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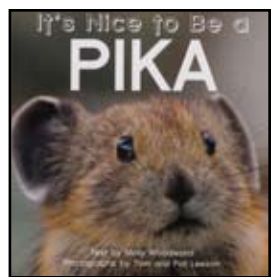


Holiday Greetings from the Nature Store!

Celebrate Children with Books and Kits!

With the store brimming with new merchandise this holiday season, it's the perfect opportunity to take a moment away from the hustle and bustle downtown. Check in with your favorite Education Bird, take a leisurely walk along Balch Creek, and be sure to stock up on holiday necessities at the Nature Store.

We've seen some wonderfully creative children's books during 2016 and would like to share some of our favorites. Easy to wrap, and never the wrong size, books are great gift items for the young people in your life. All include a nature theme, and many feature Northwest authors.



For the youngest readers, Molly Woodward shares that *It's Nice to Be a Pika!* (Heyday, \$8.99) a fun board book about the extremely cute mountain dwellers. Its companion book, *It's Nice to be an Otter!*, features equally cute sea dwellers.

Jon Klassen completes his Hat trilogy, following up the murder and mayhem of the bestsellers *I Want My Hat Back* and *This is Not My Hat* with a story of cooperation and sharing, *We Found A Hat* (all Candlewick Press, \$17.99). Fans of the previous books will enjoy Klassen's humor and whimsical artwork.

Journey: The Most Famous Wolf in the West by author Emma Bland Smith and artist Robin James (Sasquatch, \$17.99) is a lovely picture book about the true story of OR7, seen through the eyes of a little girl, Abby, who learns to be an advocate for wolves. The book includes a timeline of wolf recovery and resources for teachers.



Carson Ellis is a favorite author around here, in part for her beautiful illustrations of the Wildwood trilogy, and in part for the books she has written and illustrated, *Home* and the new *Du Iz Tak?* (Candlewick, \$16.99). The new book celebrates the beauty of insect life and the sheer creativity of an invented language.



Thunder Boy Jr (Little Brown, \$17.99) is Northwest bestseller Sherman Alexie's heartfelt and funny story about family identity, with Yuyi Morales's expressive illustrations. Also about a search for identity is Thor Hanson's *Bartholomew Quill: A Crow's Quest to Know Who's Who* (Little Bigfoot, \$17.99), with a fun rhyming story and Dana Armin's illustrations of Northwest wildlife.



Middle-school kids will get a kick out of *Oh, Ick! 114 Science Experiments Guaranteed to Gross You Out!* (Workman Press, \$14.95) by Joy Masoff, which features all sorts of slimy, smelly, or weird-looking common household objects.

Eugene writer Melissa Hart has drawn on her experience volunteering at the Cascades Raptor Center to create the middle-school tale *Avenging the Owl* (Sky Pony Press, \$15.95), the story of a boy who heals from family tragedy by learning about wildlife. Portlander Bart King's *The Drake Equation*



(Disney Hyperion, \$16.99) is a story of birdwatching and intergalactic intrigue. For older teens and adults, Portlander Peter Rock's moody, evocative *Klickitat* (Abrams Amulet, \$17.95) is set in Forest Park and other Portland locales. Set on Whidbey Island, M. J. Beaufrand's *Useless Bay* (Abrams Amulet, \$17.95) is an atmospheric YA mystery featuring a charming set of quintuplet teen sleuths.

Kits for Kids

Let us help you find the perfect craft or learning kit from 4M, Clementoni, Wild Republic, and others—give the kids in your life a fun and creative way to keep boredom at bay during this rainy time of year.

Holiday Store Hours

Monday–Saturday 10am–6pm
Sunday 10am–5pm
Christmas Day Closed
New Year's Eve 10am–3pm
New Year's Day Closed

Snowed in? Any store items can be ordered and shipped to you directly from the Nature Store. Call 503-292-9453.

Receiving a toy is one thing—creating your own is something else entirely. For the young explorer, there's the **Build Your Own Compass** kit (\$17.50); and budding engineers will love the **Solar Mechanics** kit (\$21.95), which uses solar cells to make robotic components. On the softer side, crafty kids can make

their own **Felt Nature Friends** (\$19.99) or get inspired by **Woodland Crochet** (\$19.99). For the younger bunch, check out our toys from Creative Toy Company, which incorporates bold colors and exciting twists into their toys for younger kids. From a **Forest Train** (\$30.00) complete with an owl in a tree, to **Happy Building Blocks** (\$25.00), to a shape-sorting **Rolling Snail Friend** (\$24.00), each wooden toy incorporates a fun, forest-themed twist.



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From our Executive Director



Let's not forget HOPE.

These are times of uncertainty for everyone. We are fully aware of our president-elect's pledge to dismantle the EPA, his denial of climate change, and the potential for substantial energy development and privatization of public lands. In addition to those frightful concerns, many in our community face dire threats to their personal security. When we join together to fight for the environment, we must fight for *everyone*. Over the next

four years, we will have to work even harder for our planet, for our families, friends, neighbors, for people we have never even met, and of course, for future generations who will inherit this world.

While we prepare for the challenges that will come with the next administration, we take heart that right here in Oregon, there is much we can achieve for our Earth and its people. We can take comfort in Oregonians voting to support Outdoor School for All, making a full week of outdoor education available to every student in Oregon. The measure passed in all but two counties, at 65 percent statewide, and that common love of nature across the rural/urban divide speaks a great deal for the future of Oregon.

Together, we'll continue fighting to protect critical habitat like the Elliott State Forest, and to make Portland a leading city in the effort to curb climate change. We'll continue our work with other organizations to defend and restore the Malheur and Klamath wildlife refuges, to remove toxins from our rivers, and make nature available to all. We'll continue to rehabilitate wildlife and restore native habitat. And we will continue to support, include, and consider those who are most at risk during very uncertain times.

There's no doubt about it—this will be a long four years. Thanks to the strength of the Portland Audubon community, we are ready to face the coming challenges with greater strength than ever before. Thank you for being a part of this critical work protecting our common future.

Wishing you peace,

Nick Hardigg

nhardigg@audubonportland.org

Nature Night Speakers Series 2016-2017 Calendar

December

Saving Amphibians & Reptiles in the Midst of Earth's Sixth Extinction with Tierra Curry
Tuesday, December 13 • 7pm, Heron Hall

January

BirdSafe Portland: Managing Deadly and Confusing Hazards in the Built Environment with Mary Coolidge
Tuesday, January 10 • 7pm Heron Hall

February

Malheur: One Year Later, with Bob Sallinger
Tuesday, February 14 • 7pm, Montgomery Park
Discount Hour 6-7pm, Rae's Lakeview Lounge

March

How to Make Backyard Habitats and Influence Native Wildlife with Nikkie West and Friends
Tuesday, March 14 • 7pm, Heron Hall
Pre-Talk Seed Exchange 6-7pm, Heron Hall Interpretive Center

April

Dynamic Geological History of Oregon, with Scott Burns
Tuesday, April 11 • 7pm, Montgomery Park
Discount Hour 6-7pm, Rae's Lakeview Lounge

May

Songs, Brains, and Genes: The Fascinating Science of Birdsong with Claudio Mello
Tuesday, May 9 • 7pm, Heron Hall

All Montgomery Park Nature Nights Hosted by SELCO Community Credit Union

Nature Store Holiday Open House at the Audubon Nature Sanctuary

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

**Saturday, Dec. 3,
10am-6pm
and
Sunday, Dec. 4,
10am-5pm**

All Weekend: Enjoy free Sauvie Island Coffee, Spiced Tea & Hot Cocoa, plus holiday food treats.

Special Saturday Events

• Swift Cider Tasting and Sales, 12pm-6pm

Just as the apple harvest peaks each fall, thousands of Vaux's Swifts descend on Chapman Elementary school in Northwest Portland, inspiring our friends at Swift Cider: "When we gather to watch the birds, we share in their community and strengthen our own." Take a bottle home to celebrate the season!

• Meet the Authors: Paul Sullivan,

popular longtime leader of Audubon Birding Weekends, will be on hand **10am to 6pm** to chat and sign copies of his book, *The Birds of Rummel Street*, which chronicles 23 years of backyard bird sightings. From **10am to 4pm**, meet **Margo Greeve**, author/illustrator of *Oregon's Special Animals*, and ask her to sign your copy of her delightful children's book.

• **Meet the Artists: Jude Siegel**, watercolor artist, and Portland Audubon nature journaling instructor, will be here **10am-2pm** with her colorful avian watercolors that are small, reasonably priced, and ready to hang with bright ribbons. **Corinne Hodel of Autumn Fern Design** will join us **10am-6pm**. Her colorful sunprint bags and pouches are always a hit. She also crafts lovely and useful pottery pieces for the home and garden.

Special Sunday Events

• **Meet the Artist: 11am-4pm**, **Margaret Greene of JourneyWay, LLC** creates beautiful fused glass feathers to decorate your walls. Each feather is the size, detail, and coloration of a specific bird species. Plus, Corinne Hodel returns for a second day.

• **Free Live Music: 12pm-4pm** Enjoy the toe-tapping tunes of the Oregon Bluegrass Association while you shop and sip.



Photo by Tammi Miller

NATURE NIGHTS

Second Tuesday of the month from September to May unless otherwise specified. Before all Montgomery Park Nature Nights, Audubon members are invited to Rae's Lakeview Lounge, 1900 NW 27th Ave, for a special discount. Just be sure to mention that you are a Portland Audubon member!

Saving Amphibians & Reptiles in the Midst of Earth's Sixth Extinction with Tierra Curry of the Center for Biological Diversity

Tuesday, December 13

7pm Heron Hall, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.

Reptiles and amphibians have thrived on planet Earth for 300 million to 400 million years, but now nearly one-third of them are at risk of extinction. Populations of frogs, salamanders, and turtles of Oregon, including Red-legged Frog, Pacific Giant Salamander, and Western Pond Turtle, are rapidly declining. From local wetlands to tropical rainforests, researchers are scrambling to save these fascinating animals from disappearing due to ever-increasing threats such as habitat loss and pollution. **Tierra Curry** from the **Center for Biological Diversity** will discuss local species and the national effort to gain policy protections for our country's most imperiled amphibians and reptile species.



Rough-skinned Newt.
Photo by Rhett Wilkins

Under current trends, it is estimated that 10% to 30% of all species on Earth will be in danger of going extinct by 2050. With escalating loss of plant and animal species and increasing temperatures around the world, scientists believe that humans have ushered in a new geologic epoch—the Anthropocene. Tierra will highlight recent extinctions and the national efforts using science, policy, and advocacy to protect endangered species and the habitat and conditions they need to survive.

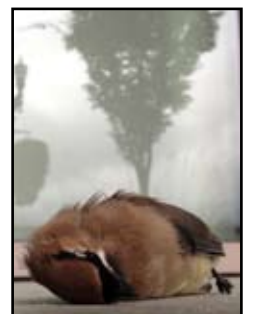
Tierra Curry is a senior scientist and campaign director at the Center for Biological Diversity, working to protect endangered species and garner support for the Endangered Species Act across the country. Prior to working on policy, Tierra worked as an amphibian biologist in the forests and wetlands of the Pacific Northwest. She cut her teeth as an activist fighting surface coal mining in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, where she first fell in love with frogs and wild things.

Saving Birds and Seeing Stars Building a Sustainable Urban Landscape to Protect Birds and the Night Sky with Mary Coolidge

Tuesday, January 10

7pm Heron Hall, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.

Window collisions are one of the foremost threats facing wild bird populations today, killing up to 1 billion birds annually in the United States alone. At the first Nature Night of 2017, **Portland Audubon's BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator, Mary Coolidge**, will give you an expert's view behind the science of window collisions, the impacts of light pollution, and how we are working to mitigate these hazards.



Dead Cedar Waxwing.
Photo by Mary Coolidge


Light pollution drowns out stars, confuses birds' navigation, and lures them into lit areas where they may be entrapped and/or face additional daytime hazards. This year, Portland Audubon mobilized over 2,500 households and worked with our partners at the Lloyd EcoDistrict to solicit 13 iconic buildings to go **Lights Out** on September 30 (see update, page 3). Responsible lighting design meets a range of climate resiliency and sustainability objectives including energy efficiency, cost savings, ecological health, human health, and preservation of the night sky. Window collisions and light pollution are hazards with real solutions that can be implemented at all scales of development. It will be the cumulative actions of all of us that ultimately make the difference.


Mary Coolidge served as Portland Audubon's Assistant Conservation Director from 2008 to 2012 and is now its BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator. She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Lewis & Clark College in 1997 and spent a decade studying a wide array of bird species in both urban and rural environments. Mary is dedicated to making urban environments more hospitable to wildlife and helping connect people to nature and place.


NEW! For EXPRESS ENTRY to any or all of our Nature Nights, go to bit.ly/NATURENIGHT (case sensitive). This is not an RSVP but gains you quick access to the event.

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

December 3 (Sat), 9am–11am Browns Ferry Park

Sarah Swanson and **Max Smith** will lead a walk to look for waterbirds, woodpeckers, and songbirds in this compact Clackamas County park. Dress for the weather, all ages and experience levels welcome! We will meet in the parking area at 9am. Directions: from I-5, take Exit 289, follow SW Nyberg Street east, and turn left onto SW Nyberg Lane. The parking area will be on your left at 5855 SW Nyberg Lane, Tualatin, OR 97062.

December 8 (Thur), 9am–11am Dawson Creek Park

Join **Richard Arnold** for a walk through this manmade yet very lively group of ponds. This is an excellent time to see Acorn Woodpeckers on the back side of the park, as well as Wood Ducks, Common Mergansers, and other ducks up close. Meet at the north end of the parking lot of the Hillsboro Library at 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy in Hillsboro. Questions? Call Richard at 503-746-4640.

December 10 (Sat), 8am–11am Vancouver Lake Park

Join leader **Ron Escano** to scope Vancouver Lake for waterbirds, then explore the riparian woodland for White-throated Sparrows and others. Meet at 8am at parking lot in front of middle bathrooms and we should be done by 11am. Directions 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. Beginners welcome. **Registration required.** Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

Portland Goes LightsOut for Birds!

by **Mary Coolidge**, BirdSafe Portland Campaign Coordinator

On September 30, over 2,500 households and 13 iconic Portland buildings took part in the 2016 launch of Audubon's **LightsOut PDX** program by turning off their unnecessary overnight lighting. Participants pledged to save energy, save lives, and see stars! The Lloyd EcoDistrict cosponsored the launch event with their own district-wide effort, #LightsOutLloyd, with 7 participating buildings!

The same night, more than 400 people came out to a LightsOut event organized by Sunnyside Environmental School's fifth graders, who have been participating in a BirdSafe curriculum in their classrooms. Students organized games, crafts, a migratory bird parade, and a raffle to celebrate dark skies. OMSI's Portable Planetarium was on site, and volunteers from Rose City Astronomers gave the kids a truly wondrous view of Saturn's rings!

On November 4, Audubon and partners at USFWS, American Bird Conservancy, and Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability unveiled an exhibit along the Eastbank Esplanade at OMSI that showcases DIY window-film options to reduce window collisions at residential homes and low-rise buildings, the types of buildings that account for 99% of window collisions across the country. Three window treatments are on display, as well as tempera paintings on OMSI's lobby windows that Sunnyside students helped create. Go check it out!

For more information, contact **Mary Coolidge** at mcoolidge@audubonportland.org or visit audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/lo

Before and after shots of the OCC spires and tiara going dark on September 30. Photos by Ali Berman

Conservation



Upcoming Audubon Activist Opportunities

For more information on any of these events, please contact **Stephanie Taylor**, Conservation Field Organizer at staylor@audubonportland.org or 971-200-4681.

Conservation Activist Happy Hour & Storytelling

Tuesday, Dec 6, 6pm–8pm

Green Dragon Bistro, 928 SE 9th Ave, Portland

Join us for the first of many monthly **Activist Happy Hour & Storytelling** nights where you'll hear stories from staff about Portland Audubon's long activist history. This is a perfect opportunity for new folks to learn about **conservation issues and numerous volunteer opportunities**. We'll also be celebrating our many recent victories!

Snake River Dams/Cormorant Rally and Public Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 7, 4pm–7pm

Rally and Happy Hour with Speakers: 4pm–5:30pm,

Spirit of 77, 500 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.

Walk to Public Meeting at 5:30pm.

Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.

Join us for a **rally and public meeting** to demand that federal agencies end their program of scapegoating cormorants and instead **remove the Snake River dams** to improve the health of the river and restore salmon populations.

Elliott State Forest Land Board Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 13, 10am–12pm

775 Summer St. NE, Salem, Oregon

Attend and let Governor Kate Brown, Treasurer Ted Wheeler, and Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins know that the public wants a **real solution for the Elliott State Forest** to keep it in public ownership. Contact **Stephanie Taylor**, staylor@audubonportland.org, for ride information.

Activist Training: Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Wednesday, Dec 14, 6pm–8pm

Portland Audubon's Heron Hall

Join us for a teach-in by Conservation Director Bob Sallinger about the **Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA)** of 1918, the most comprehensive law protecting wild birds ever enacted.

Nature Night: BirdSafe Portland with Mary Coolidge

Tuesday, Jan 10, 7pm–9pm

Portland Audubon's Heron Hall

Portland Audubon's BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator will discuss our **BirdSafe campaign**, which focuses on **reducing hazards to birds in the built landscape**. Learn how you can help advocate for BirdSafe standards in building requirements and make your home safer for birds and other wildlife. (See page 2.)

Conservation Activist Happy Hour & Storytelling

Tuesday, Jan 17, 6pm–8pm

Green Dragon Bistro, 928 SE 9th Ave, Portland

Another Year Closes With Hope on the Horizon

by **Lacy Campbell**, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager

It would be an understatement to say I was not prepared for the changes 2016 ushered in. It was a very emotional year, starting with the loss of our longtime veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, and followed closely by the deaths of two of our education birds, Syd and Hazel. It was also a very busy year; we saw thousands of animals pass through our lobby. Volunteers spent thousands of hours cleaning, feeding, and medicating animals, working toward eventual release back into the wild. Many times we succeeded, and many times we didn't, but our care never wavered, our dedication never shook.

We worked long shifts covered in sweat and, oftentimes, bird poop, but we remained dedicated to the care of each animal brought to us. Our patients included a record 12 Bald Eagles (13% of our total), 45 Western Screech-Owls, and 60 Cedar Waxwings. Our volunteers spent 23,710 hours caring for all of them, accounting for half

of all Portland Audubon volunteer hours. From the baby hummingbirds to the eagles, beavers, and crows, we cared for each and every one of them with compassion, respect, and patience.

We had weekly veterinarian check-ins, surgeries at the zoo, meetings, trainings, educational bird programs, and potlucks. We did dramatic Bald Eagle rescues and releases. We educated people about birds and cats, windows, and the wildlife with which we share our city. We were in newspapers. We were on the news and social media. And we were able to accomplish all of this only because of the amazing Wildlife Care Center community.

So right now, I want to express the immense gratitude I have for all of the amazing volunteers, staff members, veterinarians, and community partners who helped get us

Wildlife Care Center



Barn Owl release. Photo by Grace Young

through this year. Because of your support, we were able to rehabilitate 3,000 animals and help people connect to the wildlife in their city. Two thousand sixteen was a year of dramatic change, but 2017 will be a year of transition, and with transition comes possibility. It's going to be a good year.

Time to Stop Scapegoating Birds and Fix the Dams!

by **Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director**

This winter, the public will have an important opportunity to send a strong message to the federal agencies that have been scapegoating Double-crested Cormorants for the decline of salmon on the Columbia and Snake Rivers, even as these same agencies adamantly refuse to address the primary cause of salmon declines: the Columbia River Hydropower System. Federal agencies responsible for managing the federal hydropower system have been ordered by a federal court in Oregon to develop a new plan to recover federally listed salmon in the Columbia River system and will be accepting public comment through January 17, 2017. The court has ordered the agencies to complete a new plan by March 1, 2018. This comment period is a critical opportunity to send a strong message to the agencies that the public wants them to stop scapegoating wild birds and fix the dams!

For nearly 20 years, federal agencies have thumbed their noses at federal courts and failed to put in place a plan that is adequate to protect federally listed salmon on the Columbia River. During that time, federal agencies—including the US Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration, Bureau of Reclamation, and National Marine Fisheries Service—have been sued and lost an astounding five consecutive times in federal court over this ongoing failure. The most recent loss came in the spring of 2016, when Judge Michael Simon of the Oregon District issued a scathing decision.

Judge Simon wrote that “for more than 20 years...the federal agencies have ignored the admonishments [of federal courts] and continued to focus essentially on the same approach...These efforts have already cost billions of dollars, yet they are failing. Many populations of the listed species continue to be in a perilous state.” He further wrote that the agencies’ approach “cries out for a major overhaul” and urged the agencies to consider much more aggressive strategies, including breaching four dams on the Lower Snake River.

However, even as the agencies were losing in federal court, they were plowing ahead with killing Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia River. The agency’s goal is to kill upwards of 15% of the population of Double-crested Cormorant west of the Rocky Mountains over the course of four years. Now two years into this slaughter, they have killed 5,328 cormorants and destroyed 6,181 active cormorant nests. Shortly after the agencies initiated their killing activities in 2016, 16,000 Double-crested Cormorants on East Sand Island abandoned their active nests, which were quickly predated by gulls and other animals. The scale and speed of the colony collapse was unprecedented.

In late summer, the same federal judge who ruled that the agencies’ plan to protect salmon “cries out for a major overhaul” also ruled on another case brought by Portland Audubon and other groups, that the agencies also violated federal law by failing to consider other alternatives when they adopted their cormorant-killing plan. However, despite finding that the plan violated the law, the judge ruled that the agencies could keep killing birds while they developed their new plan. It was a deeply confounding ruling that seemed to suggest that in the absence of a legitimate and legal plan to protect salmon, perhaps wanton killing of wild birds was better than nothing. Sadly, the ruling paves the way for the Corps to continue this slaughter for another two years to achieve their ultimate goal of killing upwards of 10,000 cormorants and destroying 26,000 nests.

Portland Audubon will continue to fight the killing of cormorants on East Sand Island. The next important step is to send a strong message to the agencies that you want them to stop scapegoating wild birds and develop a plan that truly protects listed salmon, including breaching the obsolete Lower Granite, Little Goose, Lower Monumental, and Ice Harbor dams on the Snake River and adjusting flows over dams on the Columbia River to better meet the needs of



Double-crested Cormorant. Photo by Jim Cruce

migrating salmon. The four Snake River dams provide less than 5% of the Northwest’s power, but they are devastating to salmon. It is long past time for the federal agencies to put a real plan in place to protect salmon on the Columbia and Snake River systems and leave the birds alone.

Please consider attending a hearing: Wednesday, December 7, 4 pm to 7 pm, Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, Oregon

Or submit a comment: bit.ly/2gzG74D

For more information on how to get involved contact **Audubon Field Organizer Steph Taylor** at staylor@audubonportland.org

Portland’s Christmas Bird Count – Get Involved!

by **Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager**

Join the 91st annual Portland Christmas Bird Count on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016! The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is the longest running citizen science project in North America. Its results have provided critical information on the status and changes in bird populations over the past 116 years.

This winter, the **Portland Count will be held on Saturday, Dec. 31.** The Audubon Society of Portland conducted its first Christmas Count in 1926. Last year 238 field observers and 116 feeder watchers found 115 species. Those 354 participants made the Portland CBC the second largest in the United States.

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. **The data are sent to National Audubon Society, where Christmas Bird Count records have been used to study long-term changes in bird populations and wintering ranges.** 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 December 31.** Most teams go out for the whole day, 7am–5pm, but you can make arrangements if you need to stop earlier. If you have any questions, contact **Joe Liebezeit** at jliebezeit@audubonportland.org (971-222-6121) or **Candace Larson** at clarson@audubonportland.org (503-720-4010).

Another important way to participate is as a **Feeder Watcher**. Even if you can **watch for only an hour**, your observations will be helpful. If you want to be a Feeder Watcher, check your location first at tinyurl.com/26pmpmf to be sure the feeder you’ll watch is **within the 15-mile-diameter CBC circle** and download the Feeder Watcher checklist at audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc.

Area Leaders for Portland Count (Saturday, Dec 31, 2016)

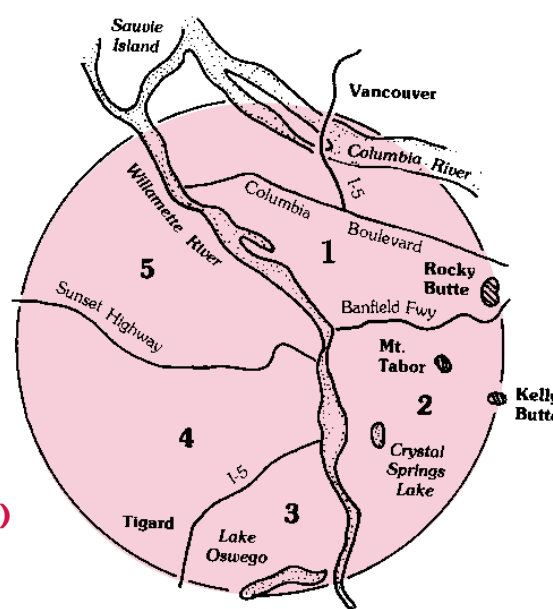
Area 5 (Northwest Hills/ Forest Park)
Joe Liebezeit
971-222-6121 or 503-329-6026
jliebezeit@audubonportland.org

Area 4 (Beaverton)
Lori Hennings
503-797-1940
or 503-329-5003
lori.hennings@oregonmetro.gov

Area 3 (Lake Oswego)
Lynn Herring
503-442-8973
lynnhe@outlook.com

Area 1 (Columbia Riparian)
Colby Neuman
801-598-4367
colby.neuman@gmail.com

Area 2 (Southeast Portland)
Dan Strong
971-717-1538
dancbcpx@gmail.com



For up-to-date Christmas Bird Count info, see audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc.

What to bring: Binoculars, of course! Be prepared for a day outdoors in Oregon in the winter. That means warm clothes, rainwear, and waterproof shoes. The Counts are generally held as scheduled, rain or shine. **Bring a bag**

lunch and snacks. Last but not least, bring an enthusiastic attitude and a **willingness to search quietly and patiently for birds.** All Christmas Bird Counts are free.

FREE! Mason Bee Nest and Cocoon Cleaning Demonstration

Mark Fitzsimons will show you how to clean mason bee nest structures and keep parasite numbers low, resulting in healthy bees and a growing colony—good news for backyard pollination! We’ll open tubes, reeds, and blocks, identify common pests, sort cocoons, and discuss winter storage and spring nest preparation. Just a few hours of work each winter pays off in a sustainable colony and higher fruit production for you and your neighbors!

Sunday Dec. 11, 11am to noon

Heron Hall at the Portland Audubon Nature Sanctuary



Mason Bee. Photo by Crown Bees

Educational Trips

See full descriptions at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult.

Bhutan February 23–March 10, 2017

Fee: \$5395 members / \$5695 non-members
 Leader: **Dan van den Broek**, Trip Leader & Educator, and local guides
 Contact: Dan at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105



California Condors and the Big Sur Coast April 23–28, 2017

Fee: \$1495 members / \$1695 non-members
 Leader: **Kirk Hardie**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
 Contact: Marissa at mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131

Trinidad and Tobago April 28–May 8, 2017

Fee: \$3295 members / \$3595 non-members
 Leader: **Steve Robertson**, Education Director
 Contact: Steve at srobertson@audubonportland.org or 971.222.6118



Malheur Foray May 31–June 4, 2017

Fee: \$845 members / \$1045 non-members
 Leader: **Patty Newland**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
 Contact: Marissa at mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131

Montana: Prairies to Peaks June 27–July 2, 2017

Fee: \$1495 members / \$1695 non-members
 Leader: **Patty Newland**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
 Contact: Marissa at mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131

The Netherlands August 2–11, 2017

Fee: \$3295 members / \$3595 non-members
 Leaders: **Dan van den Broek**, Trip Leader & Educator, and **Patty Newland**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
 Contact: Dan at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105

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

Trips & Classes

Adult Classes

See full descriptions and register at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult.

Trees and Shrubs in Winter (Dr. Ivan Phillipson)

Jan 18 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
 Jan 21 (Sat), 9am–1pm: *Local Field Trip*
 Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants*: \$50 members / \$65 non-members
 Class-only Option: \$14

Beginning Birding (Laura Whittemore)

(Session A): Jan 26 (Thur), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
 Jan 29 and Feb 5 (Sun), 9am–12pm: *Local Field Trips*
 (Session B): Feb 16 (Thur), 7–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
 Feb 19 and 26 (Sun), 9am–12pm: *Local Field Trips*

Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants*: \$65 members / \$85 non-members
 Class-only Option: \$14

Mammals of Oregon I: Rodents, Rabbits, and Other Small Mammals (Dr. Ivan Phillipson)

Feb 1 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
 Fee: \$14

The Art of Illustrating Insects (Stacey “Zebith” Thalden)

Feb 1, 8, 15 & 22, 6:30pm–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
 Fee: \$95 members / \$115 non-members (includes \$15 for supplies)

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration (Greg Baker)

Saturdays, 8am – Noon
 Feb 4, Mar 4, and Apr 1: *Local Field Trips*
 Fee: \$80 members / \$100 non-members


Pre-registration required – participants register for all three days.

Advanced Waterfowl I.D. (John Rakestraw)

Feb 9 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: *Class in Heron Hall*
 Feb 11 (Sat), 8am–Noon: *Local Field Trip*
 Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants*: \$50 members / \$65 non-members
 Class-only Option: \$14

Winter Break Classes 2016

Register online at www.audubonportland.org — or call Marissa Duncan at 971-222-6131.
 All classes run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise stated.

MONDAY, DEC. 19	TUESDAY, DEC. 20	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21	THURSDAY, DEC. 22	FRIDAY, DEC. 23
Expedition: Winter Gnomes Grades: 1–3 Step into the world of the fabled Gnomes of the Pacific Northwest as we explore the mystery and folklore of these mythical creatures. Prepare yourself to scour the forest searching for the elusive woodland Gnomes, build homes to attract these little creatures, and make your very own Gnome hat. Equipped with magnifying glasses, campers will search Audubon's Sanctuary for any and all signs of Gnomes. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	Eco-Art Explorers Grades: 1–3 Explore Audubon's forest trails searching for wildlife and signs of animals. Use your observations and imagination to create a mixed media wildlife sanctuary model with forest and creek habitat populated by wildly creative clay and 3-D pop-up paper animals. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	Hoots There? Grades 1–3 Investigate the amazing adaptations of these avian predators as you handle talons, skulls, nests, wings, and feathers. Meet Julio, Audubon's resident owl. Listen to owl calls, dissect an owl pellet, and hike in owl habitat. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	Forest Animal Art Grades: 1–3 Create imaginative drawings and a mixed media sculpture inspired by some of the animals and habitat you'll see while out hiking in the wildlife sanctuary and visiting the Wildlife Care Center. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	Snowshoe Hares to Polar Bears Grades: 1–3 Have you ever wondered how the smallest birds handle the winter weather? How about the largest bears? Come spend a day journeying within the Audubon Sanctuary, exploring the amazing and unique adaptations that animals use to cope with the harsh winter weather. We'll scour the woods for animal sign and end the day working with the Audubon specimens that can teach us the most about the wonderful world of winter animal survival. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House
Snow Shoe & Hot Cocoa Adventure Grades: 4–8 Join the Audubon Education Team on this adventure as we journey onto the snow-covered slopes of Mount Hood on snowshoes. We'll traverse the beautiful wilderness area of White River Canyon (weather dependent). We've been leading these snow shoe trips for over 14 years and cannot wait to guide another. Along the way, we'll nestle down under the trees and warm up with some hot cocoa. Fee includes snowshoe rental. Fee per person: \$80 member / \$90 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park Time: 8:45am–5:00pm	Fire! Grades: 4–8 Are you fascinated by fire? Would you like to learn how to safely utilize this essential wilderness skill? Spend a day at Portland Audubon's Marmot Cabin just outside of Sandy, Oregon, diving into the art of fire making. We will learn how to build fires from forest materials, coax flames from friction fire kits, and explore ancient fire-building techniques. Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park	Crazy for Candles Grades: 4–8 Design your own amazing candles and crafts. Spend part of the day exploring our wildlife sanctuary to inspire your art projects, and then create your own cool projects to take home. Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	Wolves! Grades: 4–8 Come experience the thrilling world of wolves as we travel as a pack to the Wolf Haven Sanctuary located near Tenino, Washington. With a Portland Audubon Naturalist as your Alpha Wolf and journals in hand, you will learn about these majestic predators in an up-close and personal way. Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park	Junior Wildlife Vet 102 Grades: 4–8 Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House
NO CLASS DUE TO HOLIDAY	TUESDAY, DEC. 27 Junior Wildlife Vet 101 Grades: 1–3 Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28 Birds of a Feather... Grades: 1–3 ...flock together! Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful, colorful birds that call Audubon's Wildlife Sanctuary home. Spend time learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends and build your own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your yard! Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	THURSDAY, DEC. 29 Homing in on Habitat Grades: 1–3 Create imaginative drawings and clay sculptures inspired by some of the animals that live in the Sanctuary. We'll hike through the forest, along the creek and pond observing animal habitat and look for signs of wildlife all for inspiration to create our magnificent sculptures and drawings. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House	FRIDAY, DEC. 30 Audubon's Winter Rangers Grades: 1–3 Spend your day becoming a Winter Audubon Ranger! Learn to be a quiet presence in the forest. Venture deep into the Audubon Sanctuary to learn the secrets of local plants and animals. Fee per person: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Audubon House
Gorge-ous Photography Grades: 4–8 Join us on an awe-inspiring adventure into the heart of the Columbia River Gorge to capture images of the spectacular natural wonders that lie less than an hour away from Portland! Discuss the basics of composure, sip hot cocoa, and snap pictures of jaw-dropping panoramas. Be sure to bring a camera and get ready to tell a story in pictures! This one-day camp will cover just the basics of photography, but all skill levels are welcome to join! Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park	Cookin' at the Cabin (overnight) Grades: 4–8 Prepare your stomachs for fun and food as we head to Portland Audubon's Marmot Cabin for two days and one fun-filled night! We will learn different fire-building techniques and cook over an open fire. Anyone up for orange cakes, western hemlock tea, and homemade bannock (bread on a stick!)? Once we have cooked over an open flame, it's back to the kitchen for bread baking and much more! You are sure to return home with a tasty homemade treat for the whole family to enjoy! Fee per person: \$135 member / \$155 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park		Elk Extravaganza Grades: 4–8 Jump on board for an old-fashioned hayride as we study the Roosevelt Elk at Jewell Meadows Wildlife Preserve. Learn to track as we follow Elk trails through the woods and meadows of the coast range. Participate in an Elk feeding program and safely see these marvelous mammals up close. Fee per person: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick Up & Drop Off: Upper Macleay Park	

Keeping kids in touch with nature!

Feed the Birds!

In wintertime the birds in your backyard are eager to use additional food sources that you make available. Bird feeders are a great gift for the holidays or a housewarming, or maybe it's time to add a feeder to your own backyard. In the Nature Store, we get many questions about the best ways to feed backyard birds, and we'd like to share our wintertime expertise so you can offer nutritious options to your local wildlife.

Seeds!

The best overall food source for most backyard birds are **black oil sunflower seeds**. This variety is different from the striped sunflower seeds you might buy as a snack and is rich in the protein and fats that birds need. We sell them either in the shell or out. Shelled seed means less debris on the ground, while seed in the shell is more economical. Good seeds/nuts to combine with sunflower include white millet, cracked corn, peanut pieces, or pumpkin seeds.

While these may seem similar to some human food grains, **please don't put out bread or other processed foods**, which attract rodents and are a poor source of nutrition for birds. A tube feeder filled with sunflower seed or a seed blend will bring many birds, including finches, juncos, chickadees, nuthatches, and sparrows to your yard, with perhaps a special wintertime visit by a Varied Thrush or two.



Varied Thrush. Photo by Scott Carpenter



Suet!

Suet cakes are made of beef fat, especially the hard fat found around the kidneys. Sold in a convenient standard size, suet is a great **high-calorie food source** for birds that would normally eat insects. Make your own cakes with our new product, **You Do It Suet** DIY silicone molds. Suet is often combined with other ingredients such as seeds, nuts, and mealworms. When customers ask which variety is best, we suggest they experiment and see what "their" local birds respond to. If squirrels are an issue, try the hot pepper version. Birds have a weak sense of taste and don't notice the pepper, but rodents can be deterred by the spice. A well-stocked suet feeder will bring bushtits, chickadees, nuthatches, and woodpeckers to your yard.

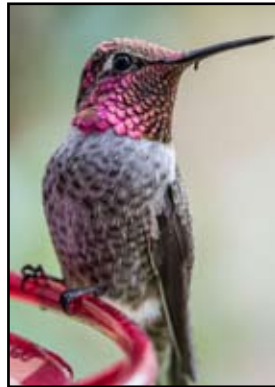


Downy Woodpecker. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Nyjer!

Though sometimes called "thistle" seed, Nyjer is actually more closely related to cosmos. Native to

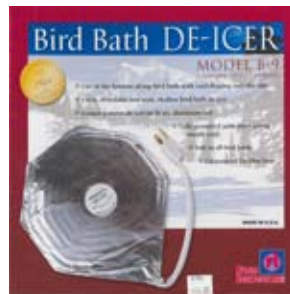
Ethiopia, it is now grown in tropical climates all over the world. It is a favorite food of finches, especially **American and Lesser Goldfinches, and their cousin, the Pine Siskin**. The seeds are quite tiny, so they require a tube feeder with smaller holes or mesh than you would use for sunflower seed or a blend. Squirrels or other rodents are rarely interested in Nyjer seed, and it is always sold heat-treated to prevent sprouting.



Anna's Hummingbird. Photo by Tom Schmid

Nectar!

The **Anna's Hummingbird** is a year-round resident in the Portland area and will be an eager customer at your hummingbird feeder. We sell a wide range of designs from practical to decorative. Fill your feeder with a solution of **four parts water to one part plain white table sugar (do not use honey, organic or brown sugars, or alternative sweeteners like stevia)**. You do **not** need to use any form of dye or food coloring. Stick to the four to one ratio, completely dissolved, as sweeter blends can cause dehydration in hummingbirds. Clean your feeder and replace the nectar at least once a week. During the coldest times of year, we suggest using a heat source like the **Bird Bath De-Icer** to keep your feeder thawed out.



Keep it Clean!

Many birdfeeders are designed to be washed in a dishwasher. We also sell a wide range of brushes and other tools to keep your feeders clean, combined with a mild dish soap and water. Rinsing with a weak bleach or vinegar solution will help sanitize your feeder. It may take a little while for birds to discover a newly installed feeder, so don't fill it full at first. Wet seed can spoil, so we sell domes for rain protection. With a little maintenance and attention, your feeder will soon provide you with lively entertainment!

Keep it Natural!

Human-supplied food can be an important supplement to birds, especially during the winter months, but we also encourage you to include wildlife-friendly landscaping to provide habitat in your yard. Check out our **Backyard Habitat Certification Program** (see page 7) for more ideas to enhance your personal wildlife refuge!

Members Receive a 10% Discount at the Nature Store!

Audubon Society of Portland's Nature Store is the headquarters for naturalists in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. We feature nature books, hiking & field guides, binoculars & 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.**

Carl Zeiss releases new Conquest Gavia 85 Scope!



Gavia 85 scope

Our stock of the new Zeiss scope has arrived! And we love it! The Gavia joins the Conquest line of optics as an affordable HD (high-density, extra-low dispersion glass) scope specifically designed to meet the needs of wildlife and nature observers. Its compact design and low weight, with a large 85mm lens is ideal for detailed observation and low light conditions. With a zoom range of 30-60x and a wide-angle eyepiece, tricky identification challenges are no problem even from a great distance. And with a close focus of only 10.8 feet, which is unique in its class, observing smaller objects such as songbirds or butterflies

And Zeiss releases a new Victory SF binocular!

Basic black is a classic. Now the top-of-the-line Zeiss Victory SF full-sized binoculars, which were originally introduced in a distinctive grey (see Discontinued Optics, this page) are now available in matte black. In addition, Zeiss has added an additional locking click to the twist-up eyecups and improved the functionality of the focus knob. The 8x42 model sells for \$3166.66 (member price \$2849.99) and the 10x42 runs \$3222.21 (member price \$2899.99)



Zeiss Victory 10x42

Tips to prevent birdseed from sprouting under your feeder:

- Put the seed in a paper bag in the microwave and cook it for 5 minutes at the regular (high) setting. Let cool before handling.
- Spread the seed on a baking sheet or in a shallow baking dish and cook in a conventional oven for 30 minutes at 300 degrees. Let cool before handling. (Note: cooking seeds does not reduce their nutritional value.)
- Buy good quality birdseed mixes that don't contain milo or rape seed as fillers. Those seeds are routinely rejected by birds and kicked out of feeders.
- Buy seed blends that have the shells or hulls removed and therefore don't sprout.
- Attach a tray or screen under your feeder to catch falling seeds.

Nature Store Winter Optics Specials

Opticron MM3 ED Travel Scopes \$80 cash rebate through 1/31/17



A great little scope for active birders. Super lightweight with ED (extra-low dispersion glass) zoom eyepieces. Rebate will be applied to regular price or member price: 50mm model with 12-36 zoom eyepiece reg. \$762 (member \$685) and 60mm model with 15-45 zoom eyepiece reg. \$910 (member \$819). An iPhone adapter is available for these scopes.

Manfrotto 290 series tripod legs \$20 instant cash rebate through 12/31/16

We carry the popular MT290XTA3US model that weighs 3.9lbs., extends up to 65", and has 3-section quick-lock legs. The instant rebate will be applied to either the regular price of \$156 or member price of \$139.99. As a bonus, these legs come with a carrying case!



Nature Store Discontinued Optics and Display Model Clearance

(Limited to Stock on Hand)

Vortex Razor Scope 85mm 20-60 zoom (model RZR-65A1) reg. \$1334, **Sale \$999**

Zen-Ray Prime HD Wide-angle 82mm 25-50 zoom reg. \$1499, **Sale \$1199**

Vortex Digiscoping iPhone 5/5s or 6/6s Adapters (for above scopes) reg. \$87, **Sale \$40**

Zeiss Victory SF 8x42 (model 52-42-21) reg. \$3166.66, **Sale \$2199 (members only)**

SOLD OUT Zeiss Victory SF 10x42 (model 52-42-22) reg. \$3222.21, **Sale \$2299 (members only)**

Swarovski EL Swarovision 10x32 (model 32110) reg. \$2554, **Sale \$1999**

Swarovski DCA DSLR Camera Adapter (model 49206) reg. \$299, **Sale \$50**

Swarovski UCA-Universal Camera Adapter (model 19216) reg. \$421, **Sale \$50**

Swarovski 30x Wide Angle Eyepiece (model 49336 for ATS/ATM scopes) reg. \$680, **Sale \$99**

Swarovski 45x Wide Angle Eyepiece (model 49337 for ATS/ATM scopes) reg. \$793, **Sale \$99**

Swarovski AT 101 Aluminum Tripod Legs (head not included) reg. \$366, **Sale \$199**

Kowa 66 fitted case (model C-661) reg. \$139, **Sale \$50**

All **iPhone 5/5s Digiscoping Adapters** for scopes or binos **30% off**

Give a GREEN Gift this Holiday Season

Birds, wildlife, and our shared habitats will need your support more than ever!

Sponsor a Wild Thing

Our Wildlife Care Center provides a permanent home for seven non-releasable native animals. From a Common Raven who was illegally taken from his nest as a baby, to a Peregrine Falcon with a foot deformity, each of these individuals has a unique story showing why they are unable to survive in the wild. Our six educational birds and one turtle act as ambassadors for their species and for Portland Audubon in classrooms and at events to help educate the public about the importance of wildlife and the natural world. In addition to helping us care for these amazing animals, **your "Wild Thing" sponsorship or gift sponsorship will provide care for the 3,000 sick, injured, and orphaned native animals that come to our Care Center for treatment each year.**

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

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

Sponsor a Wild Thing—and give the gift of sponsorship to a fellow nature lover—online at bit.ly/plAfrV or at our Nature Store.

Meet two of our Education Animals...

Julio, the Great Horned Owl

Julio was found as a nestling after the tree containing her nest was cut down. Julio was raised by humans and never learned how to be an owl.

By the time she was brought to the Wildlife Care Center in the spring of 2005, she was five years old, and it was too late to reverse the imprinting that had occurred.

Bybee, the Western Painted Turtle

Bybee was found for sale in a Portland Metro area pet store. The pet store owner purchased Bybee along with dozens of other Western Painted Turtles from an out-of-state turtle breeder and claimed to be unaware that it was illegal to be in possession of this native species of wildlife. The pet store relinquished the turtles to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, who deemed them unreleasable because they originated from the pet trade and had come into contact with exotic species and potential pathogens.

Did you know yearly average costs for an animal like Julio or Bybee can reach over \$5,000 each? Your Wild Thing Sponsorship or giving a sponsorship as a gift is a great way to learn about these incredible creatures and educate others about issues affecting wildlife, while at the same time helping us meet their food, medical, and housing needs!



Julio the Great Horned Owl. Photo by Portland Audubon



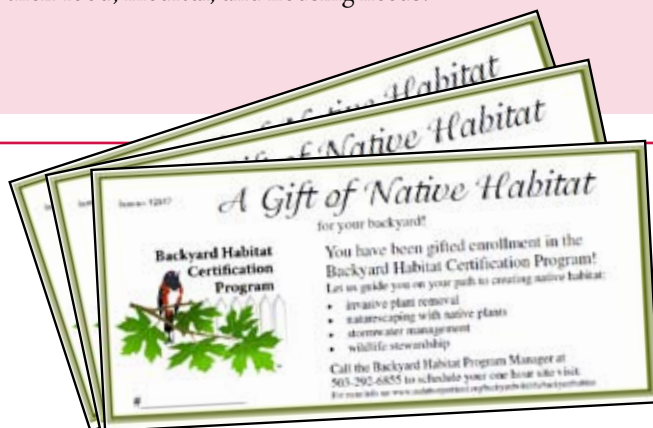
Bybee the Western Painted Turtle. Photo by Portland Audubon

Find out more about our Education Birds at audubonportland.org/wcc/edbirds.

Give the Gift of Backyard Habitat!

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your nature-loving friends and family? Perhaps you're in search of a gift that's an eco-friendly alternative and will keep on giving for years to come? If so, consider the gift of habitat by purchasing gift certificates for enrollment in the **Backyard Habitat Certification Program**.

This \$35 gift certificate will get your loved one enrolled in our incredible program, which will ultimately award them a one-hour Site Assessment of their yard, a follow-up Site Report that outlines specific planting recommendations for enhancing their backyard habitat, educational resources, incentives and coupons, and access to our exclusive discounted native plant sales.



The Backyard Habitat Certification Program supports small-lot landowners (under one acre) in Portland, Lake Oswego, Gresham, and Fairview in creating attractive, wildlife-friendly landscapes that will attract birds to the yard and support our region's rich ecological legacy. For more info about the program, go to BackyardHabitats.org.

To order your gift certificate, visit our Nature Store today. You'll also find amazing gift ideas for all the nature lovers

Do You Know Someone Else who Loves Birds?

Give them the gift of a community of bird lovers! A **gift of membership to the Audubon Society of Portland** at any level protects native birds and their habitats, and comes with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, trips, and in our Nature Store.

You know how membership makes you feel, so if you know someone who values birds for birds' sake, treat them to membership in Oregon's oldest conservation organization! You can purchase online at bit.ly/odVKB3 or at our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

Give the Gift of Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Owl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 Great Blue Heron |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Wren | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Peregrine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Goldfinch | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Osprey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Warbler | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Eagle |

I would like to give a GIFT MEMBERSHIP to:

This gift is for me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

The GIFT MEMBERSHIP is from:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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Email: _____

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

Payment Method

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



on your list. Alternatively, you can order one over the phone by calling the store at 503-292-9453.

For general questions and info, contact **Nikkie West, Program Manager** at 503-292-6855 x126 or nwest@audubonportland.org.



Give Through the Willamette Week's Give!Guide Until December 31!

Included in the 2016 Willamette Week Give!Guide for a 7th year, we are thrilled to be a part of a year-end giving campaign that showcases Portland-area nonprofit organizations. A wonderful portal for your philanthropic vision, the Give!Guide highlights local organizations whose missions fall into eight categories: Animals, Civil & Human Rights, Creative Expression, Community, Education, Environment, Health & Wellness, and Human Services.

While we look ahead to a challenging new administration, please consider donating for the things that are important to you. Human rights, health care, the environment, and yes, birds and wildlife will need our help and attention more than ever.

Thank you for everything you do for the way of life we have all worked so hard to create. With your support,

volunteerism, advocacy, and activism, we will work hard to protect the Oregon we all love.

Make your contributions online at GiveGuide.org. Look for Audubon Society of Portland in the Environment category, and spread the word!

PS—Join us for some cheer at our **second annual Give!Guide happy hour on December 15**, held in partnership with the Wild Salmon Center and 1,000 Friends of Oregon, and hosted by **Patagonia** in the Pearl District. Libations, raffle items, special incentives offered to those who donate that night, and most important, good company awaits you. Follow our Facebook page for more information.



Double Your Impact for Birds, Wildlife, and Our Wild Places

Your help is needed more than ever this year!

As we enter another holiday season, and as you decide on your charitable donations, we thank you for choosing to invest again in Portland Audubon. Your gift of any size helps, but if you have been considering **deepening your investment**, this is a good time to do so:

Leadership Giving Circle Challenge

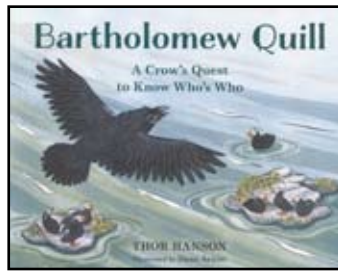
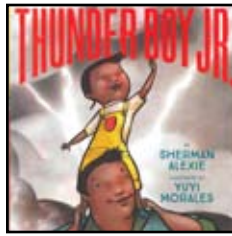
A generous donor invites you to join him with a special challenge match of \$40,000. If you've been thinking of increasing your support to the Great Blue Heron level of \$1,000, or if you are currently giving at a leadership level and want to increase your gift, your donation will be matched 100%, doubling your impact on environmental education and bird and habitat protection across Oregon. For more information about this challenge match, please contact **Ann Takamoto, Development Director**, at 971-222-6117, atakamoto@audubonportland.org, or **Donna Wiench, Donor Relations Manager**, at 971-222-6116, dwiensch@audubonportland.org.

Holiday Greetings from the Nature Store

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Plush Animals

Sometimes the classic choice is the best choice. There's nothing like a fluffy plush animal for cozying up during the winter, so why not adopt a new friend for the holidays? New this year from the puppet masters at Folkmanis are the **Great Blue Heron** (\$37.00) and **American Kestrel** (\$29.50). Folkmanis has been a favorite of ours for years, and it's easy to see why, with the amazing lifelike detail they've brought to two of our favorite birds.



Finding Bigfoot

We haven't glimpsed Bigfoot roaming the Pittock Sanctuary, but his presence is strong in the Nature Store this holiday season. That lovable goofball has grown out his beard and keeps saying he's living "off the grid" (whatever that means), but we all know he won't stay hidden for long. You can study up for his next sighting with our **Bigfoot Research Kit** (\$16.00), and don't forget to wear your lucky **Bigfoot socks** (\$11.50)!

Greeting Cards, Calendars, and Gift Wrap

Nothing makes the season brighter than greetings from friends and family. Our interpretive center is all decked out with cards, calendars, and gift wrap for the occasion. Come

take a look at our great selection of boxed stationery sets from classic vendors like the **Sierra Club** and **Crane Creek Graphics**, as well as local new favorites **Allport Editions** and **Little Gold Fox**.

Molly Muriel Bath Products

A nice long soak is just the thing to destress after the craziness of the holidays. **Molly Muriel bath soaks** (\$12.00) are as good to give as they are to receive and come in three glorious scents: Forest and Lava, In Clover, and Mountain High. Molly Muriel LLC was created with a vision of integrity and environmental consciousness. No synthetic perfumes or fragrance oils are used, only pure essential oils for scent. All soaps are colored with plant botanicals and/or clays, with no unnatural food colorings or pigments.



Thank You to:

- Judy C. Dancer for 1 Pentax Optio 43WR, 1 Garmin Foretrex 101 GPS, 1 Canon Optura 60 Camcorder, 2 InFocus LP650 Projectors, 3 briefcases, 1 case extra parts
- John Drain for 28 tote bags for the Nature Store
- Tanya Hartnett for a framed print of a Red-throated Loon
- Maryhelen and Jim Kincaid for a sofa for the Conservation Department
- Candace Sweeney for 3 wooden clipboards for the Wildlife Care Center

Our Wish List

For Conservation:

Recreational vehicle or travel camper in good condition for field work
Small motor boat and trailer for field work
Digital video camera for archiving activities
MacBook Pro or MacBook Air (2012 or newer)

For Administration:

AED (automated external defibrillator)
10-20 person boat with captain for one-time auction item use

For Wildlife Care Center:

Science Diet Kitten Growth food
Bleach
Dawn dishwashing detergent
Exam gloves (latex or latex-free)
Paper lunch bags
Small leather work gloves
Kevlar animal handling gloves

For Sanctuary:

Loppers
Pruning saws
Work gloves
4x8 foot exterior-grade plywood for sanctuary maintenance

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.

Holiday Treats

Check out our wonderful selection of treats from perennially favorite vendors like **Endangered Species Chocolates**, **Spokandy**, and **Chukar Cherries**, plus new discoveries like Betty Lou's of McMinnville. Pick up a few boxes as gifts or for your own holiday events!

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these thoughtful gifts:

In Memory

Eve Bachman
Page Boteler
Kate Sandweiss and Family

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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.

We are especially excited to offer **Sauvie Island Coffee's** new wintertime **Snowbird Blend**. Like all the Sauvie Island coffees we carry, Snowbird is organically grown. This blend melds the exotic flavors of Africa and Central and South America. The roast is medium/dark with a rich flavor. So grab a cup of cheer with this festive seasonal blend. Whole bean or ground for \$12.95 per 12 oz. package.

Chukar Cherries creates small batches of freshly made sweets to showcase the natural bounty and flavors of the Pacific Northwest. Pick your favorites with stocking-ready 2.75oz boxes (\$4.95), or go all out with the **Original Assortment** (\$25.95), which includes a dazzling array of flavors: Amaretto Rainiers, Vanilla Almonds, Cabernet Cherries, Black Forest Cherries, Cherry Blossoms, Cherry Bings, Honey Pecans, White Chocolate Raspberry Truffles, and of course, Classic Milk & Dark Chocolate Cherries.

BUSINESS ALLIANCE

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



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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.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

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

SANCTUARIES

Dawn to dusk every day

WILDLIFE CARE CENTER

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

RARE BIRD ALERT

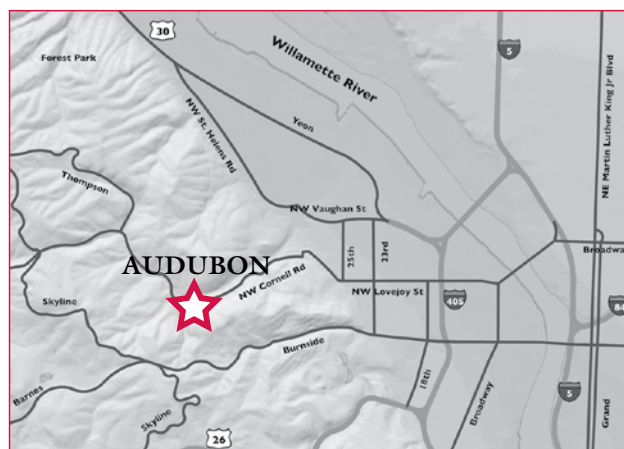
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www.audubonportland.org

NATURE STORE

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

INTERPRETIVE CENTER & LIBRARY

Same hours as store



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