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EPA Draft Superfund Cleanup Plan Prioritizes Polluter Profits over Public Health:

Time to Speak out for Our River

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

After 16 years of studies, reports, and behind-the-scenes haggling between polluters, politicians, and the Environmental Protection Agency, the draft Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan was finally released on June 8. It is hard to imagine that the EPA could have produced a more underwhelming strategy to restore the health of our river, our wildlife, and our communities. The EPA proposes to leave 86% of the 2,200-acre, 11-mile-long Superfund site, which runs from the Broadway Bridge almost to the Columbia, contaminated with PCBs, DDT, oil products, lead, and other heavy metals. Much of what little contamination is removed will be placed in a toxic-waste dump located in the river rather than in an upland landfill where it cannot escape back into the environment.

Pressure from polluters and politicians clearly had an effect—the EPA did not even have the courage to face the community when they released the plan. Instead they cancelled their press conference at the last minute and conducted the release from Seattle by phone. Their focus was music to industrial polluters’ ears—they talked about how they were leaving the majority of the river polluted and how they had cut the cost of the proposed cleanup by nearly 50% from the most recent estimates. After 16 years of secret communications with polluters, the EPA is offering the public a mere 60 days to comment, far shorter than other much-less complicated Superfund cleanup plans, and on a timeline driven by the EPA’s own admission of a desire to complete the plan by the end of the year rather than a commitment to real public engagement. The EPA’s low profile is understandable—it is hard to face the public and explain that polluters are being let off the hook at the expense of our community and environmental health.



It is time for our community to speak out loud and strong and tell the EPA that we don’t accept toxic pollution in our communities as the price of doing business. We want a plan that restores our river to health and that protects the people and wildlife that depend on it. We want polluters to be held accountable.

There are over 140 parties responsible for the pollution in the Willamette, but 12 formed the Lower Willamette Group and have perpetually pressured the EPA to go for a low-cost cleanup strategy. We think it is important that the community know who is putting pressure on the EPA at the expense of our health and our environment. The Lower Willamette Group includes Arkema, Bayer CropScience, City of Portland, BNSF Railroad, Chevron, Evraz, Gunderson, Kinder Morgan, NW Natural, Phillips 66, Port of Portland, Siltronic, TOC Holdings Co., and Union Pacific. Remember those names when you hear in the coming weeks that we can’t afford to clean up our river.

Osprey, eagles, otters, and salmon deserve better. Our communities deserve better, too. Today our river is so toxic that a healthy adult is not supposed to eat more than eight ounces



Peregrine nestlings on the St. Johns Bridge. The birds at this site are among the wildlife affected by contaminants in Portland Harbor, showing some of the highest levels of DDT and PCBs of any peregrine nest site in the Pacific Northwest. Photo by Bob Sallinger

of resident fish per month (a piece the size of a deck of cards.) No amount of fish is considered safe for pregnant or nursing women. This plan will do little to improve on that situation.

Right now, we have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to clean up the Willamette for wildlife, for ourselves, and for future generations. **But we need to generate several thousand comments so the EPA will significantly revise the plan.** The polluters have had their say; now it’s our turn. Join us by taking action now. To have an even bigger impact, set a goal of inviting ten friends to comment as well.

Key Points to Make

- The draft cleanup plan leaves far too much of the river contaminated for generations to come. Portland Audubon recommends that at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.
- The draft cleanup plan relies far too much on “monitored natural recovery,” a “do nothing” strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will be covered over or flushed downstream.
- The cleanup plan must result in the removal of the fish consumption advisory so that eating fish from the lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River system, and this must occur within a 10–20 year time frame.
- Creating a toxic-waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable—dredged toxic sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.
- Entities liable for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment, and our wildlife.

Comments should be sent to harborcomments@epa.gov. For more information, go to audubonportland.org/issues/habitat/urban/superfund

Superfund Happy Hour Tour

What: Explore your Superfund site up close
When: Tuesday, July 19, (2 trips)
Where: Cathedral Park Boat Ramp in St. Johns
Cost: \$10


Join Willamette Riverkeeper, the Audubon Society of Portland, and our friends at Occidental Brewing, as we host a Superfund Happy Hour Tour aboard the Portland Spirit’s “Explorer” vessel.

Narrated by Travis Williams, Riverkeeper & Executive Director, and Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director of the Audubon Society of Portland, this one-hour cruise will introduce you to your river’s greatest challenge: rectifying 150 years of industrial activity and the legacy pollutants contaminating your river today. Explore the heart of this polluted reach, learn why the EPA’s Draft Cleanup Plan



falls short, and what action you can take to help. Buy your ticket today, limited seats are available.

To Register: payment required, click on the desired time
Early Bird Tour: 6:15pm to 7:30pm go to bit.ly/HappyEarly
Sunset Tour: 7:30pm to 8:45pm go to bit.ly/HappySunset

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From our Executive Director

Legacy and the Future

The field of conservation is in large part synonymous with legacy, since our efforts center on what type of planet we'll leave for the future. We strive to protect the priceless and irreplaceable: the living things and communities that we hope shall outlive anything we could build. In the midst of many recent discussions of legacy, I would like share thoughts regarding our planning for tomorrow.

First, the future looks bright. We are nearing the end of a five-year strategic plan and have accomplished much of what we set out to achieve in terms of natural-area protection, policy, habitat restoration, care for wildlife, and inspiring future conservationists. (We'll report more on these in the future.)

Our world has changed in two substantial ways since our prior plan was completed in 2012. Relentless and increasing pressure on natural habitat certainly isn't new, but our financial strength and ability to address those challenges have increased. Thanks in large part to legacy gifts, our cash and investments have grown severalfold, allowing us the flexibility to aim higher and with greater confidence than we could in the past. Charity Navigator continues to honor us with its coveted four-star rating based on that strength.

We have also advanced on our journey to expand our engagement with the greater Portland community, not only to inspire people to love and protect nature but to inspire people from all walks of life. Two years ago, our board approved a unified strategy for diversity, committing Portland Audubon to evolving its programs and internal culture to become far more inclusive, equitable in programs, and diverse. Awareness of that imperative for change has expanded to other influential partner organizations as well, including prominent foundations with the capacity to support our evolution. This work is happening not only due to equity being just, but because if we don't become

Nick Hardigg with a part of his legacy, summer camper Ashe Hardigg. Photo by Karen Hardigg



more inclusive, we risk becoming far less effective in the future. For example, youth in public schools are increasingly multicultural, and nearly half are students of color. And while we've developed and strengthened successful programs like TALON, community camps, and scholarships, we must keep finding new opportunities and partnerships to continue our evolution toward inclusion of all people.

Over the coming year, the board and staff will identify opportunities to expand our impact in all of our work areas, and seek synergy across our programs in policy, education, and habitat. We will continue to direct our strength and energy to the long-term protection of birds and natural areas, from Malheur to Marmot Cabin, the Wildlife Care Center to the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. With such a strong organization of impactful programs and engaged staff and community, we can direct our evolution to continue our history of landmark successes. We look forward to including you in the process over the coming year and ensuring that our common legacy is both significant and everlasting.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Warbler* as you read about the many ways our programs are shaping the future health of birds and habitat in Portland and across our great state.

101 Semipalmations

A Tale from The Murre The Merrier Birdathon Team

by Murr Brewster

Last year's Birdathon Day dawned auspiciously sunny and we hit the Willamette Valley hard, ready to kick some Lavian heinie, but by noon the mercury had shot through the top of the thermometer and the birds just parked it for the day. All we could see was the bottoms of their little hammocks, where they stretched out with their tiny feet up and hoped a bug would drop into their daiquiris. We had a respectable outing, but we definitely didn't bag our limit.

We sure didn't want a repeat of that, and we didn't get one. Fifteen sunny days ago, someone in Meteorology Central penciled in a rainstorm for this year's Birdathon Day, but when has anyone accurately predicted the weather fifteen days out? Why, apparently, fifteen days ago. It was gray and drippy, and then grayer and drippier, and then surged into ark territory. This makes bird counting challenging. For one thing, a lot of the birds just hunker down somewhere in damp pajamas and dream about ordering in. In fact, home-delivered pizza capability is the main thing distinguishing us from the animals. It certainly isn't having the sense to come in out of the rain. We proved that.

Second, if one did want to locate one of the dozen or so birds that pulled the short straw and had to venture out to find bugs for the family, one would have to try to do it looking through speckled eyeglasses and smeary binocular lenses and possibly through a steamed-up van window. It's not ideal. In fact, under these conditions it is not always possible to distinguish a bird from a bird decal on a team member's hat. This is why we were not able to count the New Zealand wrybill, even though I, personally, saw it.

We are tragically burdened by integrity. We have a rule that two people have to have seen or heard a bird before we can count it, and one of them has to be one of our team leaders, Max and Sarah (authors of *Must-See Birds of the Pacific Northwest*). This specifically addresses problem team members like myself who are perfectly willing to contribute an eastern warbler that has never made it across the Rockies, even for a destination wedding.

We did find the dipper right away. Dippers are not much put off by rain. In fact dippers make a living by strapping on goggles and walking along the bottoms of streams



Hard at work spotting specks. Photo by Arlen Snyder

for food so they don't have to share it with sparrows. By that time it was dumping rain. I had on a pair of pants advertised as "highly repellent" (although I'm told they look nice), but nobody does repellent pants like a dipper. They come out of the water looking like Miss America.

The songbirds and such, not so much. We eked out a few bedragglers and sopsuckers and drenchtits. But we were headed for the ocean, where birds are famously indifferent to being soaked. Even I am capable of recognizing a harlequin duck or a puffin or anything else with a fancy enough suit, but we needed numbers, dammit, and that means someone had to parse the shorebirds and seabirds and gulls. Shorebirds: that would include several theoretically different species of identical scampering fuzballs. Seabirds are horizon dots that look like eyeball floaters. And the only things more annoying than gulls are the people who can identify them. Sure, they have their ideal field marks, on a seasoned adult. That's not what you're going to see. You're going to see something as variable as a city pigeon and then you're going to sigh in despair as your team leader looks into the scope for a nanosecond and snaps off: "Female Western-Glaucous hybrid, third-year, prom-night molt." And when you get over yourself and ask for assistance, they patiently explain about the ringed bill on the ringed-bill (that they don't even have until they're old enough to get their license) or the spots on their wingtips (but they aren't wearing shoes).

But we were furiously successful. In trying conditions and damp underwear we wrestled that species list to the ground and headed home in the 99-species stinkhole, one mere mourning dove away from glory. And we would have taken that MODO, too, but instead we stopped off for a cup of acorn woodpeckers. Because we, my friends, got *class*.

Then we picked up the mourning dove. Why not? Prime numbers are nice too.

Calendar at a Glance

For the latest information, visit audubonportland.org.

July

4	Mon	—	Independence Day: Nature Store Closed
5	Tues	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
6	Wed	7am–6pm	Timberline Lodge outing (p.3)
11–15	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
12	Tues	10am–Noon	Magpies Planning Meeting (p.3)
13	Wed	8pm–9pm	Trees of Oregon class (p.7)
16	Sat	8am–4pm	Trees of Oregon field trip (p.7)
15	Fri	7am–4:30pm	Clackamas County outing (p.3)
18–22	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
25–29	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
26	Tues	7pm–8:30pm	Book Club meeting (p.9)

August

1–5	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
2	Tues	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
8–12	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
10	Wed	6pm–8:30pm	New Volunteer Orientation (p.8)
12	Sat	10am–2pm	Sketching Birds class (p.7)
16–19	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
19	Fri	7pm–9pm	Autumn Shorebirds class (p.7)
20	Sat	7am–5pm	Autumn Shorebirds field trip (p.7)
20	Sat	9am–4:30pm	General Volunteer Training
22–26	Mon–Fri	—	Summer Camps (website)
27	Sat	7am–10am	Vancouver Lake outing (p.3)
27	Sat	8am–Noon	Autumn Shorebirds field trip (p.7)
28	Sun	8am–11am	Columbia River Slough outing (p.3)
31	Wed	7pm–9pm	Living in the Flow class (p.7)

September

3	Sat	11am–3pm	Vulture Awareness Day, Heron Hall
3	Sat	8am–4pm	Living in the Flow field trip (p.7)
5	Mon	—	Labor Day: Nature Store and Admin closed
6	Tues	7pm	Birders' Night, Heron Hall
10	Sat	10am–2pm	Catio Tour (p.3)
20	Tues	7pm	Author event (p.9)
27	Tues	7pm	Author event (p.9)

Birders' Night

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

Refurbished Swarovski Products Donated to the Nature Store

Portland Audubon's Nature Store and Swarovski Optik have enjoyed a great partnership for many years. We had the honor of being selected as their Outstanding Dealer in 2013. Recently Swarovski reorganized their warehouse and gathered a number of refurbished binoculars and accessories, mostly salespeople's samples, to give as a donation. When they looked for a nonprofit organization that shared their goal of enhancing the experience of nature, they looked no further than the Audubon Society of Portland.





Swarovski EL 10x42


These select Swarovski products will be available for sale to Portland Audubon members beginning July 1. In the donation, we received 7 Swarovski EL binoculars. All have been fully reconditioned at the Swarovski factory, guaranteeing perfect optical quality. Check our website or stop by the store for a full list and pricing. You'll need to move quickly to take advantage of this great opportunity. All optics are for sale on a first-come basis to our members only.

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

July 6 (Wed) 7am–6pm Timberline Lodge



Interested in exploring the timberline habitats on the slopes of Mount Hood? Get a chance to see the Cassin's Finch, Calliope Hummingbird, and Gray-Crowned Rosy Finches. We will hike the trails above and around Timberline Lodge and visit some surrounding sites. We will leave Clackamas Town Center parking lot off Sunnyside Road (off I-205) at 7am. Plan on getting back to the Town Center after 6pm. **Registration required.** Call **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) for more details and to reserve a spot on this trip.

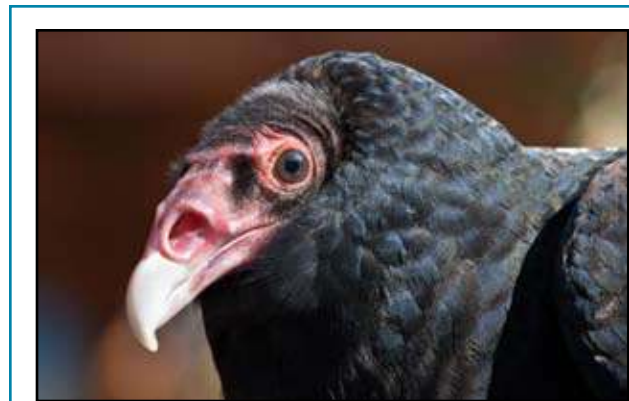
July 12 (Tues) 10am–Noon Magpie Outings Planning Meeting



The Magpie outing leaders will hold our annual planning session in the Jay Conference Room at Portland Audubon (5151 NW Cornell Rd.). We will be planning the calendar for 2016–2017. If you would like to be a trip leader or co-leader for the Magpies, please plan to join us.



Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch. Photo by Alan D. Wilson



Ruby the Turkey Vulture © Tom Schmid

International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!



FREE EVENT!
Sat, September 3
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Heron Hall

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

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

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

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!



Calliope Hummingbird. Photo by Scott Carpenter

July 15 (Fri) 7am–4:30pm Clackamas County Mountain Lakes



Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Dena Turner** as we explore some of the beautiful mountain lakes in Clackamas County. We’ll stop at Summit Lake, Clackamas Lake, Little Crater Lake, and Frying Pan Lake, then loop around to Estacada on our way down the mountain. We depart at 7am from the Clackamas Fred Meyer near Hwy 224E and 82nd (16301 SE 82nd Dr.) Bring lunch, water, and insect repellent. Contact Mary at mratclif@aracnet.com with any questions. **Limited to 16 participants. Registration required at <http://tinyurl.com/zkgemub>**

Visit the Portland Audubon Sanctuary

The Audubon Society of Portland’s 150-acre Nature Sanctuary is nestled against Forest Park just five minutes from downtown Portland. The free-to-the-public and family-friendly sanctuary has more than four miles of forested hiking trails and is a showcase for native flora and fauna. You can visit and enjoy the trails year ‘round, from dawn to dusk every day.

Visitors should keep their eyes and ears peeled for a large variety of birds and other wildlife that live at the sanctuary. Steller’s Jays, Northern Flickers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Spotted Towhees, Wilson’s Warblers, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Barred Owls, Varied Thrushes, Giant Pacific Salamanders, Red-legged Frogs, Rough Skinned Newts, Ravens, Douglas Squirrels, and many other species find refuge at our sanctuary.

On your way down to the trails, make sure to visit our Wildlife Care Center. The only resource of its kind in the region, the Wildlife Care Center rehabilitates 3,000 injured and orphaned native wildlife each year, educates the public to reduce human/wildlife conflicts, and collects valuable scientific data. The WCC works to create a community equipped with the tools and knowledge to coexist with our wild neighbors. They also care for our eight education birds and education turtle. Meet a Turkey Vulture, Peregrine Falcon, Raven, Northern Spotted Owl, Great Horned Owl,

Aug 27 (Sat), 7am–10am Vancouver Lake Park



Join leader **Ron Escano** at Vancouver Lake Park. Scope the lake for water birds then explore the riparian woodland for early fall migrants. Meet at 7am at parking lot in front of the middle bathrooms, and we should be done by 10am. 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. **Limited to 15 participants. Registration required with Ron** (503-771-3454).

Aug 28 (Sat), 8am–11am Columbia River Slough



Join **Mark Fitzsimons** and bring your canoe or kayak for this adventure! We first travel by water into a stretch of the Columbia Slough east of 166th Ave., then walk a path to a small pond, and finish with some scoping of a nearby wetland. Plan to meet at the 16550 NE Airport Way Columbia Slough Trailhead. The entrance is located across from 166th Avenue, on the south side of Airport Way behind the Portland Water Bureau’s pumping station. We’ll help each other unload boats and gear, then depart upstream and bird as we float and paddle. **Limited to 10 participants. Registration required with Mark at 503-756-7534 or mfitzsim@aol.com.**



Photo by Anna Campbell

two American Kestrels, Red-tailed Hawk, and Western Painted Turtle, all unreleasable animals who have found a permanent home here at the sanctuary.

In addition to our beautiful trails, pond, patch of old growth forest, and Wildlife Care Center, we hope you’ll stop by our award winning Nature Store. You’ll find nature books and field guides, binoculars and spotting scopes, backyard birding supplies, children’s toys and games, and gifts for nature lovers of all ages. The best part of shopping at the Nature Store? All profits go to bird and environmental conservation efforts in Oregon! So when you shop, you’re also helping protect wildlife here at home.

During those hot Portland days, just remember, it’s always about 10 degrees cooler up here in the forest, a perfect temperature to enjoy a family outing, a peaceful lunch by our pond, or a walk in the forest. We hope to see you soon!

Catio Tour Gears Up for Its 4th Annual Event

Every cat deserves a home where it is loved, cared for, and kept free from hazards. Yet right now, tens of thousands of cats roam our urban landscape, vulnerable to a variety of risks and preying on native wildlife. Catos, or cat patios, offer a solution: an outdoor enclosure that gives pet cats an enriching outdoor experience, while keeping it — and neighborhood wildlife — more safe.

On **Saturday, September 10**, from **10am to 2pm**, the Audubon Society of Portland and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon are teaming up to bring you Portland’s fourth annual **Catio Tour**. This self-guided tour will showcase catios of all shapes and sizes; from fabulous to frugal you’ll see creative entries in and out of windows, enclosed “cat-walks” across the backyard, and more.



A cat naps in its catio. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

The goal of this unique event is to educate our community about how outdoor cat enclosures keep pet cats and wildlife safe. We hope to inspire others to build one for their own cats!

Registration for this year’s tour is now open! Reserve your place today at **FeralCats.com/catio**

Conservation

Audubon Society of Portland Expands Grassroots Activist Program

Grassroots activism has always been a core part of Portland Audubon's efforts to protect wildlife, wild places, and the health of our environment. Since 1902, when Portland Audubon activists successfully lobbied President Theodore Roosevelt to protect Malheur, Klamath, and Three Arch Rocks, to more recent victories establishing Oregon's first marine reserves, protecting local natural areas like West Hayden Island, and advocating for the nation's strongest fossil-fuel infrastructure ban in Portland, Audubon activists have consistently shown up in force to advocate for our environment.

This summer we are making a significant investment in strengthening our activist program. We will be facing tremendous conservation opportunities and challenges in the coming years, and we need more voices and more diverse voices to win the battles ahead. We believe that the Portland-Vancouver Metro Region should be the greenest metropolitan region in North America, but to get there we must address issues like cleaning up the Portland Harbor Superfund area, investing in green infrastructure and creating green jobs, and ensuring access to nature for all residents within walking distance of their homes. We know that our native biodiversity is rapidly diminishing and that one out of every four bird species is experiencing significant long-term declines. To remedy this, especially in the face of climate change, we must expand landscape-scale conservation of our forests, sage-steppe high desert, grasslands, and marine ecosystems; reverse the loss of wetlands and floodplains; and address major manmade hazards such as lead shot.

This spring we set up three new staff positions to create that capacity, and you can read about those positions and our staff below. But we also want you to get involved! Whether your interest is conservation in your own neighborhood or in Oregon's remotest and wildest landscapes, our agenda recognizes that the Rufous Hummingbird sitting at your feeder today may well have passed through Oregon's forests, valleys, and wetlands on its annual migration.

As a member of Portland Audubon's Conservation Activist Team you will receive

- regular alerts on critical issues and opportunities to make a difference through letter writing, public testimony, citizen involvement committees, and direct action;
- access to free regular training and presentations on wildlife and conservation policy;
- practice in sharpening your advocacy and organizational skills;
- opportunities to participate in citizen science, wildlife monitoring, and data collection; and
- community building through social meetups, pub presentations, field trips, and other outings.

Malheur on the Mend—Notes from the Field

by Candace Larson

I've just returned from another wonderful spring field season at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, where cranes, eagles, and weasels kept me company for ten weeks. Portland Audubon has supported a seasonal field biologist at Malheur since 2012 to help the refuge work toward the goals of their Comprehensive Conservation Plan, a 15-year management plan aimed to restore wildlife populations on the refuge. This year, our role on the refuge was especially important.

During the armed occupation and subsequent investigation, Malheur staff were kept off the refuge for nearly three months. The process of recovery was just beginning when I showed up in early April. At Headquarters, science staff worked valiantly to catch up with conservation priorities in cobbled-together offices, while maintenance crews scrambled to move spring runoff into priority areas as they repaired the refuge's massive water-control infrastructure. The usual component of volunteers and interns was missing, so Portland Audubon's work to help the refuge monitor wildlife populations was critical.

Include the whole family by signing your child up for the Junior Activist Program, designed for youth who want get involved.

To join Portland Audubon's Conservation Activist Team or learn more about the program please contact Conservation Field Organizer **Stephanie Taylor** by email at staylor@audubonportland.org or by phone at 971-200-4681.

Audubon's Activist Team Staff

Micah Meskel, Conservation

Field Coordinator: Many Audubon members will recognize Micah Meskel for his years of work in Audubon's Wildlife Care Center and Conservation Programs. Micah's new position as Conservation Field Coordinator will have him splitting his time between policy work and grassroots organizing.



Stephanie Taylor, Conservation

Field Organizer: As Conservation Field Organizer, Stephanie will be working to recruit, maintain, and activate Portland Audubon's Activist Network. This will include leading a variety of trainings, organizing social events and outings, and other work to build a stronger community aligned to advocate for the protection of wildlife. Prior to Portland Audubon, Stephanie worked for Oregon Wild and the Pacific Wolf Coalition as a community organizer for the protection of Oregon's threatened wolves. Stephanie has also worked with nearly a dozen local community organizations in Oregon focusing on issues including forest and animal defense, mitigating climate change, environmental justice, and equity issues.



Mike Rosen, Lead Campaign

Coordinator: As the Lead Campaign Coordinator, Mike will work on implementing a campaign to eliminate the use of toxic lead ammunition used for hunting in the State of Oregon. Lead shot remains the largest source of unregulated lead entering our environment and represents a significant threat to wildlife and the biggest impediment to recovering California Condors. In addition, Mike will be work on other toxics issues such cleaning up the Portland Harbor Superfund site and brownfields across the region. Prior to joining Portland Audubon, Mike spent 12 years working for the Bureau of Environmental Services for the Watershed Division, and for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, where he developed and managed the Voluntary Cleanup Program.



Candace Larson scopes the refuge.
Photo by Andrea Hamburg



Working with the refuge biologist and Joe Liebezeit, Portland Audubon's resident science staffer, my work included field-testing and conducting a series of bird surveys to help track the success of bird populations on the refuge. We refined a new survey for monitoring secretive breeding marsh birds, and I helped kick off the inaugural season of shorebird counts on Malheur Lake, where an abundance of plovers, peeps, and phalaropes demonstrate why Malheur is designated a regional Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve. I developed Greater Sandhill Crane observation routes in the Double O, a remote corner of the refuge where this species thrives. I also continued data collection for wet-meadow species, including the charming Bobolink—Malheur supports the largest local population of this species west of the Great Plains. Finally, I monitored Golden Eagle territories, hiking into various rimrock canyons and documenting which nests had produced eaglets by season's end.

Help Protect Oregon's Seabird Populations

by Joe Liebezeit and Paul Engelmeyer

From now until July 13, you have the opportunity to help protect Oregon's seabird populations by commenting on a draft fishery management plan that would bolster protection of their forage-fish prey. Seabirds depend on small forage-fish species like herring, sardines, anchovies, and smelt as a primary food source. Research has shown that when forage-fish populations are not doing well, seabird populations often decline. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has just released a forage-fish management plan for Oregon state waters (shoreline to three miles out) that for the first time would extend protections to seven forage-fish species/species groups. Among the species to be protected are Pacific sand lance, *Osmerid* smelt species, and a variety of squid species that are key prey items for seabirds including the ESA-listed Marbled Murrelet. The Oregon coast supports approximately 1.3 million nesting seabirds of 15 different species, with nearly 400 nesting colonies dotting the coastline. This represents about half of all seabirds that nest on the west coast of the continental United States. Seabirds across the world are experiencing dramatic population declines; helping protect their food base is one thing you can do to help their populations here in Oregon.



Common Murre.
Photo by Ron LeValley

Audubon Society of Portland and colleagues at Pew Charitable Trusts, Oceana, and others have provided input to ODFW in the development of this plan. We are pleased to see that the draft will extend forage-fish protections that we and our colleagues recently helped achieve in federal waters over three years working within the Pacific Fishery Management Council process. This includes strict limits on allowable bycatch of these forage fish in existing commercial fisheries and the prohibition of a directed fishery without adequate scientific review. While this is good news, and we applaud ODFW for this inclusion, we are concerned that the plan does not afford adequate protections for forage fish throughout their entire life cycle in Oregon waters. Most importantly, the plan needs to lay out a clear strategy for identifying and protecting forage-fish spawning grounds. For more information about the role of forage fish in the marine food web, view our forage fish FAQs at bit.ly/1thcWnL, and read a summary of a report from the Lenfest Forage Fish Task Force at bit.ly/1rgKSQ1.

Now it is your turn to help us ensure that the plan provides the best protections possible. To learn more about the plan and to submit your comment to ODFW, visit bit.ly/28LqWjB.

To read Audubon's action alert that includes key dates and addresses, visit bit.ly/28K1PhT.

This year, the refuge and its partners—including Portland Audubon—also created opportunities for the public to engage in reclaiming our public lands, through volunteer events across the refuge. In May, Audubon's Mary Coolidge and I captained a day of rehabbing the trails at Benson Pond. More events are planned throughout the year, and you can get involved! Check out bit.ly/MalheurVol where new opportunities are being added as they are developed.



Bobolink. Photo by Candace Larson

Upon departing the refuge in mid-June, crane colts were wobbling through tall meadow grasses, and the first Golden Eaglets had taken flight. I am honored to have represented Portland Audubon for another spring season at Malheur. I look forward to more occasions to nurture our long and strong relationship with this beautiful refuge as the process of healing and renewal continues.

Speak Up For the Klamath Refuges

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Every year, millions of birds, up to 80% of the waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway, depend on the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges for their survival as they make their annual migrations. However, in recent years, those wetlands have gone bone dry while refuge water is used to grown onions and potatoes on refuge lands leased to agribusinesses. We need your help to restore the refuge to its original purpose—supporting birds—and getting refuge water to the wetlands those birds need to survive.

Last spring, Portland Audubon, Oregon Wild, and WaterWatch won an important lawsuit that forced the Klamath Refuges (Upper and Lower Klamath, Tule Lake, Bear Valley, and Clear Lake) to produce a Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Klamath Refuges. This plan was years overdue—every one of those years was a drought year in which the wetlands went dry and thousands of birds died from disease outbreaks exacerbated by lack of water. Now we have a once-in-a-generation chance to change the way these refuges are managed, but we need your help!

Please comment on the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan, which is now out for comment.

In this plan, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must show that refuge activities are consistent with the purpose for which the refuge was established. There is no way that anyone can make a straight-face argument that allowing refuge wetlands to go dry while more than 22,000 acres of refuge land is leased to big agribusiness, and refuge water is used to irrigate onions and potatoes. It is outrageous and it needs to stop.

We have until August 4 to comment on the draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan, and it is essential that people who care about eagles, swans, and cranes, and the millions of waterfowl and shorebirds that depend on



Pelicans at Klamath. Photo by Jim Cruce

Klamath Refuges, make their voices heard. The following are among the most important points the refuge must accomplish:

- Prioritize the conservation and restoration of migratory birds, fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats within the refuges, and reduce or eliminate activities that harm these values.
- Phase out the lease-land agribusiness program and restore these lands to wetlands that are actually managed for wildlife.
- Use all water rights owned by the USFWS for wildlife and wetlands first, not to support agribusiness. It is unacceptable for wetlands and wildlife areas to dry up while the USFWS allows full water deliveries to industrial agriculture on refuge lands.
- Aggressively pursue programs to increase the amount of water available for wildlife, and use it to restore wetlands and improve conditions for native wildlife.

Comments may be submitted at 1.usa.gov/1TOWrrR
For more information, go to bit.ly/1XuVWXG

Outdoor School Heading to the Ballot

Over 120,000 signatures gathered so far!

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

In line with our mission to inspire all people to love and protect nature, Portland Audubon has been working diligently to save Outdoor School and provide funding for this vital overnight outdoor education program for every child, statewide. Just a few days before our internal deadline, the campaign as a whole has now collected over 120,000 signatures and is expected to pass a crucial milestone of being approved for the November statewide ballot.

To date, Portland Audubon has provided over \$40,000 in funding and other support to the campaign and collected over 5,000 signatures. We've raised funds, garnered endorsements and support from our partners, engaged our amazing volunteers to collect signatures, and organized events to make this long-term investment for tomorrow's conservation majority become reality.

We wish to thank everyone who helped make reaching this milestone possible.



Audubon-funded Campaign Intern Kole Kracow, making it happen. Photo by OSFA staff

Next step: raising public awareness in preparation for the fall election. We're still seeking donations to make this dream come true. Visit us at tinyurl.com/audubon-osfa to contribute. And in case you haven't endorsed the measure, you may do so by visiting the campaign website at OutdoorSchoolForAll.org.

Thank you, everyone!

Wildlife Care Center

Northern Saw-whet Owl with Paralyzed Legs Heals and Heads Back to the Wild

by Ali Berman, Communications Manager

Sometimes, it just takes one experience with wildlife to inspire a lifelong fascination and connection with the natural world.

In October 2015, A. J., Alexa, and Olivia, three fifth-grade students at Corbett Elementary School, were carrying their lunch totes back to class when they heard a crash.

"I was just sitting there," said A. J., "and I heard a smack against the window and I looked back and there was an owl lying on its back. It was trying to fly back up, but it couldn't."

The concerned students went to get help, and soon a teacher had secured the Northern Saw-whet Owl in a box, ready for transport to the Wildlife Care Center.

When it arrived at the WCC, Deb Sheaffer, our staff veterinarian, performed an initial exam and took an X-ray. She found that the owl had no broken bones but did suffer from leg paralysis, an issue common with window strike victims. Deb rolled up a small towel to prop the owl up, making it more comfortable, and continued treatment as we waited to see if it would show signs of improvement. The first 24 to 48 hours in a case like this frequently indicate whether the bird has a chance.

"We see this all too often," said Lacy Campbell, WCC Operations Manager. "Birds hit windows and can suffer from internal injuries, broken bones or paralysis. It isn't uncommon for them to succumb to their injuries."

This owl surprised us all. Within a few days it had partial use of its legs. Over the following weeks and months we continued supportive care as it steadily recovered.

"It's pretty special. Because it took a long time to recover, I don't think anyone was expecting it to get better. This is why we do our best for each animal regardless of its circumstance," continued Lacy.

When things started to look really hopeful for the Saw-whet, we contacted Corbett Elementary to see if they'd be interested in having us come back to the school to release the bird, and to invite the students to learn about its story and watch the release. Principal Hanes enthusiastically told us that, even though it had been months since that day when A. J., Alexa, and Olivia found the owl, they and countless other students from all grade levels were still asking how the bird was doing. This one event in their lives sparked their curiosity and their empathy, introducing them to the world of owls and teaching them about one of the biggest threats to birds in the United States: window strikes.

Window strikes kill an estimated 1 billion birds each year. At the WCC, it's one of the biggest causes of injuries we see and treat, which is why our conservation team is working with businesses and the public to help reduce window strikes. (Learn more about this issue at <http://audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/buildings/birdsafe>)

This little owl faced some roadblocks on its road to recovery. As many in the Portland area will remember, the rain hardly let up for two days in a row over the winter months, and for a bird who had been recovering indoors for so long, we needed the best possible weather for a release. Every time we thought we'd be able to release the owl back into the wild, the weather stalled our plans.



Saw-whet Owl. Photo by Ali Berman

Thankfully, even rainy winters in Oregon eventually end. The weather cleared up, and on a beautiful sunny day in late March, six months after the owl came to the WCC, Lacy and a volunteer drove out to Corbett Elementary with the Saw-whet Owl to release it back into its territory.

Lacy talked to a group of more than 200 students about the Wildlife Care Center, this owl's story, and how we can help prevent window strikes in the future. When Lacy asked the large group how they think people can help, one suggested window decals, a fantastic potential solution, especially for residential homes.

Then, once the kids had the chance to ask their questions, they all headed outside to an area close to a cluster of trees where they could release the owl. Once our volunteer opened the box, the owl flew out and over to a nearby tree, likely to assess its surroundings. About ten minutes later, the owl flew off into the distance.

Every rescue is a thrill and a privilege, but this one, after such a long and uncertain recovery, definitely felt just a little bit sweeter.

Educational Trips

These trips are popular. We recommend that you book early. Trip deposit required to secure your place on the trip. To register, visit our website at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow the registration link

OAXACA, MEXICO

December 9–18, 2016

Oaxaca straddles the biological border separating the ranges of northern temperate and tropical birds and is home to well over 600 species. It is also renowned for its colorful markets, vibrant native cultures, and its relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Our trip begins near the city of Oaxaca, located in a large inter-mountain valley at 5,000 feet; it basks in a balmy, spring-like climate year-round. We'll spend the first three nights in the village of Teotitlan del Valle, known for its textiles, especially rugs, which are woven on hand-operated looms. In the morning, we'll search for specialty birds of the valley such as **Berylline Hummingbird**, **Red Warbler**, and **Chestnut-sided Shrike Vireo**, and then visit local weaving cooperatives, archeological sites, and open-air markets. Excursions to elevations above the valley will lead us through different habitats from pine/oak forest to humid cloud forest, and we'll encounter local species such as **Dwarf Jay**, **Aztec Thrush**, and **Collared Towhee** along the way.

We'll enjoy two nights in the capital city, and take time to visit Monte Alban, one of the earliest cities of Mesoamerica, as well as an excellent birding destination, where **Blue Mockingbirds** and **Grey Silky-flycatchers** should be found. There will also be time to explore the cultural richness of the city.

Finally, the trip continues to the west and the Sierra Madre del Sur. After a night at La Puerta del Sol in the mountain village of San Jose del Pacifico, we'll continue on to on to Puerto Escondido and the Pacific coast. We'll be on the lookout for species like the **Collared Forest-Falcon**, **Pheasant Cuckoo**, **Emerald Toucanet**, **White-throated Magpie-Jay**, and **Orange-breasted Bunting**. Our final three nights in Puerto Escondido will give us time to explore the mangrove lagoons and beaches of the area. Contact Eric Scheuering at escheuering@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 for more information.

Leader: Eric Scheuering, Adult Education Programs Manager
Fee: \$3195* members / \$3495* non-members
Deposit: \$1500 required to secure your place



Bare-throated Tiger Heron. Photo by Alastair Rae



Orange-fronted Parakeet. Photo by Peter Wilton

BHUTAN

February 23–
March 10, 2017

Join Portland Audubon on this journey of a lifetime to the fabled "Land of the Thunder Dragon." We will explore the country's subtropical forests and its high mountain passes of the Himalayas in search of iconic birds such as **Ibisbill**, **Black-necked Crane**, and **Beautiful Nuthatch**. We will visit a reserve where we have a chance to see the national mammal of Bhutan, the **Takin**, a strange, almost mythological beast that looks to be part goat and part bison. Finally, no trip to Bhutan would be complete without a trek to the incredible **Tiger's Nest**, a sacred monastery built on the side of a sheer cliff, offering breathtaking views of the enchanting countryside. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 for more information.

Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader & Educator, and local guides
Fee: \$5395* members / \$5695* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place



Tiger's Nest. Photo by Arian Zwegers

Additional upcoming trips!

Complete writeups will be in the next *Warbler*, but sign up now to guarantee your spot! Contact Eric at escheuering@audubonportland.org.

Ice Age Floods April 9–15, 2017

Join us 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 rhythmites. 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.

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipson, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$1295 members / \$1495 non-members
Deposit: \$650

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

UGANDA

February 25–March 10, 2017

Experience Africa like few ever do...see Chimpanzees in the wild, encounter a family of Gorillas, and enjoy an unequalled diversity of African birds, all on this 14-day exploration of Uganda.



Gorilla. Photo by Joachim Huber

Perched on the equator, Uganda is a truly tropical country, possessing a moist climate and lush, verdant forests that abound with life. With over 1,000 species of birds, a full 10% of which are regionally endemic, Uganda is sure to thrill both the novice and advanced birder alike.

We'll fly into Entebbe then head out the next day for the southwestern region of the country, where wetlands are plentiful, and we have a good chance of seeing such birds as **Great Blue Turaco**, **Pink-backed Pelican**, and the highly coveted **Shoebill**. We'll bird Lake Mburo by boat in hopes of spotting **African Finfoot**, **Red-faced Barbet** and the massive **Black-bellied Bustard**. Over the next several days we'll bird Mubwindi Swamp, the Queen Elizabeth National Park, and the Kibale National Park, famous to birdwatchers around the world. We'll keep an eye out for **Bar-tailed Trogon**, **Blue-headed Sunbird**, a myriad of warblers, and if lucky, even spot the **Pink-footed Puffbird** and **Green-breasted Pitta** before our trip is over.

Though birds will be a focus of the trip, our adventure will yield sightings of many mammals as well, including **Zebra**, **Cape Buffalo**, **Giraffe**, **Hippopotamus**, **Elephant**, and possibly even **Lion** and the elusive **Leopard**. Home to no less than 19 species of primates, the **Olive Baboon**, **Vervet Monkey**, and **Blue Monkey** are sure to make their presence known, and we will do our best to find the beautiful **Black-and-White Colobus Monkey**. Finally, no trip to Uganda is complete without searching for **Great Apes**, and we will traverse the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in hopes of locating a troop of wild **Chimpanzees**, and of course, the rare, gentle, and massive **Mountain Gorilla**.

This trip will offer a few semistrenuous walks, and though we will take them slowly, one must be in good health to participate fully. Please contact Steve Robertson at srobertson@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6118 if you are interested in participating or have further questions.

Leaders: Steve Robertson, Education Director;
 Dr. Ivan Phillipson, Portland Audubon Trip Leader; local expert guides.
Fee: \$5695 members/\$6095 non-members
Deposit: \$2800 required to secure your place

Trinidad & Tobago

April 28–May 8, 2017

Just six miles off the coast of South America, with a lush, tropical climate, the twin island country of Trinidad and Tobago boasts the greatest avian diversity of any island country in the Caribbean.

The continental influence has endowed the country with well over 400 species of birds, including **Scarlet Ibis**, **Red-breasted Blackbird**, and **Blue-crowned Motmot**. We will spend three nights at Asa Wright, the famous birding lodge, where **Chestnut-colored Woodpeckers**, **White-bearded Manakins**, and the fascinating **Oilbird** may be found. Trinidad is also one of the most important **Leatherback Sea Turtle** nesting sites in the world, and this trip is timed for the peak season of nesting to take advantage of this spectacle. After six nights we'll change pace and travel to Tobago, known for its truly Caribbean, laid-back vibe. We'll bird the hills and coast of this lovely little island, then have time in the afternoon to swim and relax on the beach. Contact Steve Robertson at srobertson@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6118 for more information.

Leader: Steve Robertson, Education Director
Fee: \$3295 members / \$3595 non-members
Deposit: \$1600 required to secure your place



Leatherback Turtle. Photo by Claudia Lombard, USFWS

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

Ohio: Magee Marsh May 12–19, 2017

Magee Marsh and adjacent Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge are mecca for birders and are famous for attracting phenomenal numbers of migratory birds, including more than 20 species of wood warblers. These birds use this stopover to refuel before continuing their journey across Lake Erie and into Canada where many of them breed. We'll also visit Huron National Forest in Michigan where successful fire management of Jack Pine has led to an increase in numbers of **Kirtland's Warbler**, North America's rarest warbler.

Tentative Fee: \$1995 members / \$2195 non-members
Deposit: \$1000
Leader: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader & Educator & Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader

HOW TO REGISTER Choose one of 3 ways to register for Adult Classes:

1. Register and pay online: Visit class description at www.audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult and follow registration link.

OR: Contact Marissa Duncan via phone or email to be put on the roster. If class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then...

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

3. Credit card payment: Call 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

Trees of Oregon: The Coast to the Cascades

Jul 13 (Wed), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Jul 16 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

The northwest is famous for its trees—big ones and lots of them! Our region is home to a rich variety of tree species. You might be familiar with Oregon's state tree, the Douglas-fir, but there are many other spectacular trees in our forests worth knowing. In this class and in the accompanying field trip, **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will show you how to ID conifers and deciduous trees by their needles/leaves, cones, bark, and flowers. You'll also learn which trees are associated with specific habitats. The class will focus on trees growing in the Oregon Coast Range, Willamette Valley, and Cascades Range.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

Class-only Option: \$14

Sketching Birds and Their Surroundings: Easy Ways to Capture the Essence!

Aug 13 (Sat), 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall

-or-

Oct 15 (Sat), 10am–3pm: Class in Heron Hall

Artist and author **Jude Siegel** provides simple approaches for anyone who likes birds and wants to record them easily on paper! Try different ways to capture the gesture, or pose, explore "less is more" with your drawings, play with a little paint to add some color, as you place your bird in its environment, all along with some writing. We will use pen, graphite, and watercolor, simply and effectively, to create a handmade record of your love of birds! No art experience needed!

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members

Limited to 16 participants.

Autumn Shorebirds

Aug 19 (Fri), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Aug 20 (Sat), 7am–5pm: Coast Field Trip (transportation provided)

Aug 27 (Sat), 8am–12pm: Local Field Trip

The southbound shorebird migration begins early and goes late, from July to October, with changes every week. Fall begins with adult birds that sport worn plumage arriving in the Northwest as early as July. Juveniles follow weeks later and increase in numbers and diversity. Join local author and guide **John Rakestraw** for an evening class to learn how to identify these long-distance migrants, and then choose from two field trips to practice your skills in the field.

Class with Coast Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

Class with Local Field Trip, limited to 14 participants:

\$45 members / \$60 non-members

Class with BOTH Field Trips: \$125 members /

\$145 non-members

Class-only Option: \$14

Living in the Flow: an Introduction to Stream Ecology

Aug 31 (Wed), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Sep 3 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

Oregon's rivers and streams are rich ecosystems, full of life. They are home to our most iconic animals: the six species of Pacific salmon. But flowing waters also provide habitat for other kinds of fish, amphibians, insects, mollusks, and more. Join **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** for an introduction to the freshwater ecology of our region. Learn about the influence of the terrestrial environment and stream hydrology on the life cycles of fish and macroinvertebrates. You'll get familiar with some common species and learn their basic identification.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

Class-only Option: \$14

Beginning Birding I

(Session D): Sep 22 (Thur), 7–9pm:

Class in Heron Hall

Sep 25 and Oct 2 (Sun),

9am–12pm: Local Field Trips

(Session E): Oct 13 (Thur), 7–9pm:

Class in Heron Hall

Oct 16 and 23 (Sun), 9am–12pm:

Local Field Trips

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

Class with Field Trips, limited to 14 participants:

\$55 members / \$75 non-members

Class-only Option: \$14

Raptor Identification & Migration

in cooperation with HawkWatch International

(Session A): Sep 23 (Fri), 7–9pm:

Class in Heron Hall

Sep 24 (Sat), 8am–5pm: Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)

-or-

(Session B): Sep 23 (Fri), 7–9pm:

Class in Heron Hall

Sep 25 (Sun), 8am–5pm: Field Trip to Bonney Butte (transportation provided)

Hawks, eagles, and falcons can be challenging to identify, particularly in flight. **Dave Irons** and **Shawneen Finnegan** will cover the basics of raptor identification in the evening class and then you'll have an opportunity to practice your new skills with **Jerry Liguori** on a field trip to Bonney Butte, a hawk migration study site near Mt. Hood that offers an

opportunity to see migrating raptors on their way to their wintering grounds. Jerry Liguori is the author of three books and numerous articles on raptors and his studies have taken him across most of North America, researching raptor biology, life history, identification, migration, and general behavior. Dave Irons is one of Oregon's top birders, and Shawneen Finnegan once lived in one of the most famous hawk-watching locations in North America (Cape May, New Jersey), where she observed thousands of hawks each fall.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 20 participants per session:

\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

Class-only Option: \$14

The World of Birds 2016

The World of Birds is Audubon Society of Portland's program for birders who want to increase their ID skills and their knowledge about birds. Over the course of a year we will cover topics such as taxonomy, migration, breeding behavior, avian physiology, feathers, plumage and more.

World of Birds—Migration

Classes: Oct 19 and 28, Nov 2 (Wed/Fri),

6:30pm–8:30pm in Heron Hall.

Field Trips: Oct 22 and 29, Nov 5 (Sat). Two

half-day field trips and one full-day trip.

Locations and carpooling to be announced.

We will explore some of the science behind bird migration and observe a variety of migratory species on our field trips. Learn about movement, direction, distance, timing, and weather as fall migration is occurring.

Fee: \$160 members / \$190 non-members

Limited to 16 participants

Olympic Peninsula, Washington

Class: Nov 9 (Wed), 6:30pm–8:30 pm in

Heron Hall.

Field Trip: Nov 11–13 (Overnight, Fri–Sun).

Join us on this trip to explore the coastline of the Olympic Peninsula. From our base in Port Angeles we hope to see a variety of loons, grebes, and waterfowl, including one of our targets: the Long-tailed Duck. To help prepare you for the field trip there will be a two-hour class to learn about some of the species we hope to encounter.

Fee: \$350 members / \$400 non-members.

Transportation and lodging included.

Limited to 16 participants

Register online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes. For more information contact instructor Dan van den Broek at 971-222-6105 or dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org.

Summer Camp 2016 at the Audubon Society of Portland

To register, go to audubonportland.org for online registration or to download a registration form.

Call 971-222-6120 to save a place if you are mailing your form.

Grades 6th–8th

High Seas & Low Tides

Week 8: August 8–12 (Overnight Mon–Fri)

A week of sea, sun, and fun on the Oregon Coast!

During this action-packed camp, you'll explore the rich diversity of species in a tide pool by day and roast marshmallows over a bonfire on the beach by night. Have you ever wanted to be a Marine Biologist? Have you ever wanted to go crabbing and then eat your catch?

Giant Green Sea Anemones, delicate **Opalescent Nudibranchs**, and the voracious **Sunflower Star** are just a few of the cool creatures waiting to be discovered by you! Learn how to tell a Mollusk from an Echinoderm, and a Crustacean from a Cnidarian during this weeklong dive into marine biology. We will stay overnight at the Neskowin Valley School, utilizing their facilities as a starting point for each of our coastal days.

See the true "lions of the sea," the Steller and California Sea Lions, as they bask and frolic on the sand. We will keep a log of the species we encounter and be sure to journal each day to remember every moment of this week of nonstop oceanic FUN!

All transportation and food is provided. Participants provide their own overnight gear.

Fee: \$420 members/\$440 non-members



Looking out over the Pacific Ocean

Audubon East Explorers

Audubon Society of Portland Environmental Educators are excited for their **first year** of offering fun, week-long summer camps on Portland's east side!

Portland Arthur Academy,

7507 SE Yamhill, Suite B, Portland, OR 97215

Programs run 8:45 am to 4:15 pm daily.

Grades 4th–5th

Wild in the City

July 5–8

Fee: \$295 members/ \$315 non-members

Grades 2nd–3rd

Let's Go Birding

July 11–15

Fee: \$295 members/ \$315 non-members

Grades 1st–2nd

Jr. Audubon Ranger

July 18–22

Fee: \$295 members/ \$315 non-members

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

How Do Birds Beat the Heat?

Summers in Oregon are warm and very dry, interspersed with periods of high temperatures. Over recent years, summer temperatures have been occurring earlier in spring, even reaching 90 degrees or more. Humans cool themselves air conditioning in the office, home, and car, but otherwise just bear it. What do birds do to survive hot summers?

During the winter months, birds prepare their bodies to combat the cold and retain their body heat. In summer they must expend heat and keep their body temperature at a safe level.

Physically, birds can prepare their bodies to combat overheating. They do not sweat, but pant to expel heat from the body. A bird's respiratory system differs somewhat from a human's and allows panting to be more successful.

To cool down, birds press their feathers close to the body, compressing the air pockets that hold body heat. Exposing what bare skin they have to the outside air and bringing their blood vessels to the surface of the body also releases body heat. Increasing blood flow to the legs is especially successful in releasing a large amount of heat.

Birds adjust their daily habits to avoid overheating. Most birds begin their day about an hour before daylight and are very active singing, defending territories, and foraging.



Turkey Vulture by Jim Cruce

Several hours after dawn, activity slows, and the birds seek out cool, shady shelter. Activities continue through most of the day but rather sluggishly. During hotter periods the birds rest or sleep.

Vultures and other soaring birds do not begin their day until the sun has heated the ground and formed the updrafts that allow them to soar aloft. It is often cooler at high elevations, so these birds will fly higher than usual to take advantage of the cooler air.

During the hotter part of the day, birds find dark, cool shelters and do not expend any more energy than necessary. Most activities occur in early morning and a bit prior to sunset. Some birds are even found foraging in the dark of night.

Humans in the northern hemisphere have yet to embrace these hotter summer temperatures and continue to suffer its effects. People in hotter parts of the world have adjusted and find little discomfort in the summer heat. They tend to avoid the hot midday sun, completely cover bare skin, and slow down during the hot part of the day. Their bodies soon adjust to the hotter temperatures.



White Pelican by Jim Cruce

Ridgefield NWR appeared to be the spot for out of place birds this spring. Randy Hill reported a **Long-billed Curlew** there May 2. Morgan Powers photographed a **Sage Thrasher** May 11. John Bishop spotted a brilliant **Red Knot** there May 17, and Susan Setterburg reported a **Green-tailed Towhee** there May 15.

Elsewhere Ray Korpi found a **Brewer's Sparrow** at Clark College in Vancouver April 13 and noted it again there May 2. Joe Blowers found a **Lark Sparrow** at Timothy Lake May 3. Andy Frank noted three **Sanderlings** at Broughton Beach April 30. Ryan Abe identified a **Gray Flycatcher** at Powell Butte Park May 21. Jeff Gilligan reported a **Chimney Swift** over NE Portland June 2, and Steve Nord found a loudly calling **Least Flycatcher** June 4 at Fernhill Wetlands.

On May 7, a 90th birthday party for Tom McAllister was being enjoyed in Mosier. During the height of the celebration a **Magnificent Frigatebird** appeared overhead attracting everyone's attention. Certainly a fitting showstopper for the occasion.



Photos by Audubon staff



- Help make Audubon's special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, International Vulture Awareness Day, and Swift Watch.

New Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday, August 10, 6–8:30 pm. Participants are required to complete a Volunteer Application at audubonportland.org/about/volunteer/volapp before attending Orientation. Individuals who wish to volunteer in a capacity beyond special events must also attend General Volunteer Training on Saturday, August 20, 9 am–4:30 pm.

If you would like to donate some of your time and energy to the Audubon Society of Portland but have questions, please contact Deanna Sawtelle, dsawtelle@audubonportland.org, or 503-292-6855 ext. 108.

Volunteer of the Month: Phil Harris

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Coordinator

Phil Harris is a force of nature! He came to us through the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, where he has been transforming his yard into an urban habitat oasis since 2013. On her first site visit, our Habitat Technician, Robin, awarded him gold-level certification on the spot and came back raving about the educated and enthusiastic participant she had just visited.



Phil Harris, photo by Nikkie West

Since then, Phil has been volunteering for the program, certifying nearly 50 backyard habitats in his neighborhood, and helping with our annual plant sales. He brings extraordinary knowledge of our local ecology and its native and invasive plants, strong attention to detail, and superb communication skills. When asked why he donates his time to this project he responded:

I get permission to see other people's yards, which means I see their imaginations in action as they break away from conventional ways of approaching nature. I get to see a lot of courage, persistence, and vision—people are so heroic for taking on that laurel, those blackberries, the concrete, and the lawn. I get to talk gardening, birds, insects, and of course plants, plants, plants with impassioned, curious people. I get to be a small part of something important: remaking the urban landscape for human/nonhuman coexistence rather than perpetual combat.

Thank you, Phil, for your dedication and passion. Together, in our yards and our hearts, we truly are remaking the urban landscape.

Thank You to:

- Roy Beaty for 158 native plants for the Sanctuary's Native Plant Sale
- Jim Cruce for 101 professional wildlife photographs of various sizes
- Jay Crowdus of Elegant Garden Designs, Inc. for 10 metal Beaver garden sculptures for the Nature Store
- Ann Littlewood for 152 native plants for the Sanctuary's Native Plant Sale
- Gary & Barbara Michaelis for a pair of Bushnell 10x42 binoculars for Education
- Nancy Monger for 20 bird specimens for Education Traveling Programs
- Candy Plant for pizza for the Red-Breasted Winesuckers Birdathon Team
- Deanna Sawtelle for pizza for the Red-Breasted Winesuckers Birdathon Team
- Gary Sultany for a Bushnell Spacemaster spotting scope for Education
- Swarovski Optik North America Ltd for 19 optic and accessory items for the Nature Store

Our Wish List

For Conservation:

Recreational Vehicle or Travel Camper in good condition for field work
Small motor boat and trailer
4x8 foot exterior grade plywood
Digital Video Camera

For Administration:
Binoculars

For Wildlife Care Center:

Science Diet Kitten Growth 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
Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

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.

Sightings

Most conspicuous in the Portland area this spring were the **White Pelicans** that tended to spend most of their time floating and circling in the updrafts. Even nonbirders enjoyed these majestic birds. There appears to be about 43 individuals, possible a few more.

There was a late movement of **Calliope Hummingbirds** through western Oregon this spring. On May 2 Christopher Reidy observed a female in Oak Grove. Polly Alexander saw a male in northwest Portland April 29, and one was photographed that day in Bethany.

Andy Frank noted that the **Eastern Kingbirds** were back at the Sandy River Delta June 3. Beverley Hallberg spotted the first **Red-eyed Vireo** there May 3. A seldom reported **Vesper Sparrow** was seen at the Delta by Steve Nord May 14.

The latest migrant to arrive each year is the **Common Nighthawk**. A large flock appeared at Malheur NWR May 29. Jeff Hayes saw one at King City May 31, and Mike Boger found one over Little Crater Lake in the Cascades May 30.

Volunteering at Audubon Is Fun and Rewarding!

The Audubon Society of Portland's mission is to "promote the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats," and it's what our volunteers do every day! As one of the Northwest's leading conservation organizations, we offer a wide range of natural history and environmental activities to members, the community, and especially volunteers. Whatever your interests or talents, there is a volunteer position for you. These include many regularly scheduled volunteer opportunities, as well as special projects and event positions:

- Help restore habitat in our wildlife sanctuary.
- Be a conservation activist!
- Care for and feed injured native wildlife at the Wildlife Care Center. (There is often a wait list for this volunteer opportunity, but seasonal positions will soon be available for Baby Bird Season.)
- Help visitors find the perfect gift, bird guide, or pair of binoculars by being a clerk at the Nature Store.
- Lead school groups through a fascinating exploration of our nature sanctuary.
- Be a voice for Audubon by volunteering as a receptionist or an Audubon Docent.

Nature Store Highlights



Wild Arts Fest. Photo by Anna Campbell

Wild Arts Festival 2016: Looking Forward to Another Fabulous Year!

Mark your calendars! Our 36th annual Wild Arts Festival, the Northwest's premier show and sale of nature-related art and books, presented by Backyard Bird Shop, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **November 19 and 20**, at Montgomery Park in NW Portland.

If you haven't yet been to the Wild Arts Festival, we hope you will join us for a truly beautiful event. The festival celebrates nature through the work of local and regional artists, as well as through the writings of celebrated authors. A signature fundraiser for the Audubon Society of Portland and a premier event in the Portland region, the Wild Arts Festival raises significant funds for our conservation and education programs and raises awareness of our mission. In 2015, over 4,500 attended the Festival, raising \$170,000!

The artists have all been handpicked by our jury, and our roster of authors is nearing completion. Watch our website, WildArtsFestival.org, for updated lists and information. The success of the show is in part due to our amazing sponsors. **Backyard Bird Shop** remains our Presenting Sponsor. **Morel Ink** and **SELCO Community Credit Union** return as Hawk Sponsors, and major sponsors at the Great Blue Heron Level include **Elk Cove Vineyards**, **Grow Construction**, **Miller Nash Graham Dunn LLP**, **McCoy Foat & Company PC**, and the **Audubon Society of Portland Board of Directors**. In addition, we have a growing list of businesses and individuals who sponsor at the Owl, 40 Friends of Wild Arts, or Community Sponsor Levels. If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, please visit WildArtsFestival.org for our sponsor benefit package.

Going strong for more than three decades, the Wild Arts Festival a great way to connect with the Portland Audubon community. Here are some ways you can join the fun:

- 6x6 Wild Art Project:** Local professional and aspiring artists donate a piece of bird-themed art on a 6"x6" canvas. Sponsor, Blick Art Materials will have canvasses available for pickup at their two locations after Labor Day.
- Volunteer:** If you would be interested in volunteering, visit WildArtsFestival.org, or email the Festival's volunteer coordinator at wafvolunteers@gmail.com.
- Silent Auction:** We welcome your generous gifts of donations such as:
 - Bird houses, feeders, binoculars, spotting scopes
 - Getaways to B&Bs, hotels, beach houses, mountain cabins
 - Gift Certificates to restaurants and stores
 - Pottery, jewelry, garden art, metal work, wood carving, and glass pieces
 - Limited-edition prints may be accepted on an individual basis.

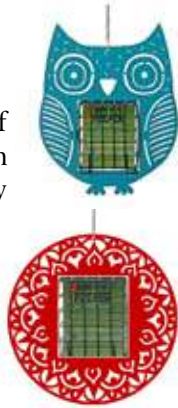
Please note that we do not take used items, with the exception of high-quality items accepted on an individual basis. Please download the Silent Auction Form at WildArtsFestival.org and drop off items at Portland Audubon between October 1 and November 12. Questions? Contact **Marilyn Scott** at mwestlinn@comcast.net or 503-722-8136.

But most importantly, we hope you attend the festivities Saturday, November 19, 10am–6pm; and Sunday, November 20, 11am–5pm.

Silent Auction Procurement Volunteer needed: Help us contact businesses and individuals to request donations for the auction, and make a huge contribution to the festival's revenue! Contact **Ann Littlewood**, annlittlewood3@gmail.com for more information.

Decorative Suet Feeders by Kimberli Matin

A passion to create, coupled with her love of nature, inspired metal artist Kimberli Matin to design and manufacture a line of brightly colored decorative suet feeders (\$36; member price \$32.40). The whimsical designs offer woodpeckers and larger birds a place to rest their tails while feeding, and are powder coated and ready to hang. The line follows more than 20 years of designing home and garden decor, sold in hundreds of galleries throughout the US. The author of *Ready Set Weld! Beginner-Friendly Projects for the Home & Garden*, Kimberli is equally passionate about singing, and leads sacred music song circles twice a month in the Portland area.



Bird Baths

This is the most important time of year to keep your bird bath full. Birds are attracted to water both for hydration and grooming. Baths attract a wider variety of birds than feeders do because every species, seed eater or not, needs water. The same goes for other backyard wildlife; small mammals, amphibians, and beneficial insects appreciate a place to cool off and hydrate. The Nature Store carries hanging birdbaths that are glazed for easy cleaning. They come in two sizes, 8-inch (\$12.75; member price \$11.48) and 12-inch (\$19.00; member price \$17.10).

Bird Bath Tips

Material: The best bird baths are ceramic or stone, have a shallow incline, and have some texture to the surface. This allows birds to keep their footing in the water and get in and out easily. If you already have a glass birdbath or one with a very smooth surface, we recommend putting a few stones in the water to give birds something to hop onto.

Water Level: When filling your bird bath, keep in mind that songbirds don't like to fully submerge during bathing. Instead, fill your birdbath to around an inch deep so that the smaller songbirds can wade in comfortably and splash around.

Cleaning: Regular cleaning is the best way to prevent algae growth, disease transmission, and mosquito hatches. Remember to scrub the birdbath with a stiff-bristled brush at least once a week or whenever you notice algae taking over. You can use a mild detergent or vinegar, but avoid bleach. Always hose off your birdbath thoroughly after using any cleaning solution because birds and insects are very sensitive to chemical detergents. Between cleanings, be sure to top off or change the water daily.

Pine Tree Farms Seed Cakes

Melting suet—nobody likes the gooey, greasy mess that is a block of suet sitting in the 90 degree heat. Luckily, there is a great alternative during the hot summer months. Much like suet, seed cakes provide a compact source of energy that attracts a variety of birds. Unlike rendered fat, the gelatin that binds seed cakes won't start melting as soon as temperatures rise.

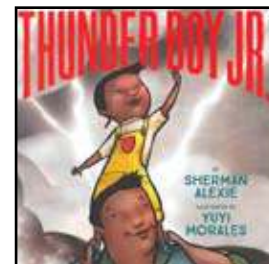


The Nature Store carries two varieties of Pine Tree Farms Seed Cakes. The Nutsie seed cake, as the name suggests, consists of a dense blend of whole and chopped tree nuts, pecans, sunflower hearts, and fruit pieces for a little something extra to attract large birds and woodpeckers. The Mixed Seed Cake variety is an all-purpose blend of millet, sunflower, safflower, and peanuts. Both seed cakes are made to resist crumbling and are sized to fit in a standard suet cage. Pine Tree Farms seed cakes are \$3.95. As with our suet, the seed cakes are eligible for our **buy 12 at the same price, get 10% off** case special that can be combined with your member discount.

Summer Fun Books for All Ages

Thunder Boy Jr.

By Sherman Alexie, Illustrated by Yuyi Morales
Thunder Boy Jr. is an exuberant picture book told from the point of view of a kid who wants to make a name for himself independent of his dad, Thunder Boy Sr. I think we can all relate; who wants to share an identity when there are so many great names out there? Together, Thunder Boy Jr. and his family will explore his personality and come up with a name that is just right for him!



The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts

By Maja Safstrom

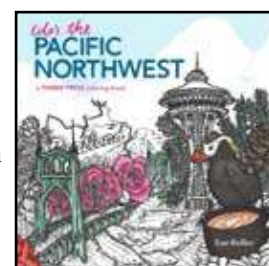
Did you know that penguins laugh when they are tickled? No, I don't have firsthand experience in penguin prodding, I learned it in the fantastic new book by Maja Safstrom. I also learned amazing facts about owl eyelids, octopus hearts, sloth fur, and so much more. But you're not getting anything more from me. If you want to find out, you'll have to read *The Illustrated Compendium of Amazing Animal Facts*.



Color the Pacific Northwest

By Zoe Keller

Zoe Keller is an illustrator based here in Portland. Using graphite and ink, Zoe blends narrative with traditional scientific illustration to create highly detailed drawings of nature. She gathers inspiration from slow explorations of landscapes, hours spent thumbing through her field guide collection, and her time spent in forests. *Color the Pacific Northwest* is her second book for thoughtful color-ers. Her first, *Color the Natural World*, can also be purchased at the Nature Store.



Upcoming Events in the Nature Store

Audubon Storytime will be taking the summer off, but please check back in the fall for a new season of free, nature-based weekend activities for children and families.

20s and 30s Audubon Book Club, Tuesday 7-8:30pm, July 26, Heron Hall

This is a new opportunity for young-adult members of Audubon to socialize and discuss current nature books. Please join Molly Sultany for an informal discussion of *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. "An indelible impression of a raptor's fierce essence...with words that mimic feathers" (New York Times Review of Books). You can purchase this book at the nature store for a 20% discount. E-mail Molly with questions: mjsultany@gmail.com

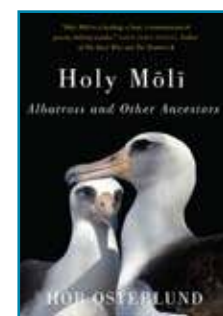


Save the Dates!

Audubon welcomes author and Portland hiking expert **Laura O. Foster** for a presentation of her new book, *Columbia Gorge Getaways*, on Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm in Heron Hall. Laura also wrote the recent *Walking with Ramona: Exploring Beverly Cleary's Portland*.



The following Tuesday, September 27, Hawaiian author and albatross activist **Hob Osterlund** will be in Heron Hall at 7pm to discuss her book *Holy Moli: Albatross and Other Ancestors*, a meditation on the Laysan Albatross, Hawaiian mythology, and a journey of self-discovery. Both events are free. Contact the Nature Store at (503) 292-9453 for more information.



Presenting the 2016 Mamie Campbell Award Winners

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

Mamie Campbell was an important figure in Audubon's early years. A long-time and active volunteer herself, Mamie was instrumental in establishing the Junior Audubon Club in Portland. Mamie was an ardent conservationist and helped distribute environmental brochures to area schools in the 1920s and 1930s. She was also a tireless leader of the Lucy Club, which organized Portland Audubon Society social and special events during the early 1900s and was named after Lucy Audubon, the wife of James Audubon.

The Mamie Campbell Award is the highest honor given to Audubon volunteers, and it recognizes the dedication and service each recipient has tirelessly given. This year, the Audubon staff presented the Mamie Campbell Award to seven deserving volunteers.

Cecile Valastro started volunteering in the Wildlife Care Center in 2006 and has donated almost 3,000 hours of service there. While most Care Center volunteers have a weekly four-hour shift, Cecile does a regular four-hour Monday morning shift but then stays another three hours as an Education Bird Assistant. As such she's responsible for making sure all of the education birds are weighed and fed, their enclosures cleaned, and that they get some sort of special enrichment. Deb Sheaffer, our Wildlife Vet, describes Cecile as "an amazing volunteer who has a strong background in raptor handling and is a huge asset when it comes to caring for the large raptors in the hospital." You can see Cecile out every Monday afternoon with a bird on her glove and a smile on her face.

Jennifer Parks began volunteering in 2004 and has since given Audubon 3,732 hours as an Education Bird Handler and substitute Education Bird Assistant. Jennifer often comes in at the last minute when an assistant or handler is sick and we need a volunteer to take a bird to an event. In fact, Sally Loomis, Nature Store Buyer, relays a story about when Jennifer came to the rescue one Saturday during a kids' birthday party in Heron Hall. They'd arranged for an education bird to make an appearance; but, unfortunately, the scheduled handler was sick. By the way, these were not well-behaved kids, and they were about to tear Heron Hall apart (that's one reason we don't do birthday parties any more), but Jennifer stepped in with an education bird and saved the day!

Bob Schmitt does a lot of things here at Audubon. He began volunteering in the Wildlife Care Center in 2008 but has since branched out to help in the Nature Store and handle the education birds. As such, he's donated almost 2,000 hours of much-appreciated service. Bob is also a WART! That's our Wild Animal Rescue Team, so we often rely on Bob to pick up animals during his free time. Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager, says "Bob is great! He was one of the first people I ever met at Audubon on my very first visit here, and he was so welcoming and engaging. Bob has a great attitude and is a problem solver. We really appreciate everything he does at Audubon."

Patty Newland is an amazing volunteer in the Education Department. She began volunteering in 2008 when she took the Master Birder class and has since donated almost 3,000 hours. She's on not one but two Birdathon Teams: the Lagerhead Shrikes, and she leads the Pintails to Pinots team. Patty leads several Audubon Outings, is a reliable and expert trip leader, is one of those exceptional birders who help people spot and identify birds at Raptor Road Trip, and she helps with adult classes. Eric Scheuering, our Adult Education Manager, says "Patty is lots of fun to have on a trip—and you never know when she'll break out her ukulele!" You can join Patty on upcoming trips to Steens Mountain this year, and Magee Marsh and the Malheur Foray next year.

Dick Demarest began volunteering with the Education Department in 2001 and has dedicated almost 1,000 hours of service by participating in Birdathon and leading Audubon Outings and Road Scholar Programs at the coast. In fact, Dick has helped on the North Oregon Coast Road Scholar Program for many years, including showing Eric Scheuering "the ropes" on his very first trip in 2014. According to Eric, "Dick is full of knowledge about Oregon history and has a friendly, personable leadership style that makes all participants feel included in the group. His strong variety of interests allow him to connect with people on many levels." Dick also helps monitor birds at Fernhill Wetlands.



Back row, left to right: Carol Enyart, Dick Demarest, Bob Schmitt, Jennifer Parks; Seated left to right: Melinda McCoy, Patty Newland, Cecile Valastro. Photo by Doug Williamson

If you want to see a smiling, welcoming face, come to the receptionist desk on Tuesday afternoons. You'll find **Melinda McCoy** there. Melinda began volunteering in 2013 but has already contributed over 600 hours of service. She does a little bit of everything: she's a receptionist, she helps in the Nature Store, she leads school kids through the sanctuary as a Sanctuary Tour leader, and she helps with lots of special events. According to Keia Booker, our Office Administrator and Executive Assistant, "Melinda dives right into any assignment, whether it be at the receptionist desk, the Wild Arts Festival, or the Nature Store; and that's in between her actual diving expeditions off the coast and around the world."

Carol Enyart has been volunteering in the Nature Store since 2012; between her shift there and helping with artist jurying for the Wild Arts Festival, Carol has given almost 1,000 hours of service. Carol also helps with the Wildlife Care Center Open House every year. Sally Loomis appreciates Carol's ability to organize anything: "Give her a messy, even vaguely disgusting area in the Nature Store or in the Heron Hall kitchen, and she'll whip it into shape. Carol is always on the lookout for the supply drawer that's gone wacko or the toy display in chaos. Her heroic efforts a few years ago to clean the kitchen resulted in her role with the Wild Arts Festival. A staff member was asked if she could recommend a volunteer who was good at organizing things, and Carol immediately came to mind.

Please join the Audubon staff in congratulating the 2016 Mamie Campbell Award winners.

Sponsor a Camper

Connect kids with amazing experiences in nature with Audubon Society of Portland's Community Summer Camps! Make it possible for a deserving young person to have fun and learn about the environment this summer. For some of these kids, a Portland Audubon Community Camp is their very first experience with nature! Your generous gift of \$36 will provide one day of camp, and \$180 will give a child a complete week of natural history fun.

Whatever you give, it will help connect deserving kids to impactful opportunities in nature. Sponsor a camper at <http://bit.ly/14xkUcn> or use this form:

Sponsorship Amount:

\$25 \$36 \$180 Other \$ _____

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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You can sponsor a community camps camper! © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

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Send completed form to:
Audubon Society of Portland
5151 NW Cornell Road, Portland OR 97210

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store

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

Leupold & Stevens adds BX-3 Mojave Pro Guide HD to their line!



We eagerly awaited the debut of Leupold's new BX-3 Mojave Pro Guide HD binoculars, while Leupold was briefly without an HD (extra-low-dispersion glass) model. Now we're delighted to have Mojave Pro-Guide HDs available in full size 8x42 and 10x42 models in standard black (they made their debut in snakeskin camo).

Like the original (non-HD) Mojave, these binoculars feature an ergonomic open-bridge design usually reserved for European optics over \$2000 (think Swarovski). Instead, you can enjoy Mojaves with their comfortable modern design, waterproof and fog-proof construction, a hidden locking diopter and extra-low dispersion (HD) lenses offering razor-sharp resolution with great color fidelity for under \$600, at our member prices. These dependable new binoculars were designed in Beaverton, Oregon, with professional guides in mind, then manufactured in Japan to precision standards. They carry Leupold's top Gold Ring Full Lifetime Guarantee. We invite you to stop by the Nature Store to take the Mojave HDs out for a "test drive" in the Nature Sanctuary!

Special note: the Nature Store and Interpretive Center will be closed on Monday, July 4, so we can shampoo the carpets.

Give With Confidence

Audubon Society of Portland Retains Four-Star Status from Charity Navigator for Sixth Year!

Do you know how well your favorite charities work? Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator, rates charities by evaluating two areas: Financial Health, and Accountability and Transparency. After careful scrutiny, they issue an overall rating that combines the charity's performance in both areas.

Charity Navigator provides these ratings so donors can make informed giving decisions, showing "how efficiently a charity will use their support today and to what extent the charities are growing their programs and services



over time." (Read more at CharityNavigator.org.) The good news is that with a score of 97 out of 100, Audubon Society of Portland has retained Charity Navigator's four-star rating, the highest rating awarded!

We are honored that our members believe in our mission, trust in our ability to carry out that mission, and generously give their time and their money to support our work. We truly appreciate that you stand with us, and you can rest assured that we will use your donations well!

Our Members Make It All Possible

Photo by Amy Cave



For more than 100 years, Audubon Society of Portland's members have worked together to protect Oregon's birds, other wildlife and habitat across the entire Oregon landscape. Without these passionate and dedicated individuals, Oregon wouldn't be the Oregon we know and love today. Whether it was establishing the state's first national wildlife refuges at Malheur, Klamath and Three Arch Rocks, the listing of the Northern-Spotted Owl on the endangered species list, or helping to create Oregon's first five marine reserves, Portland Audubon members have worked tirelessly since 1902 to build a sustainable future for wildlife and people alike.

Now in 2016, we are 16,000 members strong, each one a voice and advocate for our mission to inspire people to love and protect nature. Every person who made the decision to join this community came to us in their own unique way. Many are avid birders seeking to protect Oregon's diverse fauna. Countless joined after discovering our vast selection of environmental educational programming for adults and children. Many big-hearted individuals found us after happening upon an injured bird and bringing it to our Wildlife Care Center for treatment. Others wanted to volunteer to protect the environment and found a home helping us care for injured wildlife, restoring habitat, educating youth and so much more. And a great many joined because they have seen the power of our community, its activist network, and how we all come together to create lasting change for Oregon's future. They saw that the more people who join, the more powerful we all become as we continue to play a vital role by bringing the voice of the wild to the policy table.

Our members are this organization's most valuable asset. Financially, every dollar generously donated from their annual contribution is used locally to power our bird and habitat protection initiatives, educate 12,000 youth and 3,000 adults every year, and run our three wildlife sanctuaries that connect the public with nature and provide a safe home for both common and endangered species. And as advocates, members take direct action, using their voices and donating their time to save habitat and protect birds.

Are You a Member Yet?

By becoming a member, you become a part of the beating heart of one of the oldest conservation organizations in the county, working from the legacy of our founder, William Finley, and all who came after. Now, it's up to us to write Oregon's next chapter, to fight species decline and climate change, to keep our natural areas intact, and to create the next generation of environmental leaders through education.

If you aren't yet a member, we would love you to join our flock. The bigger our membership grows, the stronger we become. As perks, members receive discounts at our Nature Store and on our camps, classes and trips, and receive The Warbler, our newsletter. And even more importantly, they stand on the shoulders of all the men and women who came before, those with the vision to protect the natural world and make Oregon an inspiring place to work and play. Let's work together to make sure our children and grandchildren receive the same gift.

Membership Rate Increase

For the first time in nearly ten years, we are raising our membership fees a modest amount to keep up with the increases in cost of living. Since our last rate increase, Portland Audubon has grown by 30 percent, enabling us to protect more birds, save more habitat, and educate and inspire more people. However, as we have grown, the Consumer Price Index has risen about 19 percent. This membership rate adjustment, effective starting on August 1, will help us adapt to the changing landscape and continue to grow as an organization.

We couldn't do our work without the support of our members. Please know, a lot of thought and discussion went into the decision to increase our rates. We thank you for your understanding and for your support.

Here are the new rates for the affected membership levels:

Individual: \$45 (previously \$35)
Family: \$60 (previously \$45)
Wren: \$75 (previously \$60)

The Joy of Giving Carol and Gary Gross

These Portland Audubon volunteers and donors lead wildly interesting lives

From her perch 120 feet above the Willamette River on Port of Portland docks, Carol Gross spent 18 years operating cranes, loading and unloading tons of cargo while enjoying the perks of watching the birds fly by.

Nowadays, she's a volunteer receptionist at Portland Audubon, while her husband, Gary, uses his professional skills volunteering in the Wildlife Care Center—a perfect fit following his career as a medical technician with OHSU. Carol and Gary also volunteer as Education Bird handlers, sharing our “ambassadors” at local events, and Carol is the volunteer organizer of our annual spring Native Plant Sale. Of the two, Carol says: “Gary is the birder. I just like birds. He can see and identify what I can only enjoy.”

For years, Carol was one of the few women crane operators on west coast docks. Then as the economy changed and port traffic slowed, she returned to school and became a licensed mental-health counselor.

Since retirement, Carol also volunteers around the nation as a Red Cross mental-health counselor at emergencies ranging from Hurricane Katrina to the Texas floods in June

Carol and Gary Gross. Photo by Donna Wiench



of this year. At Portland Audubon, it's the emphasis on conservation and environmental education that draws the Grosses to volunteer and contribute generously.

“I don't think our planet is sustainable if we don't work on it,” Carol said. As a mental-health counselor, she knows that healthy interpersonal relationships need attention to continue, and so does the Earth.

“The state of our planet is one of our most crucial issues. We get diverted with other serious issues—all are important, but they'll be moot if we don't have a planet that's livable.”

By contributing money and time to an organization they trust, Carol and Gary have found a way to enrich their own lives while taking a step toward healing the planet. “We want to help in whatever way we can,” Gary said.

Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these special gifts:

In Memory

René Paley Bain
Dean & Cora Brown

Michael Barrett Huston
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Businesses Giving Back

Toyota of Portland and Fred Meyer offer ways to protect birds and habitat



In the market for a car? If you are thinking about buying or leasing a new or used car, get in touch with **Jade Wolfe**, 503-444-1561 or jwolff@toyotaofportland.com, or **Ishan Ray**, 503-473-7617 or iray@toyotaofportland.com, with Toyota of Portland's new **Driving Communities Program**, whose mission is to drive funds into the community through car sales, trade-ins, or loan refinancing. In addition to their many gas-powered models, Toyota offers a suite of five hybrids, including the 50 mpg Prius. You can participate in three ways:

1. Buy or lease a new or preowned vehicle, and Portland Audubon will receive 1% of the transaction.
 2. Sell or trade in your vehicle, and we will receive \$250.
 3. Refinance your vehicle loan, and we will receive \$100.
- For more information, visit toyotaofportland.com/toyota-driving-communities

One-stop shopping at Fred Meyer can also provide support for Portland Audubon's conservation and education programs! Do you have a rewards card? Have you linked it to Audubon Society of Portland? It's easy! Sign up for the **Community Rewards program** by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Audubon Society of Portland at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number, 91071.

Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Portland Audubon earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Leave Your Legacy with the Audubon Society of Portland

State gifts are an important part of Portland Audubon's future. While dues, fees, and grants support us day to day, it is major gifts and bequests that make it possible to take on more long-term and visionary projects.

When you notify us confidentially of a decision to leave a bequest to Audubon Society of Portland, you can elect to participate in our Legacy Circle. The **Legacy Circle** honors planned-giving donors through invitations to gatherings and special events. Portland Audubon cannot act as a legal or financial advisor, but we are happy to sit down with you for a discussion about how Portland Audubon might fit into your plans. For more information, please call **Ann Takamoto, Development Director**, at 971-222-6117.

We Did It Again! Audubon Society of Portland's Birdathon ROCKS!

Our 36th year is nearly completed and yes, we are still the Biggest, Baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi! We are nearing our goal of raising \$175,000 to protect birds and habitat across Oregon—thank you so much for your participation and for your donations and pledges! Wonderful new teams, more participants, and more fun all made Audubon Society of Portland's 36th annual Birdathon a success!

A huge Thank You to 300 Birdathoners! It is amazing that you volunteer your time and ask your friends and family to support your efforts, providing vital funding to the Audubon Society of Portland's important conservation work. And a big, bad Thank You to our Birdathon Team Leaders for finding the time to include Birdathon in your busy schedules. Birdathon depends upon your generosity, expertise, and leadership—we literally couldn't do it without you!



The Awe-klettes, photo by Darlene Betat

Three Cheers for our Team Leaders:

Ian Abraham	Steve Engel	Lynn Herring	Joe Liebezeit	Candy Plant	Diane Stone	Laura Whittemore
Gregory Baker	Diane Field	Adrian Hinkle	Gerard Lillie	John Rakestraw	Paul Sullivan	Rhett Wilkins
Darlene Betat	Mark Fitzsimons	Christopher Hinkle	Kayla McCurry	Steve Robertson	Molly Sultany	Phyllis Wolfe
Ron Carley	(2 teams!)	Mike Houck	Jennifer Miller	Skip Russell	Sarah Swanson	
Scott Carpenter	Andy Frank	Christine Jervis	Patty Newland	Deanna Sawtelle	Dena Turner	
Tierra Curry	Mark Greenfield	Nancy Johnson	Laura Newton	Eric Scheuering	Dan van den Broek	
Jennifer Devlin	Wink Gross	Robin Juskowiak	Xander Patterson	Max Smith	(2 teams!)	
Tim Donner	Barb Grover	Mariha Kuechmann	Cindy Pederson	Richard Smith	Hailey Walls (2 teams!)	

Thank You to our Prize Donors

5th Quadrant	Columbia Sportswear	Goodfellow Family	Mediterranean Exploration	Pastini Pastaria	Stumptown Coffee Roasters
Academy Theater	Common Ground	Cellars (Matello Wines)	Co.	Pine State Biscuits	Swarovski Optik
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Your membership dollars support our Conservation, Education, and Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs! Memberships help us protect native birds and their habitats, and come with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, and trips and in our Nature Store. You can join online at audubonportland.org/support/membership, in our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

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

Membership Levels:

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 (first check or credit card number enclosed)

Join at these prices before July 31. Rates increase August !!

Payment Method

- My check, payable to Audubon Society of Portland, is enclosed.
 Please charge my: Visa MasterCard
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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.



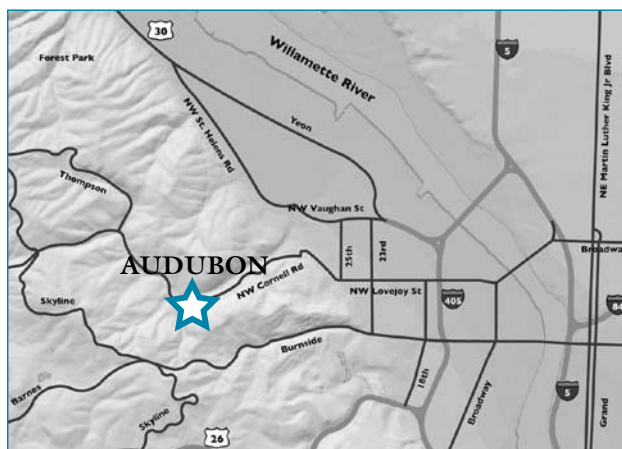
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