takes the mystery out of the world'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 focus in on the identity of birds you see.
Fee per person: $60 member/ $70 non-member
Pick Up and Drop Off: Audubon House
Field Notes
by Harry Nehls
Broughton Beach Area a Birthing Hotspot

Broughton Beach along the Columbia River north of the Portland Airport has become a major birthing hotspot in the past couple of years. The Columbia River is rather wide here with several unhabited islands in the area. The open meadow-like airport may also be an attraction.

Visits to the beach in earlier years seldom found much of interest. The only notable sightings recently may be because of the more intense attraction to the area with each unusual bird reported.

Heavy birthing this summer and fall have brought an all-time high of unusual birds recorded here. It all started this summer on August 11 when Jen Sanford spotted a Whimbrel in the area. Then looking for the Whimbrel the following morning, she found a stunning Long-billed Curlew.

On August 15 Beverly Hallberg saw three curlews there and a small tern that attracted a lot of commentmun. It is reported that on August 16 John Powell reported a Pacific Golden-Plover on the beach. It remained for several days for many to see.

Sightings

On September 4 Beverly Hallberg heard the distinctive loud calls of a Yellow-billed Cuckoo coming from the cottonwood woodland at the north end of Ross Island in Portland. This would be the second report of a Yellow-billed in the Portland area this summer.

Other out-of-place birds this spring were seen: A Rock Wren photographed by Dwight Porter on September 19 at Oregon Episcopal School in SW Portland; on August 8 Louis Fredd found a couple of Brewer’s Sparrows at the Troutdale River NWR; Bob Flores watched a Parasitic Jaeger September 15 flying over the Columbia River west of Vancouver.

Sanrie Island provided good birthing this summer. On September 7 Zack Schlangner spotted a Black Swift around a waveless flock. Steve Nord watched a Franklin’s Gull September 9 flying over Sturgeon Lake. On September 29 Niki Chapman and Jill Ward reported that a flock of 75 Snow Geese arrived on the island. Philip Klune reported a flock of White Pelicans on the island. Pelicans were reported flying all over the Portland area this summer and fall.

As usual there have been several conspicuous goose and crane movements this fall. The first wave of Collared Geese arrived during mid-September, and Collards were quite common by the end of the month. White-fronted Geese arrived during the same period with a major spectacular movement September 20 and 21. On October 2 Lora Pierce observed a massive movement of thousands of Sandhill Cranes flying toward the southeast over Scappoose Bottoms.

Reflections of Another Successful Year of TALON
by Glaudy Ruiz, Eastside Conservation Education Coordinator

A s I signed on to our TALON Facebook page, I was thrilled to find a TALON members online. In fact, it was their ideas and enthusiasm that I signed on at 10 a.m. Open up that chat box for all of them, I asked them a simple question, “What has been your most memorable TALON moment?”

In its third year, the 2014 TALON program has continued to Teach, Advocate, Lead, Observe, and Nurture youth of color in East Multnomah and North Clackamas County. Co-creating an inclusive and empowering learning community has been essential in combining four alumni with the eight newly recruited members to establish the TALON community has been essential in combining four alumni with the eight newly recruited members to establish the TALON program in their communities, build long-term relationships to inspire young people to become conservation leaders and to provide many unexpected sightings for voulting birders.

On August 18 John Raketeaw and Tat Nitesh photographed two Red Phalaropes there. That day Beverly Hallberg noted a Sanderling on the beach. The next day Andy Frank checking the beach found four Sanderlings and a Semipalmated Sandpiper. Then on August 24 Andy Frank noted a Black-necked Stilt and two Arcsots. On September 26 Andy Frank watched a Sabine’s Gull flying over the river there. That day Richard Leinen found the first Lapland Longspur of the season. The species will probably be seen off and on through the winter.

Broughton Beach, the nearby Troutdale Airport area, and the Sandy River Delta have provided excellent birthing in recent years and should be covered more regularly. Across the river is the Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge area that has also produced excellent birding. Being along the Columbia River and at the western end of Goose, these areas should provide many more unexpected sightings for voulting birders.

Volunteer of the Month: Toni Rubin
by Nancy Matsson, Nature Store Manager

Toni Rubin began volunteering for Portland Audubon in the spring of 2009, and since then has amassed over 800 hours of volunteer time and received our Mamie Campbell Award for outstanding volunteer contributions along the way. How has she accumulated so much time? Toni volunteers for a regular shift in the Nature Store, serves as a member of the Wild Arts Festival Book Fair and Education Department committees, works as a docent, serves on the Volunteer Council, and just picked up a receptionist’s shift at the Wildlife Care Center. These are just her current duties! She has also volunteered at many special events. Here at the Nature Store, Toni is one of our most hardworking people knowledgeable about both binoculars and sighting scopes.

Born in Buffalo, New York, Toni attended college in Washington, DC. In 1976 she moved to Los Angeles and soon began a long affiliation with UCLA as both a graduate student and employee. Retiring in 2009, she moved north with her husband David Holzberg in 2010. With her husband in Northeast Portland. Toni’s new life even led her to complete a Shamanic Healing Apprenticeship.

Looking for a nonprofit environmental organization to support, she quickly connected with Portland Audubon’s mission. At A New Member Reception she met Aristophanes, the WCC’s resident Raven, and felt inspired to become an Audubon volunteer. Impressed by the quality of Deanna Sasettie’s volunteer training program, she dove in. As an active member of the Volunteer Council, Toni has helped to train hundreds of other volunteers.

Toni says, “What is remarkable about volunteering at Portland Audubon is the openness of staff to new ideas. If you have an idea, they are willing to bring it up. The staff is almost always ready to give someone a try.” At Toni’s suggestion, Sarah Swanson, then of our Education Department, began accepting volunteers as summer camp assistants for the Bienestar Summer Camp Program, a position that Toni quickly filled. While she enjoyed that program, Toni’s favorite children to work with are 5-year-olds, prompting her to volunteer as a reader for Audubon’s Storytime program for young children. Like our staff, Toni also is willing to give anything a try. We truly appreciate all you’ve done for us. Hey Toni, what’s next?”

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Fall into Some New Books

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last the autumn rains have
returned, and the fire danger
of our long hot summer
will finally be receding. The men
and women who do our wildland
firefighting are the focus of the new
title Smokewriter: A Memoir by One of America’s Most
Select Airborne Firefighters (William Morrow Books, $24.99), a fascinating insider’s look at an incredibly
dangerous occupation. Imagine parachuting out
of airplanes to drop into rugged backcountry landscapes,
and then face fires raging out of control. Vividly written
by Jason Ramos, a Wintrop, Washington-based
smokewriter, with additional material by Portlander
Julian Smith, Smokewriter provides a visceral thrill-
ride to a world most folks will see only indirectly experience.
This book is in the tradition of such Northwest classics
as Norman Maclean’s Young Men and Fire and The Big
Burn by Timothy Egan.

Other natural phenomena featured in recent books include Rain: A Natural and Cultural History by
Cydney Barnett (Crown Books, $25.00) and Full-Rip 9.0: The Next Big Earthquake in the Pacific
Northwest (Saquatch Books, $18.95) by Seattle journalist Sandi
Douthit. Barnett’s book is a delight for the senses, capturing the
emotion of observing a catastrophic event as well as our experience.
And Douthit gives all of us in the Cascadian Subduction Zone
both frightening predictions for the future of our region and an
unrealistic understanding of earthquake research. All of these
books are currently available in the Nature Store.

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Bird Expo sponsored by Birding Business magazine and Goldcrest
Distributing. Thanks so much to our staff and wonderful volunteers
who earned this special award for Portland Audubon — and to all of our
awesome customers for your support!

Fall into Autumn’s Rhythm

by Tom Costello, Sanctuaries Director

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the Pacific Northwest each season brings with it
its own unique and powerful power and feeling. The
nourishing rains of winter replenish our stores of
water while the trees sit dormant in the cool, foggy forest.
Spring brings a return of light and energy, the scents
of wildflowers and the hum of the bees stir our souls awake.
Long summer days drive us to bask and play in the
healing rays of the sun. But for me no season stirs my senses and
awakens ancient memories as does the autumn.

Only a few weeks into autumn proper and I have the fortune
to harvest pears on the eastern flanks of Mt. Hood
and frolic with my family in the pinky patches of Sauvie Island.
Misty, cool maritime air greets me each morning as I
walk along the Willamette, and leaves crunch underfoot as I
walk the forested hills of the city. The early season
rains seem to cleanse the air, and the high energy state of
summer gives way to a slower, more relaxed pace as we
move through the harvest season.

If you have ever had the (good?) fortune to do trail work
with me, you have likely heard me talk ad nauseam about
the massive amount of debris that falls to the forest floor
each autumn. Of course this debris is part of the natural
cycle and an integral component of a healthy forest —
but as far as trail maintenance goes, the sheer volume alone
causes problems. Jon Luna writes in The Hidden Forest
“In a year, onto a single acre of old-growth forest, some five
tons of litter will fall.” Luna points to ecologist Elliott

Norse, who describes this forest litter as “the capillary
system of the forest, removing wastes and conveying food
to the legions of consumers below.”

Luna writes of the massive variety of material that makes up
this stuff: bats of caterpillar frass, fungal spores, various
droppings, sheds of spiderweb and bits of exoskeletons,
not to mention the more obvious variety of plant matter.
And this litter supports a rich diversity of life. Luna
notes that researchers at the Andrews Experimental Forest
outside Eugene estimate that more than 8,000 species of
insects inhabit the forest floor in a typical Northwest old-
growth forest, in densities that can reach millions of insects
per square foot. These consumers, in return, help make
the nutrients found in the wastes of autumn available to
the roots of the forest plants. The complexity and intricacy
of these natural cycles is truly astounding, and a primary
goal in our restoration projects is to create the conditions
necessary for these natural cyclical processes.

Autumn is also planting season; the cool climate and short
days induce dormancy in our native flora, making it an
timely ideal time of year to move plants around and put them
in the ground. With our native perennial wildflowers
underground and asleep for the winter, it is also the ideal
time of year to work off trail.

This autumn will conclude our seven-year partnership with
Friends of Trees Gift Tree Program, which has led to over 6,000

Special Family Events in November

Origami Workshop

Looking for a fun crafting activity for the whole family on
the Veterans Day holiday? The Nature Store hosts a special
midweek origami workshop Wednesday, November 11
from 10:30am–12:00pm with local artist and origami
expert Eileen Holzman. Eileen teaches origami for all
ages and levels of ability, with an eye for combining artistic
expression with the science of animal anatomy.

Eileen Holzman is a veteran of 35 years of art education
and art therapy, both in Oregon and New Jersey. Her art has been
featured in juried and solo shows in Northeast states and here
in Oregon. Her origami workshops at Multnomah County
Library branches are popular events. Pre-registration
is recommended. Entry is a $15.00 per family fee requested
of the day. Please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 to register or for more information.

Storytime

Our regular free Saturday
storytime event makes a scheduling
change in November. To avoid
a conflict with the Wild Arts Festival
and other special November events,
we’ll be hosting storytime on
Saturday, November 14. Come
enjoy a children’s story in our
interpretive center, performed
by Audubon volunteers. This month we explore other cultures
with stories from The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales. You may
learn “Why the Sun is Far Away” from Nigeria, or how the
birds helped create “The Magic Garden” from Karakastan,
or what happens to “Grumpy Gerke” from Haiti. We start at 12:30pm,
and will have a repeat performance at 1:30pm, both with a matching craft or nature activity. Children ages
4–8 and their parents are encouraged to drop by! Call us at
the Nature Store if you have questions.

Digiscoping with Doug Porter

Does taking highly magnified photographic
images with your sighting scope sound like fun?
Have you been held back by the fact that your
scope doesn’t come with an adapter? Doug
Porter is the resident digiscoping expert at Novagrade®,
an innovative company that makes the world’s highest
quality universal adapters right here in Oregon. Doug
and his daughter Renee can often be found throughout
the Northwest taking photos and testing new designs.
They recently swept the top three places in the phone and
tablet photo-digiscoping competition at the Winter Wings
Festival in Klamath Falls.

Free Digiscoping Seminar
Saturday, November 14
10:30am • Heron Hall

Digiscoped image of an immature Black-crowned Night-Heron © Doug Porter

Doug will join us for a free Digiscoping Seminar on
Saturday, November 14 at 10:30am in Heron Hall
to demonstrate Novagrade® recently introduced universal
digiscoping adapters that allow you to attach cell phones
and (a first!) tablets to nearly any sighting scope. Because the
adapters are universal, there is no need to buy a new adapter
when you upgrade to a new cell phone or tablet. Just a few
simple adjustments and you’re ready to get back out in the
field! They also have adapters available for Nikon and Canon
SLR Cameras for taking professional-quality images.

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Volunteers sort through nursery stock to be planted in the sanctuaries. Photo: Portland Audubon

Sanctuaries Happenings

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Full-Rip 9.0: The Next Big Earthquake in the Pacific Northwest (Saquatch Books, $18.95) by Seattle journalist Sandi Douthit. Barnett’s book is a delight for the senses, capturing the emotion of observing a catastrophic event as well as our experience. And Douthit gives all of us in the Cascadian Subduction Zone both frightening predictions for the future of our region and an unrealistic understanding of earthquake research. All of these books are currently available in the Nature Store.

Digiscoping with Doug Porter

Does taking highly magnified photographic images with your sighting scope sound like fun? Have you been held back by the fact that your scope doesn’t come with an adapter? Doug Porter is the resident digiscoping expert at Novagrade®, an innovative company that makes the world’s highest quality universal adapters right here in Oregon. Doug and his daughter Renee can often be found throughout the Northwest taking photos and testing new designs. They recently swept the top three places in the phone and tablet photo-digiscoping competition at the Winter Wings Festival in Klamath Falls.

Free Digiscoping Seminar
Saturday, November 14
10:30am • Heron Hall

Digiscoped image of an immature Black-crowned Night-Heron © Doug Porter

Doug will join us for a free Digiscoping Seminar on Saturday, November 14 at 10:30am in Heron Hall to demonstrate Novagrade® recently introduced universal digiscoping adapters that allow you to attach cell phones and (a first!) tablets to nearly any sighting scope. Because the adapters are universal, there is no need to buy a new adapter when you upgrade to a new cell phone or tablet. Just a few simple adjustments and you’re ready to get back out in the field! They also have adapters available for Nikon and Canon SLR Cameras for taking professional-quality images.

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Meeting the New Faces at Portland Audubon

In the late summer and early fall we welcomed some friendly new faces at Portland Audubon, many of whom are replacing former staff who have recently retired or moved. We are excited to introduce you to these dedicated individuals, now a part of the Audubon Society of Portland story.

Communications Manager: Ali Berman is excited to help bring Portland Audubon’s message to a broader audience. Before coming to the organization, Ali spent nine years working as the Communications Coordinator at HEART, helping to bring human rights, animal protection, and environmental ethics issues into classrooms. She believes that if we teach the public to stand up for people, animals, and the environment, more people will feel empowered to change the world for the better.

IT Support Specialist (part-time): Roger Bond joined Portland Audubon after running his own information technology company for the last 13 years. Roger started his career in the U.S. Navy’s nuclear propulsion program, leading him to become a nuclear reactor operator. He served as an Engineering Watch Supervisor and an instructor and helped setting up an initial reactor startup, nuclear physics testing, and sea trials aboard the USS Louisiana. After 12 years in the Navy, Roger was hired by Intel, working in the Logic Technology Development division where he helped create a variety of microprocessors.

Executive Assistant/Office Coordinator: Keia Booker’s background is in theater and the arts, receiving her BFA in musical theater from the University of Oklahoma. She is the former manager at Stumptown Coffee Roasters and private thespian from the University of Oklahoma. She is the former manager at Stumptown Coffee Roasters and private theater and film. She is the former manager at Stumptown Coffee Roasters and private theater and film. She is the former manager at Stumptown Coffee Roasters and private theater and film.

Development Assistant: Tijahna Carlson has been solving the Kaiser’s Edge puzzle for over 14 years. After working with a variety of nonprofits, Tijah娜 is excited to put her skills to work here at Audubon Society of Portland. Having watched the swifts every year since she was 12, she was thrilled to become part of the Audubon team who officially counts swifts! When not working in databases, Tijah娜 loves to build communal art projects and participate in festivals.

Education Assistant: Marissa Duncan has had a long history with Portland Audubon. Starting as a camper in her early teens, Marissa worked as an intern for Portland Audubon’s summer camp and most recently as a seasonal Environmental Educator. After graduating with a degree in marine research, biochemistry, and conservation.

Nature Store Buyer: McKenzie Joslin-Snyder, a native of Eugene, graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Environmental Science. After moving to Portland, she worked at Powell’s City of Books as a merchandiser, developing a knack for making displays and identifying sales trends. McKenzie is not a new face at Audubon, since she is a veteran of three years of volunteering at the Wildlife Care Center.

New Audubon staff, left to right: Ali Berman, Roger Bond, Keia Booker, Tijahna Carlson, McKenzie Joslin-Snyder. (Not pictured: Marissa Duncan.) Photo © Portland Audubon

Meet the New Faces at Portland Audubon

Banking for Birds

Three ways to bank with Audubon partner, SELCO Community Credit Union, and protect birds across Oregon! Through the month of November 2015, SELCO is running a promotion that benefits Audubon Society of Portland!

When you open a SELCO Select Checking Account with linked direct deposit, open or refinance an auto or RV loan with SELCO, or open a home equity line of credit — and mention the word “birds” — SELCO will gift $75 to Portland Audubon and deposit an additional $75 into your SELCO account!

Visit a branch, call 800-445-4483, or check out selco.org to participate. Don’t forget to mention the promo code when talking with them!

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Frequent Flying — a great way to go!

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Become a Frequent Flyer by going to audubonportland.org/support/give, or contact us at 503-292-6855. Or send in the handy form below.

Membership Levels

☐ $25 Introductory ☐ $100 Goldfinch
☐ $35 Individual ☐ $250 Warbler
☐ $45 Family ☐ $500 Owl
☐ $60 Wren ☐ $1000 Great Blue Heron
☐ $________ per month Frequent Flyer (first check or debit card number enclosed)

Payment Method

☐ Please check payable to Audubon Society of Portland, is enclosed.

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$75 for you. $75 for Audubon. Visit selco.org/selcosaves to learn more!

Join our community and earn money for your favorite charity and Audubon! Click here to learn more.

Enroll in our Frequent Flying program and earn points for your birding adventures! Click here to learn more.

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store

A udubon 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 & spotting scopes, bird feeders & seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices!

Nikon Binocular Seminar December 12 10:30am

Thinking of purchasing a new pair of binoculars or giving one as a gift? If you don’t understand all those specification numbers, how “High Density Glass” improves your view, or whether one product is best for your needs, we have a seminar for that! Mike Feenberg of Nikon Optics will be back to offer a Free Binocular Seminar on Saturday, December 12 at 10:30am in Heron Hall that answers all your questions.

Wall, Desk, and Engagement Calendars are here

Our full selection of calendars for 2016 has arrived. Favorites from Audubon, Sierra Club, Vireo Press, Charley Harper, and many more!

Swarowski and Carl Zeiss Optics sales & rebates end in mid-November.

Call the store for details on some “unadvertised” specials for members!

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Leadership Giving Circle
Founding Members Empower Leadership at a Critical Time

M any bird and nature lovers join in Audubon Society of Portland’s mission through an annual contribution of $1,000 or more. These leadership gifts help to deepen our impact on bird and wildlife conservation in the Portland metro area and beyond.

Portland Audubon is introducing three new giving levels to strengthen our capacity to lead, and to achieve conservation priorities as Portland grows. As the year-end giving season nears, please consider making a special commitment to keep Portland green and to build a region where people and wildlife can flourish together.

Leadership Gift Levels
Great Blue Heron: $1,000 – $2,499 (Leadership level for many years)
Benefits include acknowledgment in our annual report and the opportunity to attend exclusive events.
Peregrine: $2,500 – $4,999 (New) Above benefits, plus a personal tour of Portland Audubon programs and biannual updates from Executive Director Nick Hardigg highlighting the specific impacts of your support.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these special gifts: In Memory

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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 the natural world. You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at www.audubonportland.org or by calling 971-222-6130. A signed card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

Thank You to:

- Andie Farms for food for the Wildlife Care Center birds
- Jim Cruise for 42 framed and 1 I mattered professional wildlife photographs
- Art Douglas and Jill Bonzer for 2 Birdhouses & Lomp inoacres, 8 x 11.94, for the Moorland
- Linda Fieree for assorted international birding guides and field guides for the Education Program
- Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Hatchery Program, and Coastal Chinook Research & Monitoring Program, for 1500 pounds of fish for the WCC
- Lou Parrett for ten birdhouse ornaments to be used as merchandise for the Nature Store
- Ginnie Ross for refreshments for Volunteers & supplies for the International Vulture Day event; and material for refurbishing the Education Bird enclosure for Syd
- Deanna Sawtelle for decorations for the Halloween Night Flight event

Our Wish List

For All Departments: Ergonomic Office Chairs  Science Kit’s Genesis Black Chair
- Dawn Dishwashing Detergent
- Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
- Paper lunch bags
- Small leather work gloves
- Keval animal handling gloves

For Wildlife Care Center:  Science Kit’s Genesis Black Chair
- For Sanctuary: Loppers
- Hand saws
- Work gloves
- For Wild Arts Festival: Easels (floor & table)

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.

This year, Portland Audubon is thrilled to partner with the Wild Salmon Center in a GiveGuide event on December 10. Hosted by Patagonia, join us for food, drink, and raffle items, with a special incentive offered to those who donate that night. Follow our Facebook page for more information.

This year our wonderful business partner, Wonderland Tattoo, will be providing a match for the first $1,000 in donations received through the GiveGuide.

Donations are accepted from the date of the GiveGuide’s publication (Wed, Nov 4) through midnight on Thu, Dec 31. Make your contributions online at giveguide.org. Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the “Environment” category, and spread the word! Follow us on Facebook for announcements and incentives at facebook.com/portlandaudubon.

Leadership Giving Profile: Steve Berliner
Our New Leadership Giving Program Takes Flight

C onservationist and award-winning bird photographer Steve Berliner has kicked off the Audubon Society of Portland’s new Leadership Giving program with an increased gift and a rallying call for others to join him.

Berliner made his first gift in 1988, when income as cofounder of Leatherman Tool gave him the capacity to help. His sense of affinity grew as he led restoration of riparian habitat in the Mt Kellogg–Scott Creek watershed and practiced wildlife photography. He loved the deep immersion in nature he experienced as a wildlife photographer, and began to win awards with his images. One photo he donated to the Wildlife Care Center helped identify an injured Bald Eagle by the tiny numbers on its band, and a happy ending ensued: the bird was rehabilitated by the Wildlife Care Center and released.

Berliner’s commitment to higher annual giving to Portland Audubon comes at a time when he and his wife Karen Bjorklund are focusing their support on a smaller number of organizations, to make a greater impact on the people and places they love. They’ve seen the Portland metro area population increase by 150,000 since the first gift — growth which has increased conservation challenges but also means that more people are able to give more generously.

We recently spoke with Steve about his latest gift and love for Audubon.

What made you decide to increase your level of giving, and be our first new leadership gift donor? “As I approached 65, I decided I wanted to give to Audubon Society of Portland in a deeper way, and I talked to Ann Takamoto, the Development Director. I was so glad to learn that new levels were about to launch. It takes resources to be a leader, and will take a greater funding base for Audubon to expand its role in the Portland metro area.”

What attracted you to the Audubon Society of Portland when you first gave in 1988? I’ve had a love for birds in the natural world since childhood. There’s no other environmental organization in our area with a 100-year record of speaking out on behalf of birds and wildlife.

What kept you donating steadily for 27 years? Portland Audubon has earned its reputation for independence and authority on wildlife issues. We get the satisfaction of seeing the organization’s long-term accomplishments and knowing we were part of that.

Anything else you would like to share? If the Audubon Society of Portland is an organization that embodies your beliefs, please step up with me to support it. The time is right.

Note: Steve’s photography can be seen at pbase.com/steveberliner.

Following Finley’s Footsteps
Steve Berliner and his wife Karen Bjorklund have a special connection to an earlier conservationist and photographer, William Finley, who helped found the first Audubon Society in Oregon in the early 1890s: they live on the Milwaukie riverside land that was owned by Finley and preserve his home there.

Steve Berliner at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, part of William Finley’s conservation legacy. Photo © Steve Berliner
**Wild Arts Festival**

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Auction. You’ll be able to bid for stays at beach houses and lake cabins, kayak trips, and a Columbia River geology tour. Also available are: a handwoven wool rug and other textiles, a glass art class by Festival favorite Ann Cassandra, several one-of-a-kind pottery pieces, and the ever-popular “Bird, Wine, and Dine Tour” provided by Mike Houck and Serrato Restaurant. The list of auction items is extensive so make sure to come up to the 3rd floor of Montgomery Park and take a look! You may be one of the lucky bidders to win a treasure... at a very attractive price.

6x6 Wild Art Project

Hard to believe, but the ever-popular 6x6 Project celebrates its ninth year at the Wild Arts Festival, with another collection of “birds” and affordable 6-inch-square canvases donated by a diverse group of wonderful community artists as well as some of the Festival headliners. We are grateful to Blick Art Materials for their support. Year after year, people line up when the doors open Saturday morning to get first dibs on their favorites, so be sure to stop by early!

**Other Festival Highlights**

We’re pleased to welcome Oregon College of Art and Craft back to the Festival as our educational institute art booth. This year, woodworking students from the college will be carving and painting with alumna Hilary Pfeifer, who will be signing her beautiful new book, Alphabeted. Don’t miss original artwork from the book on display!

In addition, the Audubon Nature Store will be selling a wide variety of bird nest boxes—everything from small songbird boxes to large owl, kestrel, and wood duck enclosures.

Finally, the Wildlife Care Center's Education Birds will be “on the glove” to steal the show as they do year after year. The Care Center provides a permanent home for several non-releasable native birds who now serve as ambassadors for their species and Audubon’s mission in classrooms and at events.

**Dining Options**

Montgomery Park’s Food in Bloom café will be open during the Festival. You can purchase delicious soups, salads, sandwiches, and more at their second floor location.

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- Consider sponsoring the Festival at one of our many levels. Contact Development Director Ann Takamoto at atakamotu@audubonportland.org for more information.

And of course, Save the Date! Mark November 21st and 22nd on your calendar and join us at Montgomery Park for the 2015 Wild Arts Festival.