Join the Biggest, Baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi—you’ll enjoy our region’s birding hotspots, learn from expert birders, AND help raise money to protect birds and habitat across Oregon!

Now in its 36th year, Birdathon is like a walkathon, but instead of counting miles, we count birds! There are many ways to participate. You can register for one of our exciting guided teams, you can assemble your own team of bird enthusiasts, or you can Birdathon on your own—whatever way you choose, you’ll be championing the importance of protecting the species and lands that you love.

Then you’ll invite your friends and family to sponsor your Birdathon efforts with a donation or pledge. We have some great prizes lined up to reward participants who see the most species, receive the most pledges, raise the most money, take the best photos, and more. Participants are asked to raise a minimum of $35 in pledges unless otherwise indicated.

Birdathon 2016

Great Big Sit:
April 24 (Sun), 8am–3:30pm
Attention birding foodies! Get a backstage pass to a local premier organic farm: Our Table Cooperative. Enjoy special access to hot birding habitats on this 58-acre farm, including riparian woodlands and open water. Veteran leader Barb Grover will help birders of all levels spot and identify birds. Conclude the morning with a special farm lunch to celebrate our birding success! A minimum of $100 in pledges is requested.

The Bountifowls:
May 15 (Sun), 7am–1pm
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Birdathon 2016 Teams
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Half-Day Trips:
Great Big Sit: April 24 (Sun), 8am–3:30pm
The perfect Birdathon experience for beginning birders! Phyllis Wolfe, Dena Turner, and Diane Stone welcome you to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Give your legs a rest, and spend a leisurely morning in your lawn chair; sit back with your thermos amidst great company, and relax as the birds come to you. 35–50 species frequent this idyllic setting!

Whittemore’s Whatzits:
May 8 (Sun) 8am–1pm
Beginning Birding and Birding by Ear instructor Laura Whittemore, and Birdathon Coordinator Mark Fitzsimons, guide this Steigerwald Lake NWR trip. Songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl abound—we expect to see 50 species among the marshes and mature cottonwoods. A minimum of $75 in pledges is requested.

Millennial Falcons:
May 14 (Sat) 8am–Noon
Calling all young adult birders, photographers, and nature lovers ages 21 to 35... Join naturalist Robin Juskowiak and avid birder Molly Soltau for a casual half-day of birding at Fernhill Wetlands. Explore this 700-acre hotspot for waterfowl, shorebirds, and raptors, and scan the marsh for the elusive Sora, American Bittern, and Virginia Rail. Birdathon Coordinator Mark Fitzsimons will lead you and your canoe or kayak on this birding and paddling adventure. A minimum of $75 in pledges is requested.

Jackson Bottom Rambler:
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NEW TRIP!
Ducking Responsibility:
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We head deep into the hidden waterways of the Columbia Slough, then walk trails into some lesser known eastside wetlands and ponds. We’ll follow “the road less traveled”!

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Relief is especially due to the people of Burns and the Burns Paiute Tribe, many of whom have seen their lives hijacked by the armed confrontation. The community had invested years in collaboration with all stakeholders, including Portland Audubon, to reach consensus on a healthier future for their region. And though $6 million in funding has now been promised for the Refuge recovery plan (see story, page 1), the damage to families, friendships, and community trust has no price tag.

Organized opposition to federal management of public lands is of growing concern across the west. It is alarming that public lands and the diverse wildlife inhabiting them. Join us for a special Nature Night on March 8 as Conservation Director Bob Sallinger speaks about Malheur’s rich history, its current status, and the future of the Refuge.

Birders and conservationists have long been aware of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge—one of the most important bird refuges in the United States. For the Audubon Society of Portland, Malheur is a place that is intimately intertwined with our history dating back to our founding in 1902; one of our earliest priorities was convincing President Theodore Roosevelt to designate Malheur as one of the first national wildlife refuges in the western United States. Today Malheur remains one of Portland Audubon’s top conservation priorities as we work with a broad coalition of stakeholders including the refuge, ranchers, the Burns Paiute, and other conservation organizations to implement some of the most important and collaborative restoration projects in the west—work that has continued even during the occupation.

Come to this special Nature Night where we will discuss Malheur’s fascinating history, its amazing wildlife, the path forward to ensuring that Malheur is truly protected and restored, and building an even stronger movement to defend our public lands. Just over a century ago, Portland Audubon members fought to protect Malheur and get it established as a wildlife refuge; today your voice is every bit as important as we continue to fight to protect this incredible place.

Conservation Director Bob Sallinger has worked for the Audubon Society of Portland since 1982, directing its local, regional, and national conservation policy initiatives. He has been actively involved in Malheur-related issues for many years.

As an organization, the Audubon Society of Portland can be proud of the foresight and commitment our founders showed in protecting Malheur in 1908, as well as our continued role in its protection. Further, recent events show that the protections established for our natural heritage are only as strong as the community that protects it. That means we must always be looking forward—a generation or more ahead—to ensure that tomorrow’s conservation movement remains strong and diverse, in every meaning of the term. Of particular importance now is our leadership role in the Outdoor School for All campaign, which would introduce every child in Oregon to the outdoors (see update, page 4). Our educational programs are as vital a program for Oregon’s healthy future as the long record of conservation victories they’ve inspired.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Wandering, and the ways our complementary roles of advocate and educator have the potential for historic impact: one inspired mind at a time.

Stay current on everything that’s happening with Audubon Society of Portland by subscribing to our email newsletter, the BirdWord. Visit audubonportland.org and click ‘sign up for e-news.’
Bird Song Walks 2016

7 a.m.–Monday to Friday

six weeklong excursions

mostly weekday excursions

no pre-registration required

leave whenever you like.
bring binoculars and a field guide.

try taking the bus if available.
go to trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE (7433) for route information.

For natural history information, maps, and directions for these natural areas, see the latest edition of *Wild in the City: Exploring the Intertwine*.

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Malheur: Looking Forward
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In recent years, Malheur has become a place of consensus and collaboration as the refuge has worked with the local community, the Paiute Tribe, conservation groups, and other stakeholders to develop a long-term plan to protect and restore wildlife habitat both on the refuge and surrounding ranchlands (http://bit.ly/malheurcollaboration). This collaborative work has spanned many years and continued even during the height of the occupation. On January 31, 2016, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board recognized this important collaborative work with a $5 million multiyear grant to support efforts to restore Malheur Lake and to promote flood irrigation on surrounding ranchlands (http://bit.ly/malheurgrant).

It is this spirit of collaboration that is the real story of Malheur and should light the path forward. There will continue to be disagreement over natural resource issues in Eastern Oregon, but this makes it all the more important to nurture those places where consensus and collaboration have been established. When we do disagree, we should do so in a way that is civil and respectful. The best way to repudiate the illegal occupation of Malheur is to continue to move forward together in the spirit of collaboration while the illegal occupiers sit in prison.

The occupation of Malheur also exposed a broader movement that seeks to eliminated federal ownership of public lands and turn those lands over to private interests. The protection of these public lands is widely and strongly supported by the public—our national parks, national forests, wilderness areas, BLM lands, and wildlife refuges are national treasures. The illegal occupation of Malheur drew national and international outrage, and it will continue to be crucial for the public to send a strong message about the importance of protecting public lands.

Portland Audubon’s investment in Malheur has spanned more than a century, and we can plan to increase that investment in the coming months and years. We received tremendous interest from our members and the public during the occupation about how people might support the refuge. Portland Audubon had over 800 people sign up for information about upcoming opportunities to participate in Malheur-related volunteer opportunities, birding trips, lectures, and opportunities to advocate in support of the restoration efforts (http://bit.ly/malheurgroup). In the coming weeks, we will be working with the Refuge to develop and facilitate opportunities for public involvement.

Portland Audubon serves on the steering committee of the Outdoor School for All PAC board and has already pledged $10,000 for the effort. We’re now working with volunteers, members, and chapters statewide to collect $20,000 signatures by July 7th. We need your help.

What you can do:
• Stop by our campus to sign the petition!
• Check out our website to find locations and events where we’re gathering signatures.
• Email Micah Meskel (mmeskel@audubonportland.org) if you’d like training to join our team of signature gatherers.
• Provide essential funding for the effort by donating to the Outdoor School for All PAC, or make a restricted, tax-deductible gift to Portland Audubon in support of Outdoor School advocacy.

Malheur before Dawn
William Stafford
An owl sound wandered along the road with me. I didn’t hear it—I breathed it into my ears.

Little ones at first, the stars retired, leaving Polished little circles on the sky for awhile.

Then the sun began to shout from below the horizon. Throats of birds company, their music a test of sound.

From across a pond, out of the mist, one drake made a V and said its name.


Thank you to everybody who supported Malheur and Harney County throughout this illegal occupation. We look forward to moving forward together in the spirit of collaboration that has been the real story of Malheur in recent years.

Outdoor School advocacy.

Update: Saving Outdoor School
by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

A udubon Society of Portland is taking a leadership role advocating for a statewide ballot measure that would fund Outdoor School for every child. Since 1957, Oregon has offered the program to inspire youth to love and protect nature, but programming has decreased by more than half as a result of education budget cuts. Our goal is to ensure that every 5th or 6th grader in Oregon has the opportunity to spend a full school week in the woods learning about nature. By potentially doubling the number of youth receiving a formative wilderness experience, the measure would have historic impact on strengthening future generations of conservationists.

Funding would be provided by directing just 4% of the more than $500 million raised by the Oregon Lottery to Outdoor School programs. For more information, follow the link on our website, www.audubonportland.org, or visit www.outdoorschoolforall.org.

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Speak Up for a Clean River
by Bob Sellinger, Conservation Director

For generations, Portlanders have lived with a toxic river running through the center of our city. A quick look downriver would lift the Willamette from near the confluence with the Columbia all the way to the Broadway Bridge—an area covering more than 2,000 acres—including with a witches’ brew of more than 180 toxic contaminants, including PCBs, DDT, PAHs, and heavy metals. It is so contaminated that a healthy adult is supposed to consume no more than a piece of fish the size of a deck of cards from this stretch of river. For pregnant and nursing mothers, no amount of fish is considered safe. Wildlife populations that use this stretch of river—from otters to eagles—have been negatively affected by exposure. In 2000, this 10 mile stretch of river was listed as a Federal Superfund Site—a designation reserved for the most toxic sites in the country.

In April 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency will release a draft Superfund Cleanup Plan. The public will have 60 days to submit comments on this plan. After 16 years of work to characterize the true size and extent of the contamination, determine its impacts, and develop cleanup options, this comment period represents the most important opportunity the public will have to influence whether our rivers are restored to levels considered safe for people and wildlife.

Based on preliminary information released by the EPA, it appears that none of the options being considered by the EPA will be adequate. Even the most aggressive option would leave 64% of the river contaminated, and the option that they have indicated they will put forward in April would leave an astounding 84% of the river contaminated. The EPA is relying primarily on something it calls “monitored natural recovery” (MNR), in which contaminated sediments are left in the river to eventually be covered by cleaner sediments from upriver, or be dispersed by river currents. If this sounds like “doing nothing,” we would agree. Much of this contamination has been in Portland Harbor for decades, and this strategy would leave it for decades to come.

Stakeholders who have closely followed the Superfund Process, such as Portland Audubon, Willamette Riverkeeper, the Yakama Nation, and the Community Advisory Group (an advisory group officially sanctioned by the EPA made up of neighborhood reps and other community groups) have all told the EPA that its alternatives are inadequate. While MNR and capping will almost certainly be part of the suite of strategies employed to clean up Portland Harbor, these groups want to see far more dredging (removal), where toxic materials are taken to appropriate landfills.

The EPA has come under tremendous pressure to limit the costs of cleanup from businesses and entities responsible for the contamination as well as from some politicians. The cleanup could cost as much as $2 billion, but Superfund is a “polluter pays” law. Those costs will be distributed among more than 150 responsible parties, including local industries, multinational corporations, and public entities such as the federal government, US military, city, and Port. A significant portion of the costs will be borne by insurance companies. The costs will also be spread out over 15 to 25 years. Nobody wants to waste money, but we also should not accept a river that does not come close to meeting safety levels set by the EPA.

It is time to get involved and demand a safe and healthy river for people and wildlife. To become an Audubon river activist and find out how you can help influence this important decision, contact Micah Meskel at mmeskel@audubonportland.org.

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All areas contributed exciting species to the count. N/NE Portland found both the Say’s Phoebe and an out-of-season Turkey Vulture. Beaverton recorded the day’s only Greater White-Fronted Geese. Southeast Portland discovered two Yellow-shafted Flickers. Lake Oswego posted four species of owls including the count’s only Northern Saw-Whet Owl. NW Portland found four Common Ravens! Feeder watchers added two more species to the count: Band-tailed Pigeon and Red Crossbill, bringing our species total to 115, a respectable showing for the day.

Both goldeneye species were at all-time highs for the count, as were Red-breasted Sapsuckers, Hutton’s Vireos, Barred Owls and Brown Creepers. Underrepresented species included Canvasbacks, Ruddy Ducks, and both kinglet species. Oregon Starling and House Sparrow counts were also well below average. For a summary of the 90-year history of the count, including details of the last 10 years, go to audubonportland.org/local-birding/cbc/90.

The CBC count here in Portland feeds into a dataset including over 1,000 CBC count circles scattered across North America and as far south as Brazil. At 112 years, the CBC is one of the longest running large-scale data sets in existence. Over 200 studies have been published using CBC data, and findings have been used to inform important management and conservation decisions that have helped us protect birds across their flyways.

Thanks to all the field counters and feeder watchers for making this year’s Portland CBC a resounding success. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

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Remember that small net, towel, and box Lacy brought with her? Those were perfect for rescuing a large duck, but not at all ideal for capturing an injured twelve pound female Bald Eagle. “We arrived and assessed the situation,” recalled Lacy. “We figured out the easiest course of action would be for me to get into the river and remove the eagle first and then get the merganser out.”

Despite her brief entanglement with the fishing line, an all too common hazard for wildlife, the Bald Eagle appeared to have minimal injuries including a slight head trauma which resolved within 24 hours and superficial abrasions. After an exam and a day of observation, the eagle was brought to our flight cage where she showed that she was able to fly. She appears to be a healthy bird in her fourth year. In February, the WCC had five injured Bald Eagles in its care, a record number since the rehabilitation facility was established in 1936. By the time you read this, two of them will have been released back into the wild.

Help save over 3,000 wild animals every year by having a great time in nature!

Our 6th annual Call of the Wild Online Auction runs from February 15th through March 7th and directly supports the Wildlife Care Center.

You can choose from over 60 once-in-a-lifetime nature-based experiences such as releasing a raptor back into the wild, touring the Oregon Zoo’s California Condor Recovery Facility, or going on a guided rock climbing adventure, just to name a few of the amazing items up for bidding.

Check out our website: portlandaudubon.tofinauctions.com/callofthewild/ to see the full list. Bid early and often to help support all of the amazing work we do in the Wildlife Care Center!

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

**Australia!**
November 12–23, 2016 (depart U.S. on Nov. 10 if not on the Tasmania Pre-trip)
Beginning in beautiful Queensland, we'll bird the area surrounding Cairns, the northern coast and the Atherton Tablelands, regions world-renowned for their avian diversity. We'll be on the lookout for the Scarlet Honeyeater, Laughing Kookaburra, and the Lovely Fairy Wren as we traverse the countryside with our local guide. Royal Spoonbills, Black Swans, and Great Crested Grebes are a few of the species we'll look for when we visit the Mareeba Wetlands, and we'll search for the stunning Buff-breasted Paradise Kingfisher and massive Australian Bustard in nearby forests and scrub. Within the first week, you will have explored the jungles, wetlands, and dry scrublands of this unique region in search of the 500 birds we hope to see. Along the way, we will do our best to find Brolgas and Sarus Cranes to our list, as well as the elegant Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, and with luck, the very rare Southern Cassowary.

But this is no more than a birding trip. We will also spend three days and two nights on the Great Barrier Reef, on a certified, live-aboard dive boat, complete with private sleeping berths and a full galley. We will snorkel some of the finest reefs (you may scuba dive if desired), where Sea Turtles, Giant Clams, and a myriad of reef fish abound.

We'll also find time to peruse the cosmopolitan town of Cairns, shop for souvenirs in the charming village of Kuranda, and see Flying Fox Bats up close and personal as we go behind the scenes of a local bat rehab center. We'll end our trip with two nights in the beautiful city of Sydney, where we'll bird the Botanical Gardens and see the famous Sydney Opera House. We'll also enrich our Australian experience with a tour of the Australian Museum, which has fascinating exhibits on both the cultural and natural history of the land Down Under. This trip is designed to thrill the avid birder and novice alike. Please contact Steve Robertson at 971-222-6118 or srobertson@audubonportland.org if you have questions or would like to sign up.

**Tasmania Pre-trip**
November 5–12, 2016 (depart U.S. on Nov. 3)
Tasmania is simply enchanting. We'll fly into Hobart, dine on the waterfront, then it's off to Bruny Island, where, with a little luck, we'll spot the island's 12 endemic species of birds, including the Forty-spotted Pardalote. We will also witness the charming Little Penguins, “Fairyies” as they are called in Tasmania, as they come up onto the beach at dusk. We then head north to Mole Creek, a region known as a stronghold for both the Duck-billed Platypus and the Tasmanian Devil. Then it's up to Cradle Mountain, a World Heritage Area, where you'll have time to hike and explore before we head to Queenstown. Please contact Steve Robertson at 971-222-6118 or srobertson@audubonportland.org if you have questions.

**France**
April 30–May 14, 2016
Join us for this tour of charming and picturesque southern France during spring migration. We'll explore the vast wetlands of the Camargue, the oak forests and verdant plains of Les Alpilles, the spectacular canyons of the Tarn, and finally the majestic Gorges du Verdon. We'll conclude in Paris, the City of Lights. Contact Eric Scheuring at 971-222-6119 or escheuring@audubonportland.org for more information.

**Costa Rica**
September 16–30, 2016
Costa Rica offers diverse habitats—mountains, cloud forest, rainforest, and mangroves—and we'll explore them all. We'll begin in San Jose, and over the following days we'll search for Keel-billed Toucan, Blue-crowned Motmot, and American Rufous Kingfisher. In the Caribbean foothills we will look for Violet Sabrewing and Copper-headed Emeralds on our way to the lowlands. Golden-winged Tanagers and Masked Tityras will be a highlight at La Selva Biological Station. A boat will take us to the remote village of Tortuguero, where Green Sea Turtles arrive each night to lay eggs. Next is El Copal, rich with tanagers, euphonias, and hummingbirds. Then it's up to the mountains and cloud forest to search for the Resplendent Quetzal, perhaps the most beautiful bird in the world. Our final destination is the mangroves and lowland rainforest of Corara National Park and the Rio Tarcoles, where we will search for Southern Lapwing, and Scarlet Macaw. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 for more information.

**Oaxaca, Mexico**
December 9–18, 2016 (tentative dates)
Oaxaca straddles the biological border separating the ranges of northern temperate and tropical birds and is home to over 600 species! It is also renowned for its colorful markets, vibrant native cultures, and relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

We'll begin in Oaxaca City, located in a large inter-mountain valley at 5,000 feet; it basks in a balmy climate year-round. We'll search for specialty birds like Berylline and Dusky Hummingbirds, Bos Aires’s Wren, Red Watcher...and then visit artisan villages famous for their handwoven textiles. We’ll experience pine/oak forest and humid cloud forest, and we'll encounter local species such as Dwarf Jay, Aztec Thrush, and Collared Towhee along the way.

Finally, the trip continues west to the Sierra Madre del Sur, and on to the Pacific Coast. We'll search for species like Collared Forest-Falcon, Orange-fronted Parakeet, Pheasant Cuckoo, Emerald Toucanet, White-throated Magpie-Jay, and Orange-breasted Buntings. Contact Eric Scheuring at 971-222-6119 or escheuring@audubonportland.org for more information.

**Southwest Oregon**
June 2–5, 2016
This trip explores the natural history of the beautiful Rogue River watershed and the Siskiyou Mountains. The Rogue and its tributaries cut through the forested canyons of southwestern Oregon, providing glimpses into the region’s geologic history. Farther south, the Siskiyou Mountains straddle the Oregon-California border, making a transition between ecoregions to the north and south. On short hikes and easy walks we’ll focus on trees, wildflowers, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies and other insects, and geology. As and always, we’ll watch for birds! Contact Eric Scheuring at escheuring@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119 for more information.

**Malheur Foray**
June 4–8, 2016
Join us on our annual tour of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, a world-class birder’s paradise located in remote and beautiful SE Oregon. Contact Eric Scheuring at 971-222-6119 or escheuring@audubonportland.org for more information.

**Northeast Oregon**
June 12–17, 2016
Rugged Northeast Oregon is full of scenic beauty with spectacular mountains and gorges and is home to many bird species that are easier to find here than anywhere else in the state. We will explore the rolling hills and grasslands of the Zumwalt Prairie as well as Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area and the nearby Grande Ronde River. Contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 for more information.

**Deposit**
For deposits, please contact the Audubon Society of Portland:

- **Tours**
  - 3 spaces remain!
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- **Class/Camps/Adult Programs**
  - 2 spaces remain!
### Waterfowl I.D. for Beginners

#### Class with Field Trips
- Mar 5 and 12 (Sat), 9am–Noon:
- Mar 24 (Thur), 7pm–9pm:
- Mar 30 and Apr 20 (Wed), 7pm–9pm:
- Apr 7 and 21 (Thur), 7pm–9pm:
- May 6 (Fri), 7pm–9pm:

#### Class-only Option
- Apr 6, 13, 20 & May 4 (Wed), 6:30-9pm

In this workshop we'll cover all the basics from identification to the behavior, habitat, and conservation status of a wide variety of species. Club members will have the opportunity to learn additional information from the instructors. 

#### Fee
- $95 members / $115 non-members (transportation provided)

#### Leader
- Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator

#### Notes
- Limited to 12 participants.
- Limited to 14 participants.
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### Spring Break Camp 2016 at Portland Audubon is March 21-25

#### Registration for Spring & Summer Camps begins January 14 at 8:00am

- To register, go to audubonportland.org for online registration or to download a registration form. Call 971-222-6131 to save a space if you are mailing your form.

#### Spring Break Camps run 8:45am-3:45pm unless otherwise noted.

### Adult Classes

#### 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-adult](http://www.audubonportland.org/trips/classes-adult) and follow registration link.
2. Call Contact Marissa Duncan via phone or email to be put on the roster. If class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then register.
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.

### The Art of Bird Illustration

#### Class in Heron Hall
- Apr 6, 13, 20 & May 4 (Wed), 6:30-9pm

This class has limited enrollment, wait for confirmation and then register.

#### Fee
- $95 members / $115 non-members (includes $15 for supplies)

#### Leader
- Laura Whittemore

#### Notes
- Limited to 12 participants.
- Limited to 14 participants.

### Warblers & Flycatchers

May 6 & 9, 7pm-9pm: Class in Heron Hall
- May 7 (Sat), 7am–11am: Local Field Trip

This class will focus on two groups notorious for giving birdwatchers a taste of the trickiest birds in the field: warblers and flycatchers. Local author and guide John Rakestraw will show you how to identify these birds by sight and sound as well as by posture and performance. The field trip will visit a local migrant hot spot to solidify your new skills.

#### Fee
- $45 members / $65 non-members

#### Leader
- Tim Donner, Naturalist-Educator

#### Notes
- Limited to 16 participants.

### Waterbird Career 101

#### Local Field Trip
- May 11 and 25 (Wed), 7pm-9pm: Classes in Heron Hall
- May 14, 21, 28 (Sat), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips

Join Audubon's Educators on this day-long fun day searching for amphibians in several natural habitats.

#### Fee
- $65 member/ $75 non-member

#### Leader
- Laura Newton, Naturalist-Educator

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### Nature Journaling: Add birds to your pages!

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- May 14, 21, 28 (Sat), 7am-10am: Local Field Trips

Explore ways to add birds to your nature journal with Jude Siegel. Easy ways to see and get the essence of that bird! A combination of field trips and classroom work, writing, drawing, and painting will introduce you to the very enjoyable and important bird watching skill. Three field trips will provide the opportunity for repetition, repetition, repetition!

#### Fee per session
- $100 members / $130 non-members

#### Leader
- Jude Siegel, Naturalist-Educator

#### Notes
- Each class limited to 14 participants.

#### Spring Break Camps run 8:45am-3:45pm unless otherwise noted.

### Junior Wildlife Vet 101

#### Class in Heron Hall
- June 4, 11, 18 (Sat), 7am-10am: Local Field Trips

Join other animal lovers for a day dedicated to learning about our local wildlife. We'll go behind the scenes of Audubon's Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about.

#### Fee
- $60 member / $70 non-member

#### Leader
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Listen Carefully for Whisper Songs

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Birds call these songs “whisper songs,” while more scientific types call them “secondary songs.” Scientists are highly puzzled over why the birds give songs so low that other birds can’t hear them. They are not territorial or attraction calls, but what is their value?

Birder observing the birds while they sing note that they are quiet and apparently quite content. Perhaps the birds are singing such musical songs for their own enjoyment. The captive Evening Grosbeak sang its whisper song throughout the year.

Ornithologists seldom mention or describe whisper songs or secondary songs, and often confuse them with “subsongs.” Subsongs are given by young birds and adults as they tune up prior to the spring singing season. These tunesong songs are similar to the typical songs and are never as quiet and musical as the whisper songs.

While in the field, listen for these low, quiet, whispering, and record what they sound like. Whisper songs are so rarely reported that these low songs should be described in detail. Other bird songs not typical of the regular songs should also be noted. And keep in mind that bird songs have regional dialects and often can be traced to certain breeding locations within their range.

One morning several years ago a lady brought a healthy male Evening Grosbeak in a bird cage to the Wildlife Care Center. She stated she had cared for the bird for several years but now was moving and could no longer do so. The care center seldom accepts caged birds, but one of the staff volunteered to take it.

The bird lived for another couple years before apparently dying of old age. During its stay, it seldom gave any of the loud calls or songs typical of the species. However, it would regularly relax on its perch, seemingly half asleep, and sing a quiet, musical, finch-like song completely unlike the regular expected calls.

The songs it sang are unlike their regular calls. A Common Redpoll visited Kate Lauber’s feeders in Southeast Portland late January and early February. Individuals occasionally are found among other species of birds, usually given while the bird is perched in a quiet pocket within the tree or bush. The birds also appear half asleep and very relaxed. The song is so low that the observer must be very close to the bird to hear it. The songs they sing are unlike their regular calls and songs.

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Sightings

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Keep Your Pollinators Happy!

We continue to learn more about the important role of pollinators and other beneficial insects in our yards. Several new books reveal more insights on the subject, both for casual gardeners and the dedicated insect enthusiast. The Bees in Your Backyard (Princeton University Press, $28.95) by Wilson and Carroll is an accessible introduction to over 4,000 species of native bees, with over 900 photographs and lots of cool behavioral information. Pollinator Friendly Gardening (Voyageur Press, $21.99) by Rhonda Fleming Hayes focuses on the plants bees and other pollinators love, and how to incorporate them into your landscaping. Lots of photos and plant lists are included, featuring both native and non-native plant species. Due out in March is a new title from our friends at the Xerces Society, Gardening for Butterflies (Timber Press, $24.95). We haven’t seen it yet, but it is eagerly anticipated here!

Nature Store Optics Fair
Saturday, April 2, 10am–3pm
with a special 2pm Digiscoping Workshop
Heron Hall

The Nature Store is hosting a free spring Optics Fair, and we’ve invited representatives from all our optics lines: Nikon, Swarovski, Zeiss, Leupold, Opticron, Zen-ray, Konva, Novagrade, and Vortex.

Shopping for binoculars or sighting scopes can often seem like a daunting task. To make it easy, we are gathering all the experts and quality lines carried by the Nature Store together for one day. You’ll be able to see and try a huge range of optics and quickly get the answers you need to make a wise decision. See the newest models and the latest features and accessories. We’ve even invited Celestron to stop by with their new Hummingbird scope (almost small enough to hold in the palm of your hand!).

At 2pm we’ll set up scopes outside and try all the new cell phone and camera digiscoping adapters. Bring your own scope along and we’ll find a compatible adapter!

Nature Store Highlights

Native Ideals Seed Farm
Native Ideals Seeds are grown and harvested in western Montana using harvesting methods aimed at maintaining resiliency and wild traits. Native plants are adapted to thrive in our climate, so they use less water and have a higher survival rate than many traditional landscape plants. They also provide superior wildlife habitat and forage for birds and beneficial insects.

Connect with the Land!
Blaine Wetzetl is a chef working on Lummi Island in the Salish Sea, and a winner of the James Beard Foundation Best Chef Northwest award. He’s also the author of the stunning new cookbook, Sea and Smoke: Flavors from the Untamed Pacific Northwest (Running Press, $40). Beautiful photos accompany recipes using ingredients foraged from the sea and land.

Celestine Maddy is the editor of the lifestyle magazine Wilder, focusing on creative and survival skills that connect us to the natural world. The bashly illustrated A Wilder Life (Artisan, $29.95) draws on that experience with a multifaceted seasonal guide full of recipes, crafts, and explorations of natural history.

Nest Boxes
We’ll spare you the birds-and-the-bees talk—all you need to know is that nesting season is upon us. You can provide a perfect baby bird nursery right in your backyard with one of the variety of nest boxes carried in the Nature Store. From chickadees all the way up to Wood Ducks, the nest boxes we carry are meticulously crafted to meet the nesting requirements of each species. Our nest boxes are durable and come equipped with features for easy cleaning from season to season.

Go For a Hike!
Here are two suggestions for guides to hiking trails close to home. Don Scarnuzzis presents a new guide, aptly called Day Hikes in the Columbia River Gorge (WestWinds Press, $24.99) that gives a comprehensive look at the Gorge trails, with lots of info about degrees of difficulty and special features. He includes some of the more rigorous trails that other hiking guides leave out, so hardy folks will find some new adventures. We also stock the new Sauvie Island Recreation Guide (Fibonacci Enterprises, $6.95), which is a handy waterproof, tear-proof map and recreation guide to the island.

Dreamspirit Jewelry
This small local company is located right in the Columbia River Gorge. Their jewelry offers chic yet playful designs and vibrant colors in its recycled metals and hand-painted accents. Each pendant hangs on a 20-inch adjustable chain, and the earring wires are nickel-free.

20th Annual Native Plant Sale!
by Tom Costello, Director of Operations

Come celebrate 20 years of the biggest and best Native Plant Sale in the Willamette Valley on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24, 10am–4pm both days. As always, we will close our main parking area to cars and load it with thousands of beautiful, habitat-enhancing native plants. We are stocking over 100 species of native trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, bulbs, grasses, and vines will be available for sale.

We strive to make our plant sale as user-friendly and accessible as possible by providing a cadre of native-plant experts to help you select plants that will suit you and your property best.

Longtime volunteer and Sanctuaries Committee member Gregg Everhart will once again provide her assiduously prepared shopping lists, providing a wealth of information on all the plants available: typical size, growing conditions, habitat value, and even the color of the flower and fruit type. Use this list to find out what will grow in that moist, shady back corner, or which plants will attract butterflies and hummingbirds. More comprehensive information on individual plants is posted above the plants themselves, including photographs of the plant in bloom.

As a preview, last year’s shopping lists will be available in the lobby of the Nature Store in March and April. With a few exceptions you can expect the same selection of plants at this year’s sale. We apologize, but digital copies of the list are not available.

During the sale, Portland Audubon’s Sanctuaries Committee members, in partnership with Oregon State University’s Master Gardener Program, will be on hand to answer your questions about native plants, with information specifically geared toward:

• Why Native Plants Benefit Habitat
• How to Design a Native Plant Area
• Planting and Caring for Native Plants

Come get the big picture on naturscaping, rain gardens, invasive plant removal, and more. Turn your own yard into a wildlife sanctuary! And if you want to learn more and come up with a comprehensive plan, the Nature Store stocks a wonderful collection of books about native plants, wildlife, and naturscaping. Audubon staff and volunteers will also be on hand with information on our Backyard Habitat Certification Program.

More on the Ivy Dialogue
In the last Wurfler I wrote a piece regarding ivy and the language often used in working with volunteers, especially youth, on ivy piles. I received some wonderful feedback on the article, both supportive and constructive. Looking back on the article, I can see how in making my point I created some confusion and ambiguity.

To be clear, I firmly believe that ivy, if left unchecked, interrupts the healthy function of ecosystems and needs to be removed if we are to have healthy forest ecosystems. As others have pointed out, our culture is growingly disconnected from the natural world. It is our responsibility as adults to correct the mistakes of the past, not an idealized war we planted it here and let it grow unchecked for the better.

I also firmly believe that when talking to children we should not perpetuate the idea that some plants are bad while others are good. We cannot perpetuate the idea that ivy has any conscious ability or intent to harm our forests. I do think we need to own up and let our kids and volunteers know that ivy is a problem because we (i.e., humans) planted it here and let it grow unchecked for the better part of a century. Removal efforts are our best attempts to correct the mistakes of the past, not an idealized war against a malicious plant.

As Richard Louv, Jon Young, and other visionary teachers have pointed out, our culture is growingly disconnected from the natural world. It is our responsibility as adults who care about the environment to foster a strong nature connection in our children. I think we create more problems for ourselves in this task if we start making up stories of how some plants are bad. Kids will and do see through this, and they lose trust in those who tell these stories. By changing the way we talk about ivy, we can better foster a nature connection in the children we work with, while still being effective in our removal of ivy.

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MARCH/APRIL 2016
2016 Board Elections

CANDIDATES FOR 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Audubon Society of Portland is a membership organization governed by a board that is elected by its membership. Members can vote for their preferred candidates by mailing the completed ballot form (see below) or by submitting it in person at our Reception Desk during regular business hours until March 17th.

Statements from candidates are provided below (some edited for brevity). All candidates in this year’s election are running unopposed. Write-in candidates are not permitted. All candidates were interviewed and thoroughly vetted by the Elections Subcommittee of the Board Affairs Committee. You may contact the Committee by calling our office or sending an email to info@audubonportland.org, with “Elections Subcommittee” in the subject heading.

BOARD OFFICERS

Dan Rohlf, President (Candidate for reelection)

Dan is on the environmental law faculty at Lewis and Clark Law School, where he teaches Wildlife Law and other classes. He also works on wildlife conservation cases as an attorney with the law school’s legal clinic, and has represented Portland Audubon in several matters. Dan has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2010 and was a Portland Audubon supporter and volunteer before that. One of his favorite activities is watching birds that visit his home and office feeders. “I spend as much time in the Oregon outdoors as possible,” Dan said, “and I think Portland Audubon is one of the state’s most effective conservation organizations.”

Russell Jones, Treasurer (New Officer)

Russ spent his career in finance and accounting. Prior to his retirement, he was the Senior Vice President & CFO of Western Family Foods. His background includes public accounting, financial management consulting, and corporate financial management experience. Russ has served on the boards of a number of Portland-area nonprofit organizations, all of which worked on behalf of youth or the environment. He joined the Portland Audubon Finance Committee in 2014. “I developed a deeper appreciation for green space and conservation through my experience on the Portland Parks Foundation Board. I have great respect for Portland Audubon’s conservation and education efforts and would like to assist in those efforts.”

Jay Withgott, Secretary (Candidate for reelection)

An author of three leading college and high-school environmental science textbooks, member of the Oregon Bird Records Committee, and a former director of Western Field Ornithologists, Jay also helps to lead the Wild Turkeys Birdathon team and has co-led one Portland Audubon ecotour. A lifelong birder, Jay brings writing skills, communications and media experience, and field trip leading abilities. “I strongly believe in the organization’s mission, values, and activities. Portland Audubon is quite simply, an organization in which I feel at home. Moreover, it’s one that is vitally important, fulfilling many essential roles in our community.”

BOARD DIRECTORS

You may vote for as many candidates as you wish. Up to 8 shall be elected.

Jennifer Miller (Candidate for reelection)

An attorney and volunteer for more than 20 years, Jennifer has worked on environmental planning, conservation, and restoration efforts throughout Oregon, including Klamath Basin. She has a strong background in Ornithology as well as Northwest and Gulf Coast wildlife and urban ecology. “I’m a certified Project Management Professional, and my task and budget management skills will be assets to Portland Audubon. For the last 9 years I’ve been part of the illustrious Surly Birders Birdathon team, and I’m eager to be a greater part of Portland Audubon with its potential to improve our little corner of the world for future generations.”

Tammy Spencer (Candidate for reelection)

Tammy Spencer serves as the Senior Director of Marketing and Communications at Portland State University Foundation. From her work at Polycom and as the associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Pacific University, Tammy brings extensive knowledge and expertise in marketing and communications strategy development and implementation as well as successful volunteer, volunteer, and fundraising experience. A long-time supporter of Portland Audubon and passionate about its mission, she is an enthusiastic birder and has a strong interest in protecting habitat. As a Board member Tammy looks forward to continuing the legacy of her father, Ron Spencer, an active and engaged member of the Board and volunteer for many years.

Adrienne Wolf-Lockett (Candidate for reelection)

Adrienne has served multiple nonconsecutive terms on Portland Audubon’s Board and as Vice President and Secretary. Previously, she served as president of Redwood Region Audubon and Northcoast Environmental Center inArcata, CA. Adrienne coordinated two Northern California Birdathons and participated in numerous Christmas Bird Counts. She is a member of the Sanctuary Committee and volunteers at the Nature Store and annual Swift Watch. Adrienne also served with husband Bob in the US Peace Corps in Jamaica from 2005 to 2011, and continues birding ecotourism projects. “I’m continually impressed by Portland Audubon’s creativity and accomplishments. Our Board of Directors has dedicated volunteer efforts to help in carrying out its mission.”

2016 Board of Directors Election Ballot

If you are a current Audubon Society of Portland member; you are eligible to vote for our officers and directors. Indeed, all Members are entitled to one vote per candidate. Those with a Family Membership or higher level are entitled to two votes for each of the candidates. You must sign your ballot for it to be counted. Write-in votes will be disregarded.

Members may submit their ballot in person at the Reception Desk, or submit by mail. We must receive your ballot by 6:30 pm on March 17, 2016. Please mail to:

Board Nominations Committee
Audubon Society of Portland
1511 NW Cornell Rd
Portland, OR 97210

Your Name (please print):

Your Signature:

Membership Level:

☐ Individual (entitled to one vote per candidate)
☐ Family or higher (entitled to two votes per candidate)

Board Officers: (Please note: All positions are running unopposed. Officer roles are for one year.)

President: ☐ Dan Rohlf
Vice President: ☐ Anne Sammis
Secretary: ☐ Jay Withgott
Treasurer: ☐ Russ Jones

Board Directors: (Please note: All positions are running unopposed. Director terms are for three years and end in 2019.)

☐ Merril Keane (reelection)
☐ Jennifer Miller (reelection)
☐ Anne Sammis (reelection)
☐ Tammy Spencer (reelection)
☐ Adrienne Wolf-Lockett (reelection)
☐ Robb Cowie (new member)
☐ Dan Rohlf
☐ Anne Sammis
☐ Jay Withgott

April is National Volunteer Month!
And we wouldn’t be Audubon Society of Portland without our volunteers!

Our rich history as one of the most effective conservation organizations in the country is a history of the hearts, minds, and tenacity of volunteers. Founded in 1902 by a group of activists, Portland Audubon helped enact one of the first national and state laws protecting birds; advocated for the creation of Oregon’s first national wildlife refuge at Klamath Basin, Three Arch Rocks, and Malheur; and planted our sanctuary on NW Cornell Road with the purchase of 12 acres of former dairy land in 1929.

Now with a staff of 35 and a membership of over 15,000, we continue to be powered by the hearts, minds, and hard work of volunteers as they administer medications to sick and injured animals in the Wildlife Care Center, ring up sales in the Nature Store, lead children and adults through our sanctuary, introduce visitors to our education birds, participate in citizen science projects, help homeowners create native habitat in their backyards, enter data in numerous databases, manage our most successful events, and provide vision and direction to the organization as board members—volunteers impact every facet of our work. In fact, in 2015, over 450 volunteers contributed 48,604 hours, providing the equivalent of $1,034,243 in service, effectively increasing our staff by 23.8 FTE.

During this month of appreciation, we want to acknowledge our amazing volunteers, who give so much of themselves to protect the things we love here in Oregon. Thank you so much for all you do!
Audubon Society of Portland gratefully acknowledges these special gifts:

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You can honor a special person with a gift to Audubon Society of Portland. Your gift will help fund a future of inspiring people to love and protect nature. You can make an Honor or Memorial gift online at www.audubonportland.org or by calling 503-222-6130. A thoughtful card acknowledging your thoughtful gift will be sent to the honoree or family.

Join Our Flock — Become a Member

Y our 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.

Become a Member

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Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store

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

This is the time to plan your upcoming spring and summer travels. It’s always best to have a fun travel companion, and we think the perfect one just might be a pair of Sirus Terra ED Compact binoculars! The Terra is extra space-saving due to the bi-fold hinges that allow you to fold them to less than 3" wide. The length of both the 8x and 10x versions is just under 4½". Though small in size, Zeiss has packed the Terras with top-quality features like ED (extra low dispersion) glass for a crisp image, water- and fog-proofing, a comfortably wide field of view and a super close focus of just over 6½’. The 8x25 for $366.66 (member price $329.99) and the 10x25 for $366.66 (member price $329.99).

Need something even more compact? We still have a few pairs of Opticron Explorer 8x21 remaining at the special Members Only sale price of $84. These little gems fold to only 2½” by 3½”. Just the right price and size for that extra pair to tuck under your car seat for birding emergencies, or into your luggage when your trip isn’t all about birding (really?).

Leadership Giving Circle

Investing in Oregon’s Environmental Future

M any bird and nature lovers join in Audubon Society of Portland’s mission through an annual contribution of $1,000 or more. These leadership gifts strengthen our capacity to lead in conservation across Oregon, from bird and habitat protection, advocacy, and citizen action, to environmental education for children, youth, and adults.

We invite you to deepen your investment in our future, joining others as founding members in our Leadership Giving Circle. As you renew or begin your membership with the Audubon Society of Portland, one of the most effective conservation organizations in the country, please consider making this special commitment to keep Oregon green and to build a region where people and wildlife can flourish together.

Donations at any level may be made in full, or put on monthly or other schedules. Audubon Society of Portland is pleased to acknowledge the leadership donors who do so much to ensure the stability and growth of our organization. Donations may also be made anonymously or in honor of others.

“We get the satisfaction of seeing the organization’s long-term accomplishments and knowing we were part of it. If this is an organization that embodies your beliefs, please step up with me to support it.”

—Steve Berliner, Leadership Giving Circle Member

Leadership Gift Levels

**Great Blue Heron: $1,000–$2,499**
(Leadership level for many years)

Benefits include acknowledgment in our annual report and the opportunity to attend exclusive events.

**Persegrine: $2,500–$4,999 (New)**
Above benefits, plus a personal tour of Portland Audubon programs and biannual updates from Executive Director Nick Harldy highlighting the specific impacts of your support.

**Osprey: $5,000–9,999 (New)**
Above benefits, plus invitations to annual informational events on conservation and environmental education issues impacting our region.

**Eagle: $10,000 (New)**
Above benefits, plus a meeting with Executive Director Nick Harldy to discuss the impacts of your support and strategies for the future.

For more information about leadership gifts, please contact Ann Takamoto, Development Director, at 503-222-6137 or atakamoto@audubonportland.org.

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Birdathon: 2016
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Full-Day Trips:  Mult Mindfulness: May 7 (Sat), 6am–7pm
Wink Gross and Andy Frank lead a tour of birding hotspots in Multnomah County. Begin at Vanport Wetlands, then catch the migrant fallout at Mt. Tabor. Seek p Psycho-owl and solitary at Larch Mountain, travel all the way to Eagle Creek for dinner, goldeneye, and Harlequin Duck, then finish up at Sauvie Island. Expect 85 to 110 species. This is an intensive trip with a lot of fast-paced walking.

NEW TRIP Wood Warblers: May 15 (Thu) 6:30am–8:30pm
Join John Rakestraw, author of Birding Oregon, instructor for Portland Audubon, and birding guide. Cover the northern Oregon coast from Cannon Beach to Fort Stevens with stops at several upland sites. We’ll avoid the weekend crowds as we seek nesting seabirds, migrant shorebirds, and songbirds. The pace will be brisk, but there is always time to enjoy the birds. A minimum of $50 in pledges is requested.

NEW TRIP Soggy Birders: May 20 (Fri), 9am–4pm
Join Portland Audubon Education staffs Ian Abraham, Tom Donner, and Laura Newton for an exclusive tour of Greater Columbia River Basin wetlands. Stop at Smith and Bybee, Ridgefield NWR, and, if time allows, Steigerwald Lake NWR. This is an ideal trip for people of all ages who appreciate birding in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Transportation is provided. A minimum of $50 in pledges is requested.

NEW TRIP Crow-Magnons: May 22 (Sun) 6:30am–8:30pm
Explore the diverse habitats of Wasco County with Eric Scheer. Portland Audubon Adult Education Curriculum Manager. Search the mouth of the Deschutes River for Lewis’s Woodpecker, Carolina Wren, and Red Crossbill, and seabeach and multiple grasses on the loop back to Portland through Pine Grove and Camaia Prairie. Transportation is provided. A minimum of $50 in pledges is requested.

NEW TRIP Black Kamas Cooters: May 28 (Sat), 8am–3pm
Bird Klamath County sites with Portland Audubon educator and long-time local birder Dan van den Broek. Check out some of the best Willamette floodplain wetlands for Cinnamon Teal, oak woodlands for migrating warblers and Nighthawks, and the mouth of the Willamette for Lewis’s Woodpecker. A minimum of $50 in pledges is requested.

NEW TRIP The Murre the Merrier: May 14 (Sat), 7am–8pm
Join Kayla McCurry, lead this day-long trip beginning in Portland for wetland species then head to the coast. We’ll explore at least 10 great birding locations and-a-half-day bird quest through the Willamette Valley and out to the coast. Explore at least 10 great birding locations including Killin Wetland, Jackson Bottom Wetlands, Fernhill Wetlands, Bayouman, Dike Road, and Tidemill, where we hope to see 100+ species! Stay overnight for rest and revelry in the town of Neskowin. Breakfast and lodging are provided. A minimum of $300 in pledges is required.

NEW TRIP Gono Tris: 2 days
Cream of the Crop: May 7–8 (Sat–Sun)
Join Martha Korschman and Nancy Johnson for this one- and-a-half-day bird quest through the Willamette Valley and out to the coast. Explore at least 10 great birding locations including Killin Wetland, Jackson Bottom Wetlands, Fernhill Wetlands, Bayouman, Dike Road, and Tidemill, where we hope to see 100+ species! Stay overnight for rest and revelry in the town of Neskowin. Breakfast and lodging are provided. A minimum of $300 in pledges is required.

NEW TRIP Wild Turkeys: May 13–15 (Fri–Sun)
Join Mike Houck, Ron Carley, and other notables for the ultimate gonzo Birdathon. A once-in-a-lifetime, desert-to-coast, mountains-to-valleys birding experience will take you from Malheur to the Bend/ Sisters area and on to Florence, Yachats, and finish in Newport. Celebrate our National Wildlife Refuge with a visit to Malheur! It is more important now than ever to show our support for the refuge and local community. Transportation and lodging are provided. A minimum of $700 in pledges is required.

NEW TRIP Lagor Head Shrikes: May 20–22 (Fri–Sun) [Wait List only]
Dan van den Broek and Mark Griffield guide this 3-day trip to Medford, Klamath Falls, and the Bend/Sisters area. Our focus is on quality, not quantity, but we expect to see 100–150 species. Transportation and lodging provided. A minimum of $600 in pledges is requested.

NEW TRIP Owl Be Darned: May 28–29 (Sat–Sun)
Join Hailey Walls, Oregon Zoo Educator, Kayla McCarthy, and Christine Jarvis for a 2-day trip geared toward women birders. Spend Saturday in the Willamette Valley looking for warblers and wetland birds, then it’s into the Cascades for woodpeckers. We’ll camp near Sisters and listen for owls. Sunday we search for Eastern Oregon specialties, and head home that evening. A minimum of $500 in pledges is requested.

NEW TRIP Put An Owl On It: June 4–5 (Sat–Sun)
Join Joe Liebzeit, Rhett Williams, and Scott Carpenter for a fun filled journey to the Blue Mountains of Oregon. We will take in all that the forests of the Spring Creek area have to offer, with the hope of spending quality time with Great Gray Owls, and any other owl species we can turn up. Leave Portland in the wee hours of Saturday and return Sunday night. A minimum of $600 in pledges is requested.

More trips will be available on our website, where you can also find out how to create your own team—or just fly solo! To register and for more information, visit audubonportland.org.

Thanks to everyone’s efforts, Birdathon raised over $364,000 last year. We hope you’ll help make Birdathon 2016 another fund-raising success as we keep growing and more folks get out there and COUNT because BIRDS COUNT!

Questions? Feel free to contact Mark Fitzsimmons, Birdathon Coordinator, at mark.birdathon@gmail.com.

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