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Gray Warbler

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Photo by Holly Erickson



Female Northern Harrier.
Photo by Adam Stunkel



Red-tailed Hawk.
Photo by Jim Cruce



American Kestrel. Photo by Jim Cruce

Come Celebrate Birds of Prey at the 12th Annual
RAPTOR ROAD TRIP

Saturday, February 4, 9am to 2pm

Explore Sauvie Island in search of the magnificent Bald Eagles, hawks, and falcons that spend the winter on the island. On this special day devoted to raptors, experienced naturalists and hawk experts will host activities and answer your questions at four locations around the island. Enjoy guided bird viewing, meet live raptors up close, and sharpen your hawk identification skills. Hot drinks and donuts are available in the morning to keep you warm while you breakfast with the birds.

How does the road trip work?

Begin at **Kruger's Farm Market**, where you'll pick up an event map and illustrated raptor identification guide. The event fee is **\$10 per vehicle (cash only)**, and includes a one-day Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit. To reach Kruger's, turn right off Highway 30 northbound at the Sauvie Island Bridge and continue straight 1.5 miles (past Howell Territorial Park) to the farm entrance on your right. Carpooling is encouraged.

Spotting scopes and a crash course in raptor identification will be provided at three island viewing locations, along with naturalists to help spot the birds. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them, and dress for the weather.



Kids meet our Education Bird. Photo by Holly Erickson

The road trip is suitable for birders of all skill levels, and families are welcome. Three of the sites—Howell Territorial Park, Coon Point, and the Wildlife Viewing Platform—are wheelchair accessible. While you don't have to be an "early bird" and get up at the crack of dawn to see these birds of prey, you should allow approximately three hours to visit all four locations.

What will you see?

It all depends on what nature has in store. Frequently sighted raptor species at the three viewing stations include **Bald Eagle, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, and Northern Harrier.** With a little luck you might spot a **Peregrine Falcon, Merlin, Rough-legged Hawk, or Cooper's Hawk.** Spectacular **Sandhill Cranes, Snow Geese, and Great Blue Herons** are also commonly seen at this time of year. At Howell Territorial Park you are guaranteed sightings of Audubon's Education Birds as well as fun activities for all.

No registration is required. For more information, visit audubonportland.org/local-birding/raptor-trip.

Sponsored by Metro, Audubon Society of Portland, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Red-tailed Hawk release. Photo by Gary Ploski

The Day after
the Election

*A red oak leaf and brown beech leaf lie
across a wet sword fern frond in the late sun.
A chorus frog does a hoarse solo on the hill,
a flicker cries a series of sharp single notes.
The sun falls, the mist rises all over the valley.
These things, at least, I guess,
will go on.*

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Portland Audubon
Conservation: Looking
Back, Looking Forward

by Bob Sallinger,
Conservation Director

There is no way around the fact that 2016 was a tough year. It began with the occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on January 2 and ended with the acquittal of the armed occupiers of the refuge in federal court and the election of a president who has explicitly expressed his hostility, in both his words and his cabinet nominations, toward foundational conservation laws and policies that protect our land, air, water, wildlife, and climate. It was difficult on a very personal level within Portland Audubon as well; in July we lost our wildlife veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, to cancer. Deb was a cornerstone of the Portland Audubon conservation program for more than a decade and an inspiration to the people who knew her.

At the same time, it was also a year of major achievements that will help improve the ecological health of our local community and our state for decades to come and that reaffirmed the power of the grassroots to make real change, even in the face of overwhelmingly powerful and wealthy vested interests. Those grassroots will be more important than ever to stand up and demand the right of every person, and particularly communities that have been marginalized, to live in a healthy environment, and to protect the complex web of life that shares the landscape with us.

A Look Back at 2016

Locally, Portland took some important steps toward reclaiming its mantle as one of the greenest cities in the United States. In early December, the City enacted

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From our Executive Director



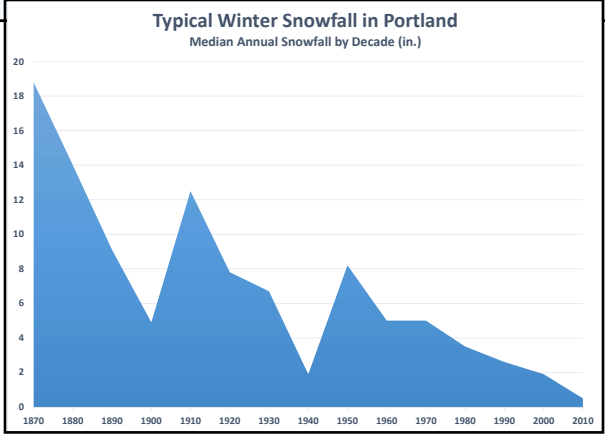
The Last Sledding Generation

We've had an eventful, yet quiet, week at your Portland Audubon Sanctuary, with Cornell Road closed for a week after an icy snowstorm and landslide took out not only our road, but our phones and Internet access as well. Dedicated staff and volunteers hiked in to make sure our education animals and Wildlife Care Center patients were cared for, and that our buildings remained intact and heated. Others did their best to work from home this week, grateful for improvements we've made in cloud-based technology over the past 18 months.

At dinner the night after the storm, my son gave thanks for the rare thrill we'd had of sledding together. I seconded his thankful thought, and wondered whether snowflakes in Portland (if not globally) might be just as endangered as the bird species we strive to protect, like the Marbled Murrelets in the Elliott State Forest. What is a typical snowfall year, and has that been changing over time? I put on my citizen scientist cap and compiled the data.

Being neither a climate scientist or statistician, I can only look at that chart and imagine what would be lost if my son's generation is the last of Portland sledders. After all, from the environment's perspective, less snow in our mountains means less snowpack in summer, and less meltwater feeding and cooling our rivers during the warmer months, providing the water our birds and wildlife depend upon.

On the eve of political change nationally, this is no time to be complacent about climate change. Locally, we can still advance efforts toward a more sustainable future, as



shown by our successful efforts to stop further fossil fuel infrastructure in Portland. Future generations are counting on us.

Looking ahead to the new year, let's be grateful for the opportunity to sled, and to make a difference.

Nick Hardigg
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UERC symposium. Photo by Jennifer Thompson/USFWS

Keep Tabs on the Latest in Urban Ecology in the Portland Metro Region

Come to the 14th annual **Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium (UERC) Symposium** on February 6 at Portland State University and learn about the latest efforts in urban ecology research and conservation in the Portland Metro area. This symposium will offer quick-fire ten-minute presentations from representatives of various educational institutions, agencies, local governments, nonprofits, businesses, as well as independent professionals and students, on projects that are setting the trend in the latest urban ecological research in the Portland/Vancouver area. There will be lunchtime discussion sessions on various topics. The symposium also offers professionals, students, and members of the public a chance to network and share information.

This year keynote speakers will be **Dr. Kathleen Wolf**, a research social scientist from the University of Washington, and **Dr. Lynn Dierking**, Sea Grant Professor in free-choice STEM learning at Oregon State University. Dr. Wolf will discuss "Economics of Human Health and Nature," providing highlights from her decades of research into the **connection between human well-being and green cities**. Dr. Dierking will discuss her research related to **science education, lifetime and family learning**, and the multitude of ways people learn science in everyday life.

For more information on the UERC Symposium, visit uercportland.org. The UERC Symposium is sponsored by PSU, Audubon Society of Portland, Reed College, US Fish and Wildlife Service, The Intertwine, Urban Greenspaces Institute, Metro, City of Portland, and the City of Vancouver.

Nature Night Speakers Series 2017 Calendar

January

Saving Birds and Seeing Stars: Building a Sustainable Urban Landscape to Protect Birds and the Night Sky with Mary Coolidge
Tuesday, January 10 • 7pm Heron Hall

February

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

March

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

April

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

May

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

All Montgomery Park Nature Nights Hosted by SELCO Community Credit Union

NATURE NIGHTS

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

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

**Tuesday, January 10
7pm Heron Hall, 5151 NW Cornell Rd.**

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

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

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



Dead Cedar Waxwing.
Photo by Mary Coolidge

Malheur: One Year Later SPECIAL NIGHT Wednesday, February 15 Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St. Hosted by SELCO Community Credit Union

**6:00pm: Doors open. Light hors d'oeuvres provided by High Desert Partnership.
7:00pm: Presentation and Panel Discussion (\$5 suggested donation)**

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has been in the news for much of the past year for all the wrong reasons. However, much is also going right in this amazing landscape. Join us for a very special Nature Night, presented by Audubon Society of Portland and the High Desert Partnership, that will bring together representatives from a variety of interests, including conservation groups, ranchers, the Harney County Commission, and Malheur Refuge staff, who have been working to restore the refuge and surrounding landscape to health, and bridge divides that too often separate our urban and rural communities. Even at the height of the occupation, these groups were working together on a collaborative vision to light a path forward.

Peter Harkema, director of Oregon Consensus Project, will moderate a discussion about the work occurring on and around the refuge and the challenging issues being addressed. Come get an inside look at how these disparate parties have come together to work on some of the most important restoration projects on one of the most challenging landscapes in the western United States.

Participants:
Chad Karges, Malheur National Refuge Manager
Dan Nichols, Harney County Commissioner
Gary Marshall, Rancher (invited)
Esther Lev, Wetlands Conservancy
Bruce Taylor, Joint Venture
Brenda Smith, High Desert Partnership


Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland
Moderator: Peter Harkema, Oregon Consensus Project




Photo by Portland Audubon

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

January 7 (Sat), 7am–4pm A Day on the Lincoln County Coast

Join leader **Tim Shelmerdine** for a day exploring coastal Lincoln County. We will look for alcids, loons, and other seabirds at Boiler Bay, check for turnstones and “rockpipers” on the rocks at Depoe Bay, then spend most of the day around Newport and Yaquina Bay. This trip will go rain or shine, so bring rain gear and warm clothes, binoculars (and scope if you have one), and a sack lunch. Please plan on carpooling. Meet at 6:30am at the parking lot for Lamb’s Thriftway in Wilsonville. Directions: Take I-5 south out of Portland until Exit 283, the second Wilsonville exit. Turn left at the stoplight onto Wilsonville Road, proceed past two stoplights, and take a left just after Taco Bell into the shopping center. Please call Tim at 971-221-2534 with questions.

January 11 (Wed), 9am–12pm Fernhill Wetlands

Join **Dick Demarest** to search for wintering waterfowl and raptors. Meet in the wetlands’ parking lot at 9am. Fernhill Wetlands is off Route 47, just south of Forest Grove. Take Route 47 south from Forest Grove and turn left onto Fern Hill Road. Continue 1/4 mile to the parking lot on the left. **Registration required** at tinyurl.com/Fern-hill-Trip-Jan-11. Contact Dick with questions: rdd@demarests.com, 503-407-7912.

January 12 (Thur), 9am–11:30am Summer Lake

Join leaders **Sue Carr** and **Bonnie Deneke** for a look at the wintering waterfowl in this wonderful suburban park! Directions: Scholls Ferry Road to SW 130th Ave. Follow the road around to the left (to SW Winterlake Drive) to the parking area on the left. Meet in the parking lot at 9 am. Dress for the weather. For information, call Sue at 503-313-8086

January 14 (Sat), 8am–11am Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Join **Ron Escano** at Crystal Springs. Here is a chance to learn your waterfowl. With close views of most of our Portland-area ducks, we will learn to identify waterfowl using black and white field marks. Meet in the Crystal Springs parking lot across the street from Reed College on SE 28th. Reach the lot from SE Holgate (turn south on 28th) or SE Woodstock (turn north on 28th). **Limited to 15 participants.** **Registration required** with Ron at 503-771-3454.

January 18 (Wed), 9am–11am Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden

Curious about those neighborhood ducks? Join **Kathy van der Horst** and **Sue Carr** to view wintering waterfowl at this lovely Portland garden. Wood Ducks are a specialty. We’ll also watch for Bald Eagles, resident songbirds, herons, and several species of geese. Optional walk at Westmoreland Park or Reed Canyon. Meet at the Crystal Springs parking lot across from Reed College on SE 28th Ave. Reach the lot from SE Holgate (turn south on 28th) or SE Woodstock (turn north on 28th). Questions, contact Kathy at kathyfrans@opusnet.com or 503-233-7143.

20th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count February 17–20

The **Great Backyard Bird Count** is a four-day count held each February with the goal of getting a snapshot of bird numbers and distribution across the globe. As a participant, you commit to count birds anywhere for at least 15 minutes on one or more of the four count days. Tally the number of individuals of each species you see, and enter your totals into a free account you create through eBird. To learn all about the count and for detailed instructions visit gbbc.birdcount.org/. Last year, Great Backyard Bird Count participants counted birds all over the world on six continents, including more than 100 countries! A total of 162,052 bird checklists were submitted, and the 5,689 species reported represents over half the possible bird species in the world! In Oregon, 2,570 checklists were submitted, including over 300 from here in Multnomah County. Highlights from recent Portland-area counts include Prairie Falcon, Eurasian Wigeon, Evening Grosbeak, Gray Jay, and Mountain Chickadee!

The GBBC helps scientists determine trends and identify long-term declines that may call for conservation attention and require further study. Citizen Scientists can make crucial observations and contribute to a dataset the magnitude of which no team of scientists could achieve alone!

Questions? Email **Joe Liebezeit**, Portland Audubon’s Avian Conservation Program Manager, jliebezeit@audubonportland.org.



Evening Grosbeak. Photo by Ray Walton

January 19 (Thur), 8:30am–12pm Milwaukie Waterfront

Join **Marilyn Abend**, **Karen Chaivoe**, and **Dena Turner** for birding on the Milwaukie Waterfront. We will bird at the water treatment plant, in the nearby park, and at Spring Park, looking for wintering warblers and water birds. Meet at the parking lot on the north side of the Kellogg Creek Water Treatment Plant at 11525 SE McLoughlin Blvd. This is just past Washington Street, with parking on the river side of the road. **Limited to 18 participants.** Contact Dena Turner with questions or to register: denaturn62@gmail.com.

January 22 (Sun), 8am–11am Commonwealth Lake Park

Laura Whittemore will be your guide around this lively Beaverton lake, which hosts many species of ducks all winter, with various wintering and resident songbirds found in the surrounding trees and brush. Meet at the park entrance at SW Foothill Dr. and SW Dellwood Ave. Questions? Contact Laura at kingbird68@comcast.net or 503-407-6539.

January 26 (Thur), 9am–11am Ridgefield NWR, River S Auto Tour Route

Join **Bonnie Deneke** and **Dena Turner** as we bird by car and walkie-talkie on the auto tour. We will look for wintering waterfowl and raptors. From Portland, take I-5 north and exit 14 toward Ridgefield NWR. Drive Pioneer Street/WA 501W west, staying on Pioneer Street through the traffic circles. Turn left on 9th Street, continuing as it becomes Hillhurst. The refuge entrance is on the right. Drive downhill on a gravel road and meet at the parking lot where there is also a restroom. NWR entrance cost is \$3 per car, or a federal interagency pass. **Limited to 14, carpooling required, register** with Dena Turner, denaturn62@gmail.com.

February 9 (Thur), 9am–3pm Newport, Yaquina Bay, and environs

Join **Dick Demarest** to search for wintering waterfowl, seabirds, raptors and coastal residents. Dress for the weather and bring lunch and drinks. Meet in the parking lot of the Hatfield Marine Science Center at 9am. Limited to 16 participants. **Registration required** at tinyurl.com/Newport2017. Contact Dick with questions: rdd@demarests.com, 503-407-7912.

February 12 (Sun), 7am–5pm Willamette Valley Refuges

Join **Laura Whittemore** to bird Ankeny NWR and Baskett Slough NWR, with a stop in between at Minto-Brown Island Park in Salem. We’ll carpool from Portland and search the refuges for wintering geese, swans, raptors, sparrows, and more during our day in the valley. Return by 5pm or earlier depending on birds and weather. **Limited to 14 participants. Registration required** with Laura at kingbird68@comcast.net or 503-407-6539.

February 15 (Wed), 7am–4:30pm Brownsmead area (near Astoria)

Join **Dena Turner** and **Marilyn Abend** for an all-day trip to Brownsmead near Astoria, where waterfowl, raptors, and gulls are plentiful in the flooded pastures. Meet at Sauvie Island Park and Ride (first left over the Sauvie Island Bridge) at 7am to form carpools, as Brownsmead has limited pullout and parking. Stops will include Twilight Eagle Sanctuary and the nearby fish hatchery. Dress for the weather and bring lunch/beverages/snacks. Return by 4:30pm or earlier depending on birds and weather conditions. **Limited to 14 participants. Registration required.** Contact Marilyn at abendlaughter@gmail.com or 971-570-5553.

February 18 (Sat), 8am–11am Fernhill Wetlands

Join leader **Stefan Schlick** for a morning at Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove. Meet at 8am at the Fernhill Wetlands parking lot. Dress for the weather. For questions, contact Stefan at greenfant@hotmail.com

February 23 (Thur), 9am–11am Commonwealth Lake Park

Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Richard Arnold** for a walk around Commonwealth Lake Park in Beaverton. This lake has some great wintering birds including good numbers of our resident wintering passerines. Meet at the park entrance at SW Foothill Dr. and SW Dellwood Ave. Bus service by Tri-Met 59 to SW Park Way and SW Dellwood Ave. one block south of Foothill. Questions? Call Caroline Arnold at 503-746-4640 or 650-387-2606 (mobile).

February 25 (Sat), 8am–12pm Rentenaar Road, Sauvie Island

Join **Ron Escano** for a waterfowl and winter sparrow adventure on Sauvie Island. Meet at 8am at the East Side Check Station Parking Lot on the corner of Reeder and Rentenaar Roads. We will walk Rentenaar Road and back (1.6 miles round trip). Should be done by noon. All vehicles will need a Sauvie Island parking permit. From the Sauvie Island Bridge take Sauvie Island Rd north 2 miles to the intersection with Reeder Rd. Turn right on Reeder and continue north 9 miles to the Eastside Check Station and Rentenaar Rd on the left (allow 25 minutes to drive from the bridge to the check station). Dress for the weather. **Sign-up required.** Call Ron Escano (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

Cornell Lab’s Merlin App Now ID’s Your Photos!

by **Nancy Mattson**,
Nature Store Manager



Apps have changed the way many birders ID birds in the field. Our Sibley guide, at two and a half pounds, often stays home, and a smaller book is tucked into our field bag. But those of us who carry a smartphone now make sure we have a good birding app. Apps feature multiple images of each species, range maps, and vocalizations, and they help you ID birds when you input where you are, the season, the color of the bird, its size, shape, and so forth. Amazing, eh?

Amazing as these apps are, birders (especially beginners) come to the Nature Store with the same query: “**When will there be an app that IDs my own picture of the bird I am looking at?**” Well, that’s no long a pipe dream. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has just upgraded their popular Merlin Bird ID app to analyze photos on your phone, ask you a few questions, and offer ID suggestions. The app can be downloaded **FREE** for iOS and Android devices from merlin.allaboutbirds.org.

Time to toss your Sibley? No. Merlin features 650 bird species and 2,000 photographs, compared to Sibley’s 810 species and 6,600 illustrations. And illustrations highlight important typical field marks, whereas photographs feature one unique individual. Sibley’s flight images are also great for assisting you in IDing moving birds at a distance. But we are lucky to live in an era that offers us many different bird ID tools tailored to fit our individual learning styles. And Merlin is **free**, so if you haven’t yet tried an app, why not get started?

Conservation

Portland Audubon Conservation: Looking Back, Looking Forward

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a ban on all new fossil fuel terminals—the most comprehensive ban on these types of facilities ever enacted in the United States. It was only two years ago that the City was considering building a massive and dangerous propane terminal along the Columbia River. A broad coalition of conservation and community groups, fueled by the energy of thousands of community members, not only stopped that facility but then turned around and compelled the City to ensure that no such facilities would ever be considered again in Portland. Mayor Charlie Hales, who led the charge on City Council, described the passage as “the first stone in a green wall of resistance against fossil fuel facilities along the West Coast.” At a time when walls have become a painful metaphor for exclusion, intolerance, and overt racism, these will be the kinds of walls we truly need. And at a time when the federal government is more likely to impede rather than lead the fight against global climate change, it will be cities that will lead the charge forward.

A less noticed, but also critically important step forward came with the adoption of **Portland’s new Comprehensive Plan**. Nearly ten years in the making, the plan includes priorities, policies, and growth patterns that will serve as the blueprint for how Portland develops over the next several decades. There are many important advances in the city’s environmental programs and policies in the plan, perhaps none more important than its clear commitment to address industrial land demand, not by limiting environmental protections or converting natural areas such as West Hayden Island to industrial use, but rather by making more efficient use of the existing industrial land base and cleaning up the majority of the city’s 900-plus acres of unproductive, contaminated brownfields. If the City follows through on this priority, it will have immense positive implications for the health of our economy, our environment, and our communities, particularly our most underserved communities, which bear the brunt of pollution.

A coalition of conservation groups, environmental justice groups, community groups, and Native American Tribes banded together in 2016 to fight for a **strong clean-up plan for the 11-mile long, 2,200-acre Portland Harbor Superfund Site**. After nearly sixteen years of behind-closed-doors negotiations between corporate polluters responsible for the contamination and the EPA, the EPA released a draft clean-up plan that would leave upwards of 90% of our river contaminated, and sadly, the Portland City Council (with the notable exception of Amanda Fritz) and the State of Oregon went along for the ride.



Activists celebrate Portland Fossil Fuel Terminal Ban with Mayor Hales © Rick Rappaport 2016

Our community stood up to some of the most powerful corporate entities on the planet and the weak-kneed politicians who chose to back them, and set an all-time record for the number of public comments ever submitted about a Superfund Clean-up Process. A final record of decision on the plan is expected in January, and we expect a stronger plan as the result of this advocacy.

At the state level, Portland Audubon’s work to protect birds and their habitats took several major steps forward. The armed occupation of **Malheur National Wildlife Refuge** got most of the attention, but a big part of the reason that occupation failed was that conservation groups, ranchers, country commissioners, the Burns-Paiute Tribe, and the refuge had been working together for years to develop collaborative relationships to address the most challenging environmental issues on and around the refuge. The occupiers are long gone but the collaboration continues and had grown even stronger in the face of that adversity. At the height of the occupation, that collaborative work received \$6 million from the state of Oregon, which will ensure that the work continues long after the occupiers are a distant memory. Today this type of work to bridge the urban-rural divide is more important than ever.

Other significant accomplishments at the state level included **long-needed protections for forage fish** in both state and federal waters, a critical step toward ensuring that the foundation of the food chain for our ocean ecosystems, including imperiled seabirds, will remain healthy. Nearly six years after Portland Audubon and other conservation groups filed a lawsuit, the federal government released very strong new requirements to ensure **ecologically responsible development in floodplains**. In addition to the benefits for the birds, fish, and wildlife that depend on floodplains, these new protections will also make our developed areas more resilient to the effects of climate change.

Finally, while the 2016 election sent a chilling message about the ability to make progress on environmental issues at the federal level, Oregon voters once again stepped up and sent a strong message of support for the environment with the passage of **Outdoor School for All, Protecting Endangered Animals**, and the **Metro Greenspaces Levy**, and the **creation of a funding base for the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District**. Portland Audubon was proud to support all of these efforts.

Looking Forward

In the coming year we will need to shift some of our resources toward working with other groups to fight efforts to roll back critical environmental protections. However, we need to couple those efforts with even more aggressive efforts to make progress at the local and state levels. At the Portland Fossil Fuel Hearings, many people held up signs reading “Cities Lead.” Indeed, grassroots activism at the municipal level is likely to remain on the cutting edge of environmental progress in the coming years.

Portland Audubon is currently completing work on its strategic plan, and we look forward in the March-April issue of the *Warbler* to outlining our priorities for the next several years. We will need all hands on deck to protect our public lands, water, air, and wildlife at the federal level, and we will need your energy, creativity, and enthusiasm to ensure that we light a bright path forward in our own communities and across the state of Oregon.

Upcoming Audubon Activist Opportunities

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

Nature Night: BirdSafe Portland with Mary Coolidge

Tuesday Jan 10, 7pm–9pm
Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall

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

Conservation Activist Happy Hour & Storytelling

Tuesday, Jan 17, 6pm–8pm
Green Dragon Bistro, 928 SE 9th Ave, Portland

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

Public Meeting Regarding Proposed Reintroduction of California Condors in Northern California

Thursday, Jan 26, 6pm–8pm
Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Road, Portland

In support of the recovery of the California Condor, for the last decade the Yurok Tribe, in coordination with USFWS, has spearheaded **efforts to reintroduce condors in the Pacific Northwest**, a region that condors have not occupied in more than a century. Reintroduction of this magnificent species into Northern California will likely lead to **condors flying in Oregon skies in the near future**. Attend this public meeting to learn about the proposal, how hazards like lead ammunition are going to be addressed, and how this proposal fits into the overall recovery plan for this endangered species.

Urban Ecosystem Research Consortium Symposium

Monday, Feb 6, 2017, 8am–6pm
Portland State University, Smith Center Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway, Portland
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Sunflower Farm Grows Habitat and Health

By Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

In the heart of the December snowfall, we braved the winter wonderland to award Backyard Habitat Certification to a hidden Southwest Portland gem, the Sunflower Farm. Nearly three years ago, Donna Holmes bought this one-acre parcel with the plan to re-root her nonprofit organization, Focus on Youth, which incorporates sustainable gardening, nutrition, healthy cooking classes, science and photography classes for homeless and at-risk youth.



Donna Holmes, bundled up and proud. Photo by Nikkie West



The land, immediately upstream of Fanno Creek, was severely degraded and choked with invasive blackberry. But, as Donna proudly proclaimed, “I never do anything just a little bit.”

With the help of countless volunteers, generous donations, over 300 tons of compost and wood chips, nearly 1,000 native trees and shrubs, and her industrious, tenacious spirit, Donna has entirely transformed this slice of earth. Sunflower Farm is now a productive organic farm where youth learn about, cultivate, harvest, cook, and eat healthy, organic produce through partnerships with social service organizations such as Outside In and New Avenues for Youth.

As they gain valuable life and job skills, they’re also giving back, an aspect that makes this project even more inspiring. In addition to the produce used in on-site programming, these youth donated more than 1,300 pounds of produce to their local food bank last year alone. In the years to come, we’re excited to support this project as it continues to grow deeper community roots, taller trees, healthy food, and resilient adults of tomorrow.



Trudi Stone with Jack, the American Kestrel, at the 2015 WCC Open House © Portland Audubon

Wildlife Care Center Open House

Sunday, February 12
11am–4pm

Come to the Wildlife Care Center Open House on February 12th for a chance to experience Oregon's largest wildlife rehabilitation center.

Behind-the-scenes tours of the Wildlife Care Center:

Guided tours will give you a glimpse of what really goes on in one of the busiest wildlife rehabilitation centers in the US. This exclusive tour leads you through the animal intake area, food preparation room, laboratory and xray rooms, treatment and surgery rooms, and indoor and outdoor caging.

Education Birds Meet and Greet: All eight of Audubon's non-releasable Education Birds will be out on sanctuary grounds. Experienced bird handlers will share each bird's story and information about the species in the wild.

Raptor Education Station: Be enraptured by raptors! You will be able to learn more about these birds of prey with a fun hands-on approach to studying raptor parts. Compare wings and feet and other special adaptations of a variety of raptors. Naturalists will be on hand to answer your raptor questions.

Question-and-answer time with a wildlife veterinarian: You will meet Audubon's wildlife veterinarians and try to stump them with your questions. In turn they will attempt to stump you with studies of actual cases seen in the Care Center.

Raptor Art Show: Kids of all ages can draw their favorite raptors.

Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt: Using a guide booklet, search the sanctuary for hidden treasure boxes in this nature-themed scavenger hunt.

The Open House is free to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family for behind-the-scenes tours of the Wildlife Care Center.

Make sure to schedule your Behind-the-scenes tour ahead of time by calling the Wildlife Care Center at 503-292-0304, Monday–Friday 9am–5pm. Spaces fill fast, so don't delay!



Lacy Campbell measures to attach a new feather to the Bald Eagle's damaged feather. Photo by Portland Audubon



If you look closely, you'll see the point where the new feather was attached to the existing feather. Photo by Portland Audubon

Wildlife Care Center



A benefit for Audubon Society of Portland's Wildlife Care Center

Auction begins: Sunday, February 12, at 9am
Auction closes: Monday, March 6, at 9pm

View auction items and bid at
portlandaudubon.tofinoauctions.com/callofthewild



California Condor © Oregon Zoo



Willamette Valley Soaring Club sailing glider

To help pay for the cost of animal rehabilitation at Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center, we are pleased to offer experiences that promise to excite, thrill, and chill!

Here are just a few of the unique experiences featured in our 7th annual Call of the Wild auction:

Rare behind-the-scenes tour of the Oregon Zoo's California Condor Recovery Facility

Head Condor Keeper Kelli Walker will take you on a fascinating tour that highlights the extensive effort that goes into the recovery of the California Condor. This is an amazing opportunity — the Oregon Zoo's California Condor breeding program is one of only four in the country!

Glider Rides

Fly like a raptor as you glide on the whims of the wind in a 2-seater sailplane with commercial pilot Gary Gross. You'll soar in silent, motor-less flight as you drink in the magnificent view below.

Central Oregon Sunriver Resort Home

Enjoy exploring the beautiful, diverse landscapes and the amenities of Sunriver in a newly remodeled 5-bedroom, 4-bath home. It sleeps 12, with 2 master suites, fireplace, hot tub, 2 outdoor decks, a fully equipped kitchen, and 8 resident bicycles, including trailer for a child.

Other auction items include guided bird walks, field trips and nature hikes, a "Raptor Release" experience, weekend get-away homes, and much more. Don't miss out! Bid heartily and help save wild animals at the Wildlife Care Center at portlandaudubon.tofinoauctions.com/callofthewild.

Rehabilitated Bald Eagle Returns to the Wild with New Feathers

Have you ever heard of an avian rehabilitation technique called imping? Most people, unless they've cared for injured birds, have never heard of this falconry practice dating back several thousand years.

Imping, short for implantation, is a process in which "donor feathers", usually of the same species, replace broken or missing feathers, enabling the bird to fly safely again. The imping process is much the same as humans getting hair extensions or fake fingernails.

Wildlife rehabilitators pay careful attention to neurological and physical signs an animal exhibits while in their care. Poor feather condition can be just as detrimental as a broken wing when considering a bird for release. If a bird has broken feathers, rehabilitators will assess the number of feathers that need to be replaced, how the bird uses its wings and tail, the season of their molt, and the size of the animal before deciding to imp. For smaller birds, lighter materials like toothpicks and tiny wooden dowels can be used to attach the new feather to the existing feather. With bigger birds, like an eagle, needles without the tip or pieces of metal and glue can be scored and used for imping. The most structurally sound way to imp is to carve out the shaft of the replacement feather so that it fits into the shaft of the old feather that it's glued to, reinforcing the weak point.

In late March of this year, Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center took in an adult male Bald Eagle whose tail and legs were severely punctured, injuries sustained from a territorial dispute with another eagle. Territorial disputes are one of the most common reasons Bald Eagles are brought into the care center and this eagle was no exception; he was really beat up—he had severe wounds on his inner legs and damage to his tail feathers, but had no broken bones or internal injuries.

Before there was any thought of imping, this Bald Eagle needed surgery to clean out the dead tissue if he was going to make a full recovery. A long and complex procedure, the bird's surgery had to be performed at the Oregon Zoo's veterinary clinic. The eagle needed to be sedated for the hour long procedure on both legs, where large amounts of tissue in his muscles were cut out and then sewn back up.



Photo by Portland Audubon

The Oregon Zoo has been a wonderful resource to Portland Audubon's rehabilitation efforts, sharing their veterinary staff and services. Veterinarians Kelly Flaminio and Mitch Finnegan from the zoo assisted our Wildlife Care Center with the Bald Eagle's remarkable recovery.

He returned to the care center shortly after the surgery and spent the next eight months healing. Wound cleaning, bandaging, antibiotics, and pain medication were part of his daily healing process. New pockets of dead tissue would open up all the time, so it was a long road to recovery for the bird. And because of his condition, he suffered some wing damage during the healing process.

"During his stay, because he was not able to stand for an appreciable amount of time, he would use his wings to help support him," said Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Operations Manager.

"Birds in captivity are prone to feather damage," explained Lacy. "We try to limit it as much as possible, but when you have an animal, especially a larger animal, in a cage, that possibility of feather damage is going to be there because they aren't meant to live in cages."

Lacy impd two primary feathers on the left wing to give him the best possible chance of success in the wild.

Eventually, the Bald Eagle will lose the borrowed feathers and grow his own new ones.

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

California Condor.
Photo by USFWS

California Condors and the Big Sur Coast

April 23–28, 2017



Join us to search for North America's largest bird, the endangered **California Condor**, in the wild! The central California coast and inland areas offer excellent opportunities to see these majestic birds and a wide variety of other species.

The trip begins with a visit to the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve, one of the largest tracts of undisturbed marshes remaining in the San Francisco Bay, where we will search for shorebirds, sea ducks, and other saltmarsh associated birds. Our journey south of the San Francisco Bay will bring us to Pinnacles National Park, where a unique volcanic landscape affords a chance to see cliff-nesting Condors, **Peregrine Falcons**, and **Prairie Falcons** as well as the California endemic **Yellow-billed Magpie**, and colonial-nesting **Acorn Woodpecker**.

Our travels will continue along the stunning Big Sur coast south of Monterey, where coastal mountains of forest and grassland dramatically plunge into the sea. The scenery is breathtaking, and the chances of seeing Condors soaring above the rugged coastline are very good. We will visit the world-famous **Monterey Bay Aquarium** and take in the sights of Old Town Monterey during our three nights there. On our final day, we will explore coastal marshes and search for **Northern Elephant Seals** as well! For more information contact Marissa Duncan at mduncan@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6131**.

Leader: Kirk Hardie, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$1495 members / \$1695 non-members
Deposit: \$750 required to secure your place

Join us on one or more of our three annual excursions!

Register now—these trips fill fast! More information on our website: audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult

Malheur Foray May 31–June 4, 2017

Field birding and natural history are the focus of this exciting program to Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, a world-class birder's paradise in remote and beautiful southeast Oregon.

Leader: Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$845 members / \$1045 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

Ice Age Floods September 25–October 1, 2017

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

Leader: Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$1295 members / \$1495 non-members
Deposit: \$650 required to secure your place

Steens Mountain & Alvord Desert October 11–15, 2017

Steens Mountain is one of Oregon's most spectacular natural areas. From our base in Frenchglen we'll explore this diverse landscape as we venture around all sides and on top of the mountain itself.

Leader: Patty Newland, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$845 members / \$1045 non-members
Deposit: \$400 required to secure your place

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.

BHUTAN

February 23–March 10, 2017

2 spaces
remain!



Rufous-necked Hornbill.
Photo by Rohit Naniwadekar

Join us on this journey of a lifetime to the "Land of the Thunder Dragon." We will search for iconic birds of the Himalayas, including the **Ibisbill**, **Darjeeling Woodpecker**, **Spotted Nutcracker**, **Beautiful Nuthatch**, and the amazing **Fire-tailed Myzornis**.

We will also make stops in mountain forests and dwarf bamboo to search for **Yellow-rumped Honeyguide**, **Spotted Laughingthrush**, and **Great Parrotbill**, as well as search around Paro for **Wallcreeper** and **Rufous-bellied Woodpecker**. 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

Trinidad & Tobago

April 28–May 8, 2017

2 spaces
remain!

Trinidad & Tobago has well over 400 species of birds, and during this 10-day tour we will find our share of them, including **Blue-gray Tanager**, **Red-breasted Blackbird**, and **Blue-crowned Motmot**. On Trinidad we will spend three nights at Asa Wright, the famous birding lodge where **Chestnut-colored Woodpeckers** and the fascinating **Oilbird** may be found.

After six nights on Trinidad we'll travel to Tobago, roughly 5% of T & T's area, and only 116 square miles. We'll bird the hills and the coast then have time to swim, snorkel, or just 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

Galapagos Islands with Ecuador Cloud Forest extension

1 space
remains!

October 10–16, 2017: Galapagos Island

October 16–22, 2017: Ecuador Cloud Forest Extension

The Galapagos Islands are renowned for their species diversity, and we'll explore them fully on this trip aboard a 100-foot yacht as we travel between the islands. We'll encounter many birds including up to 12 species of **Galapagos finches**, the **Galapagos Hawk**, **Magnificent Frigatebird**, and **Waved Albatross**. We'll see unique wildlife such as the endemic **Marine Iguana**, **Land Iguana**, **Galapagos Fur Seal**, and we may see a whale or two. There will also be many opportunities to snorkel and enjoy the amazing undersea life.



Galapagos Hawk. Photo
by Dan van den Broek

Post-trip extension:

For those choosing to continue with us after the Galapagos, this trip will take us to the cool, moist cloud forest of Ecuador. We will begin by visiting the **Yanacocha Reserve**, where many types of hummingbirds come to feeders: **Golden-breasted Puffleg**; **Buff-winged Starfrontlet**; the second largest hummingbird, the **Great Sapphirewing**; and if we are lucky, the **Sword-billed Hummingbird**. We will visit the protected regions of Mindo and Tandayapa to search for **Cock-of-the-Rock**, **Toucan Barbet**, **Plate-billed Mountain Toucan**, and up to 20 species of hummingbird. We will also visit the lower foothills of Rio Silanche, where a remnant forest protects flocks of tanagers, parrots, and toucans. At the famous Angel Paz (Paz de las Aves) reserve we will see the rare and unusual **Giant**, **Moustached**, and **Yellow-breasted Antpittas**, and **Dark-backed Wood-Quail**. An excursion to the western foothills and the Rio Silanche Preserve will be good for Choco endemics including **Choco Toucan**, **Bronze-winged Parrot**, and possibly **Scarlet-browed Tanager**. Finally, we will visit the altiplano of the Antisana Volcano to search for the majestic **Andean Condor**. For more information, please contact Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or **971-222-6105**.

Leaders: Dan van den Broek, Trip Leader & Educator, and Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Tentative Fees: **Galapagos only:** \$3995 members / \$4295 non-members
Ecuador Cloud Forest extension: \$1995 members / \$2295 non-members
Deposits: **Galapagos only:** \$2000 required to secure your place.
Ecuador Cloud Forest extension: \$1000 required to secure your place

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

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 and Shrubs in Winter
Jan 18 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Jan 21 (Sat), 9am–1pm: Local Field Trip
The natural world is mostly dormant and quiet in the depths of winter. Deciduous trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves, and you may think it’s difficult to identify these plants, but each species has telltale characteristics you can learn to recognize. Naturalist **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will help you get your bearings in the winter woods, teaching you to identify the bark, buds, and overall shapes of leafless trees and shrubs.

Class with Field Trips: \$50 members / \$65 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Beginning Birding
(Session A): Jan 26 (Thur), 7pm–9pm
(Session B): Feb 16 (Thur), 7pm–9pm
Space remains in **Class-only Option** \$14: *Class in Heron Hall*

Mammals of Oregon I: Rodents, Rabbits, and Other Small Mammals
Feb 1 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Oregon is home to numerous small mammals, such as bats, rodents, and rabbits. Some are readily observable, but others are more secretive and rarely seen by the casual observer. In this class, **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will teach you the differences between the major groups of Oregon’s small mammals. Many individual species will be introduced, with tips on their identification and information on behaviors and habitats.

Fee: \$14

The Art of Illustrating Insects
Feb 1, 8, 15, & 22 (Wed), 6:30pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
This workshop led by **Stacey “Zebith” Thalden** will focus on the scientific illustration of beetles, butterflies, and other insects. Emphasis will be on conveying anatomical structure and creating aesthetically pleasing visual communication. Instruction is geared to all levels, and all participants will receive individual assistance.

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

Beginning Field Birding & Sauvie Island Exploration
Saturdays, 8am–12pm
Feb 4, Mar 4, and Apr 1: Local Field Trips
Saturday morning explorations with **Greg Baker** at one of Oregon’s most accessible Important Bird Areas, Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. This class series is perfect for those interested in developing and sharpening their birding skills under a variety of field conditions with the tutelage of an expert birder. Explore different habitats on the island, learn bird calls, and search for waterfowl, songbirds, and raptors.

Fee: \$80 members / \$100 non-members
Participants register for all three days.

Advanced Waterfowl ID
Feb 9 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
Feb 11 (Sat), 8am–12pm: Local Field Trip
Most male ducks in breeding plumage are pretty easy to identify, but can you identify the females? Lesser and Greater Scaup? Tundra and Trumpeter Swans? Join local guide and author **John Rakestraw** for this class that will focus on these challenges and more.

Class with Field Trips, \$50 members / \$65 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Bird Journals: Sketching and painting birds simply for pleasure
A three-part series – register for one, two, or all three!
Saturdays, 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—no art experience required, just enthusiasm! Create or continue a bird journal: learn to see and draw just enough to suggest the bird you saw, and add watercolor to create the surroundings. Each class has a specific focus and is complete in itself. Supply list online. All classes will use watercolor, pen, pencil. Check our website for more details and focuses of each class.

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members for each class

Rise of the Birds: 200 Million Years of Avian Evolution
Feb 15 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
After arising in the Jurassic Period, birds have become incredibly diverse and successful, spreading to every part of the planet. In this class, **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will take you on a tour of bird evolution, from dinosaur origins to present-day processes of hybridization and genetic divergence. Topics will include the origin of feathers, anatomical and physiological adaptations for flight, beak adaptations, phylogeny, and population genetics.

Fee: \$14

Mason Bees in Your Garden
Feb 23 (Thurs), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
The Blue Orchard Mason Bee, *Osmia lignaria*, is truly a gardener’s best friend. Attract this gentle pollinator to your garden and reap the benefits of its thorough early spring activity. This Pacific Northwest native does not form a hive, is not aggressive, stays active in cool weather, and pollinates an estimated 95% of the flowers it visits. Native-pollinator enthusiast **Mark Fitzsimons** will teach you how to keep a population of these early spring pollinators close at hand when fruit trees and berry bushes are blooming.

Fee: \$14

Little Brown Birds
March 9 (Thur), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall
March 11 (Sat), 8am–12pm: Local Field Trip
At first glance all those little brown birds flitting through the brush look alike, but with a little practice you’ll learn to recognize the great variety of sparrows, finches, and wrens found in the area. Local author and guide **John Rakestraw** will help you learn the field marks and behaviors that make all these birds unique.

Class with Field Trips, *limited to 14 participants:* \$50 members / \$65 non-members
Class-only Option: \$14

Spring Break Camp 2017 at Portland Audubon is March 27-31				Spring Break Camps run 8:45am–4:15pm unless otherwise noted.	
MONDAY, MARCH 27 – FRIDAY, MARCH 31				THURSDAY, MARCH 30	FRIDAY, MARCH 31
<p>Tails of the Forest: Mammals (Mon), Raptors (Tues), Amphibians (Wed), Birds (Thur), Habitats (Fri) 1st grade</p> <p>During this week-long camp, you’ll learn about all the tails of the forest and the animals they belong to. Each day we will focus on a different theme as we tell tales about animals, play animal games, and make art projects inspired by what you learn. We will be sure to spend lots of time in Audubon’s wildlife sanctuary searching for bushy squirrel tails, slippery newt tails, and spiky woodpecker tails.</p> <p>All 5 days: \$240 member/ \$260 non-member Single days: \$65 member/ \$75 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Audubon House</p>				<p>Junior Wildlife Vet 101 2nd–3rd grade Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We’ll go behind the scenes of Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Audubon House</p> <p>Surf’s Up 4th–8th grade Join Portland Audubon’s Educators on this day-long exploration of the coast. We’ll discover the awesome animals that live in tide pools, explore a few caves, learn some cool geology, and find time to build a sandcastle or two. We guarantee you’ll learn more about the beach in one day than you thought possible, and you’ll have a blast doing it! Note: the camp returns at 5:00pm. Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park</p>	<p>Aquatic Art 2nd–3rd grade What creatures live in your local creeks and ponds? We’ll look in Balch Creek and the pond in Portland Audubon’s own Wildlife Sanctuary to find mayflies, trout, and maybe even a crayfish! Get to know the plants and animals that live in this watershed and turn your observations into imaginative paintings and clay sculptures. Fee: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Audubon House</p> <p>Junior Wildlife Vet 102 4th–8th grade Join other animal lovers for a day devoted to learning about the care of injured and orphaned wildlife. We’ll go behind the scenes of Portland Audubon’s Wildlife Care Center with wildlife rehabilitators and find out what this exciting job is all about. Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park</p>
MONDAY, MARCH 27	TUESDAY, MARCH 28	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29			
<p>The Art of Invisibility 2nd–3rd grade To ambush, to lie in wait, to surprise, and to hide in plain sight...These will be our goals as we use the Portland Audubon Sanctuary to focus on the skill of disappearing. We’ll sneak through the woods trying to stay undetected, play games that will help us hone our skill, and follow maps that lead to delicious bounty. Come with us for a sneaky fun adventure in the art of camouflage. Fee: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Audubon House</p> <p>Bullseye 4th–8th grade The bow is one of the oldest tools still used in its original form, and it dates back over 10,000 years. We’ll begin to master the skills of shooting a bow and spend part of the day traveling the trails of Portland Audubon’s own Wildlife Sanctuary. Learn proper form and technique for shooting a bow and arrow, a skill that will last you a lifetime. Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park</p>	<p>Salmon Search 2nd–3rd grade Run with the salmon up the Columbia River Gorge on this exciting day of exploration and wildlife viewing. We’ll hike behind a waterfall, visit a gigantic sturgeon, and watch Chinook salmon swim by through a special underwater window. Ospreys and Bald Eagles will also be searching for salmon, and we’ll try to find them, too. Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park</p> <p>Wild Medicine 4th–8th grade Have you ever looked at vast greenery of the Pacific Northwest forest and wondered if the plants have stories? Spend a day exploring the Portland Audubon sanctuary learning and discovering the medicinal and edible plants that thrive here in Oregon. We will safely nibble edible forest greens, learn about the wild medicine that grows right here at our feet, and create our own medicinal salve from plantain leaves, which soothes bee stings, bug bites, poison oak rashes, and other skin irritations. Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Audubon House</p>	<p>Wild Art Adventure 2nd–3rd grade Spend a day exploring the forest, pond, and trails surrounding Portland Audubon and let your creativity run wild! We will build natural sculptures and collect forest materials to craft fantastic art creations. Come join us while we paint, draw, construct, and adventure to our heart’s content! Fee: \$65 member / \$75 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Audubon House</p> <p>Map, Compass & Beyond 4th–8th grade Spend the day at Portland’s scenic Mt. Tabor Park to learn how to use a topographical map and compass. We’ll discover the hidden art of field navigation as we learn how to interpret a topographic map and how to use a compass. We will learn some tips and tricks on using your observation skills, awareness, and internal compass to help find your way. With treasure map in hand, your team will navigate to hidden treasures and clues on Portland’s only extinct volcano. Fee: \$70 member / \$80 non-member Pick up/Drop off: Upper MacLeay Park</p>			

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Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

Willamette Valley's Wind-borne Vagrants

During October and November every year, very strong storms form over the North Pacific then move eastward, bringing heavy rains and strong winds into western Oregon and Washington.

Birds still lingering in the North Pacific are pushed southward by the storms and into their wintering areas in the South Pacific. Many, however, are caught in the wind and are blown to the beaches and into the coastal lowlands before they leave. A few are pushed farther into western Oregon and Washington valleys.

Their numbers vary from year to year, but the most common of these wind-borne vagrants are **Red Phalaropes**. Although the storms this fall were not overly strong, higher-than-normal numbers of phalaropes swarmed the coastal lowlands and the Willamette Valley.

The largest inland numbers were found to the south in the Salem-Eugene area, and smaller numbers were found around Portland. Beverly Hallberg noted the first off Hayden Island October 17. Others were seen during November at Ridgefield NWR, Hagg Lake, Jackson Bottom,

Sightings

Broughton Beach continues to be the Portland-area hotspot. Jules Evens found 12 **Red Phalaropes** there November 15. Andy Frank saw three **American Avocets** October 25. Ashwin S. photographed a **Snow Bunting** there November 4. Bonnie Comegys saw a flock of 47 **Common Mergansers** there November 1. Jeff Hayes spotted a **Pacific Loon** November 20, and many noted the flock of 50 **Bonaparte's Gulls** there November 16. David Leal noted a **Sabine's Gull** at Broughton September 25. Beverly Hallberg spotted a **Parasitic Jaeger** over the Columbia there August 23.

Peyton Cook saw and photographed a stunning **Elegant Tern** at Broughton Beach November 16. The stay was very brief and the bird left immediately after being photographed. David Leal saw a **White-winged Scoter** there November 18. That day Jules Evens was among the many that spotted a **Brown Pelican** at Broughton Beach. This was probably the bird later seen November 21 at the John Day Dam.

Other birds along the Columbia River in North Portland were up to 157 **Western Grebes** off Hayden Island. With them were two **Clark's Grebes** and several **Red-necked Grebes**. Andy Frank noted three **Pacific Loons** off Chinook Landing in Troutdale November 1. Lyn Topinka saw a **Pelagic Cormorant** off Washougal November 4. Justin Cook spotted five **White-winged Scoters** flying east past the Sandy River Delta October 25.

Wilson Cady reported 5 early **Tundra Swans** at Franz Lake near Stevenson October 25. Harry Fuller noted 25 at the Tualatin NWR October 29, and Stefan Schlick found 18 at the Fernhill Wetlands November 15. On October 26 he saw an **Emperor Goose** on Sauvie Island. It could not be relocated. Mark Greenfield found 52 **Snow Geese** on Sauvie Island October 21. Jay Withgott observed a flock of 2,000 there October 27.

Volunteer of the Month: Brigitte Hruska

by Keia Booker, Executive Assistant

One of the first things **Brigitte Hruska** did upon moving to Portland was consider volunteering at Portland Audubon. She came in fierce like a lion, taking shifts and helping wherever she could. We were in real need of a substitute receptionist to cover for our weekly receptionists who need some days off, and there she was—Brigitte to the rescue. After losing one of our most revered weekly receptionists and having trouble finding someone to fill her big shoes, Brigitte stepped into our Monday morning shift with ease, navigating the busiest shift on our schedule.

With fuchsia hair and a smile for days, Brigitte can also be seen volunteering at the Nature Store and Portland Audubon's plant sales. She is definitely a Renaissance



Red Phalarope. Photo by Jen Sanford

Fernhill Wetlands, and the Tualatin NWR. A few were at Blount Slough near Canby. A number were still being seen into the winter.

Though probably not blown in from the coast, good numbers of **Surf Scoters** were found in the Willamette Valley during the stormy period. Don Cogswell noted 16 off St. Helens October 18. Steve Nord noted 39 on the Sheridan Sewage Ponds the same day. Jay Withgott saw 15 flying east off Sauvie Island October 17. Stefan Schlick noted 8 at Hagg Lake November 3. And surprisingly, Craig Tumer found 3 at the Koll Center in Beaverton November 2.



Sandhill Cranes. Photo by Hayley Crews

On October 10 the annual **Sandhill Crane** count was conducted in the Sauvie Island-Ridgefield area. This year an above-average 4,894 birds were recorded. On October 16 Jim Danzenbaker found 45 **White Pelicans** on Vancouver Lake. Jeff Hill reported a **Northern Goshawk** in his West Union neighborhood November 15. At about 3:00 pm October 2, Jeff Hayes noted a flock of 130 **Turkey Vultures** passing southward over Delta Park. By 3:30 Beverly Hallberg spotted the flock passing south over inner east Portland. Jeff noted another flock over Southeast Portland October 8.

David Irons recorded an **American Avocet** at the Tualatin NWR August 26. Steve Runnells found a **Black-necked Stilt** there September 20. Beverly Hallberg observed a **White-tailed Kite** over Smith & Bybee Lakes October 17. She noted the first local **Rough-legged Hawk** on Sauvie Island October 27. On November 5 Nick Mrvelj hosted a **Harris's Sparrow** at his North Portland feeders. On November 15 Stefan Schlick noted a late **Franklin's Gull** at the Fernhill Wetlands. One was still on Sauvie Island October 10. That day Eric Scheuering spotted a **Parasitic Jaeger** on the island over Sturgeon Lake.



Brigitte hiking in Utah

woman with interests and skills in so many things that I don't have space to list them here. Trust that her crochet skills are on point! She is often heard conversing with our Executive Director, Nick, about the simple things in life—good food, natural beauty, and travel—all in French, her first language. She recently traveled with Portland Audubon to explore the birds and majesty of Australia's rich landscape, hoping to learn more about avian animals and their lives. I am sure her experience in Australia will once again enhance her skills and lust for knowledge that make her a great receptionist for Portland Audubon, and our Volunteer of the Month. **Thank you, Brigitte!**



Cecile Valastro and Jean Schoonover give medicine to a Dark-eyed Junco in the Wildlife Care Center. Photo by Deanna Sawtelle

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.
- 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, February 8, 6pm–8:30pm**. Participants are asked 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, February 25, 9am–4:30pm**.

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.

Thank You to:

- Erik Anderson for two pruning shears for Audubon sanctuaries maintenance
- Bellagios Pizza for 10 pizzas donated to the Wild Arts Festival event team
- Jim Cruce for 66 photos of various sizes, unframed and framed
- Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery for 58 Coho Salmon to the Wildlife Care Center
- Diantha and Jan Knott for 30 copies of *Seasons of Change* to the Nature Store
- Susan M. Nolte for one wooden garden cart for Audubon sanctuaries maintenance

Our Wish List

For All Departments:
Ergonomic office chairs

For Sanctuary:
Loppers
Hand saws
Work gloves

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

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.

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.**

Nikon's New Monarch Fieldscope!

Nikon Sport Optics has just added a fieldscope to the popular Monarch line. This new scope is loaded with all the features needed to make long days of viewing both satisfying and strain-free.



The addition of a **Field Flattener Lens System** offers precisely focused images all the way to the viewing edge. Plus, the Monarch's advanced apochromat system of ED glass and proprietary lens and prism coatings delivers true color fidelity with high resolution integrity. That means sharp, clear, bright images any time of day in any type of weather. And speaking of weather, this scope is fully waterproof and fogproof.

Like the new Zeiss Conquest and Vortex Razor scopes, the Monarch features a helical focus ring in the center of the body. But Nikon has taken the design a step further by creating a **nonlinear movement of focus**: as you move from close viewing to more remote, the speed of focus adjusts to the very fine movement needed to pinpoint distant objects. This movement is very intuitive and comfortable.

The Monarch comes in two models. We've received our first display model of the larger scope, which features an 82mm objective lens and a 20-60 zoom focus. The price is \$1,777.72 (\$1,599.95 for members). The more compact model has a 60mm objective lens and a zoom range of 16-48, priced at \$1,555.50 (\$1399.95 member price). Hopefully our 60mm display model will be here by the time you are reading this, along with additional sales stock. Special note: an optional wide-angle lens is available for both models!

Nest Fest! Prepare for Nesting Birds and Pollinators this Spring

Saturday January 28, 2017, 1pm-4pm
Heron Hall

Come to this fun, casual event, where you'll learn how to enhance the habitat value of your backyard for birds, mason bees, and bats! See the different styles and sizes of boxes designed to attract the wildlife of your choice. Pick up free plans for do-it-yourselfers, talk to our experts, see what the Nature Store has to offer. Learn about construction, proper dimensions, materials, and placement. Nesting season will be here before you know it!

It's the Bees Knees!

Become a backyard beekeeper this spring by hosting mason bees, gentle native pollinators that will quickly set up shop in a nesting shelter you provide. With your own on-site bee colony, no flowering tree or shrub is safe from pollination, and your fruit harvest is sure to increase. Learn about materials and methods, seasonal maintenance, and more!

Get the Bird's Eye View!

What do they really want? Get the dimensions right, and they will come! It's all about the design. We want a house with the perfect dimensions and floor plan, and so do our avian friends. When you offer the perfect nest box, how can they resist?

Feeling a Little Batty?

You should, they are everywhere in our urban environment. Create the perfect roost to keep them happy and residing close by to devour the hundreds of mosquitos and bugs that each hungry bat eats nightly (up to half their own body weight!), right in your own backyard!

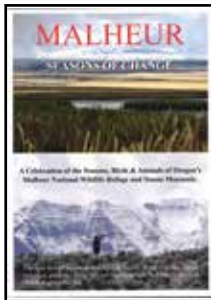
Plus, learn about Portland Audubon's **Backyard Habitat Certification Program** and how you can make your yard irresistibly inviting to the wonderful, natural, native visitors who live right in your own neighborhood!

Audubon Society of Portland NATURE STORE

New Beginnings

With the start of another year, the Nature Store staff would like to express our very heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated volunteers, members, and customers for your support, encouragement, and patronage. We look forward to another year of supplying the Audubon community with quality, well-curated optics, seed, books, toys, and so much more. We promise you that we are continually striving to improve our product selection and customer service. Let us know how we are doing! We hope to see you in the store sometime soon.

Videographer Diantha Knott and cellist Skip vonKuske have teamed up to capture the overwhelming beauty of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and Steens Mountain in the DVD **Malheur: Seasons of Change** (List price \$20.00, member price \$18.00). Whether you've never been to the refuge or you're a regular visitor, this video is a stunning tribute to our public lands and demonstrates how crucial it is that they receive our continued protection.



If Raptor Road Trip is your first visit to Sauvie Island, you may be curious about where things are on the rest of the Island. May we recommend a great resource? **The Sauvie Island Recreation Guide** is printed on waterproof and tearproof paper, with lots of extra information for birders, hikers, and boaters. Selling for \$6.95 (\$6.25 for members) we'll have it available at our booth at the Howell barn on February 4, and here at the Nature Store all year long.



Help Hummers Stay Hydrated



Anna's Hummingbird.
Photo by Hayley Crews

Bird Bath De-Icers

Regular Price \$24.00 **Member Price \$21.60**

Aw, Cold-Snap! Bird Bath De-Icers are an essential seasonal backyard accessory. All you need is a Bird Bath De-Icer and an outdoor extension cord to keep your standing water from freezing. Make your backyard an oasis and give all of your wildlife friends some much-needed hydration.

Nonmigrating Anna's Hummingbirds rely on a liquid source of energy during the coldest winter months. Rather than waking up at the crack of dawn to put your nectar feeder out for hungry hummers, try using binder clips to attach one of our de-icers directly to the feeder reservoir. You'll sleep soundly knowing the hummingbirds have a sweet breakfast ready for them first thing in the morning.

Origami Workshop

Looking for a fun crafting activity for the whole family on the President's Day holiday? The Nature Store hosts a special weekday origami workshop in Heron Hall on **Monday, February 20 from 11:00am to 12:30pm** with local artist and **origami expert Eileen Holzman**. Eileen teaches origami for all ages and levels of ability, with an eye for combining artistic expression with the science of animal anatomy.

Eileen Holzman is a veteran of 35 years of art education and art therapy, both in Oregon and New Jersey. Her art has been featured in juried and solo shows in Northeast states and here in Oregon. Her origami workshops at Multnomah County Library branches are popular events.

Pre-registration is recommended. There is a \$15 per family fee requested the day of the event. Please call the Nature Store at 503-292-9453 to register or for more information.

Gifts for Him



Wild Rose Herbs Beard Conditioner

Regular Price \$19.95 **Member Price \$17.96**

Ash, the owner & herbalist of Wild Rose Herbs, lives on a two-acre mini-farm in Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley. With over ten years of experience, she credits the success of Wild Rose to resourcefulness, simplicity and a strict DIY ethic.

Wild Man Beard Conditioner is a highly absorbent, moisturizing, and lightweight oil ideal for the daily maintenance of the skin and beard. Perfect for all skin and hair types, this oil mimics your skin's natural moisturizers, absorbs quickly, strengthens hair, and leaves your beard with a subtle shine and soft feel. Unique therapeutic-grade essential-oil blends naturally condition hair and act as an aromatherapy aid with a subtle, "beard-appropriate" scent.

Uncommon Green Portland Pint Glasses

Regular Price \$17.00
Member Price \$15.30

Brian Johnson started Uncommon Green in 2009 to make everyday products that meld artistry, functionality, and sustainability. Drawing inspiration from his background in mechanical engineering, industrial design, and product development, Brian started looking for ways to incorporate high-performance industrial materials into designs for the home.

Uncommon Green sources materials and packaging from US-based companies whenever possible, and they are all about partnering with local artisans and small businesses to bring their designs to life. They strive to minimize their impact on our environment by using earth-friendly materials and practices



Kikkerland Waterproof Phone Sleeve

Regular Price \$5.00
Member Price \$4.50

Now you can truly take your smartphone anywhere with this waterproof bag. The durable adjustable lanyard makes sure that your smartphone is never too far away and is easy to retrieve. Perfect for outdoor activities of all kinds, you don't even need to take the phone out of the sleeve to use the touchscreen.

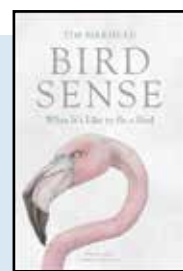


Audubon Birding Book Club

Thursday, Jan. 12, 7pm
Audubon Society of Portland

Come join us to discuss **Bird Sense**, by Tim Birkhead, "a groundbreaking look at how birds experience the world."

All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Molly at **oregonbirder@yahoo.com**. Dessert will be provided.



The 2016 Wild Arts Festival — A Successful Year on so many Levels!

Wild Arts Festival.
Photo by Portland
Audubon

The 36th Wild Arts Festival was just what we all needed! Elevating our spirits with wonderful support from the community and our volunteers, Montgomery Park was the perfect backdrop to another wildly successful weekend showcase of art, books, and nature. All levels of the venue were bustling with activity, as more than 4,600 people came out to celebrate nature through fabulous art and books.

It's amazing to watch the show take shape—from a main-floor ballroom to a book fair featuring 35 authors; from an office mezzanine meeting hall to an art fair showcasing the works of 66 artists; from a third-floor office corridor to a silent auction showcasing more than 300 donated items; the Festival is also a showcase of the tremendous amount of heart and heft provided by an amazing crew of volunteers and staff.

Friday afternoon, the artist-booth spaces are laid out on the main and mezzanine levels, followed by a volunteer-powered trolley parade of artists' wares delivered to each designated location. All the while volunteers set up Silent Auction items on the third floor and carefully stack books on author signing tables on the main floor. By the time the Festival opens at 10am Saturday morning, everything is meticulously in place.

Of course, the ever-popular Wild Arts 6x6 Project draws early crowds as people were eagerly awaiting opening Saturday morning. As if we needed more proof of the popularity of the 6x6 Project, nearly 250 pieces were returned, surpassing the 200 canvasses donated by BLICK Art Materials.

Admissions volunteers welcomed each attendee, asking if they were members, and if not, would they like to add their voice to one of the most effective environmental organizations in Oregon. During the course of the weekend nearly 150 people agreed and either renewed their memberships or joined anew.



Kids Activity. Photo by Jackie Follett



Silent Action. Photo by Tara Lemezis



Wild Arts Festival Volunteers. Photo by Portland Audubon



Sachiko Quinn. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Throughout the weekend, volunteer handlers shared the stories of two of Portland Audubon's Education Birds, who enchanted visitors of all ages, as the Nature Store sold nest boxes.

By 3:30 pm Sunday, November 20, the Silent Auction closed with more than \$26,700 in sales. And by the close of show, the 66 artists sold over \$244,000 in wares, contributing 10% of their sales back to the Festival. The Book Fair brought in \$27,400, and the 6x6 Project made a record \$7,890. Sponsorships, jury, and booth fees amounted to \$57,000; admissions and membership fees added \$31,000; and while the expenses are still being finalized, it looks like the 2016 Wild Arts Festival successfully raised a preliminary gross estimate of \$178,000.

Through this celebration of nature we also celebrate our new event producers, Cindy Thompson and Elli Brown of Cindy Thompson Event Production. Strong women with a fun, can-and let's-do approach, Cindy and Elli brought their unique expertise and new ideas, generating new revenue and driving more traffic to Saturday and Sunday afternoons. With their help and guidance, new this year were online ticketing, Wild Arts Festival T-shirts and totes available for sale, Cardinal wrapping paper, which sold out the first day, a Night Owl Soiree event for Wild Arts Festival Sponsors and Portland Audubon donors Saturday afternoon, and a children's activity and story time Sunday afternoon.



Meeting an Education Bird. Photo by Portland Audubon



Paul Bannick and fans. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Thanks to Our Volunteers

While planning for the Festival is nearly year-round, that weekend over 250 volunteers powered the 2016 Wild Arts Festival. From set-up to tear-down, volunteers loaded in and loaded out artists, took admissions and memberships, cashiered at the Book Fair and 6x6 Project, sold Nature Store goods and event T-shirts, acted as "booth sitters" to give artists a break, handled Portland Audubon's Education Birds, stocked the volunteer break room, registered Silent Auction bidders and processed their winning bids, and of course, shopped!

Special thanks to Mary Solares, Festival Chair, and to other Committee Chairs including Darlene Carlson, Carol Enyart, Martha Gannett, Gay Gregor, Wink Gross, Molly Marks, Ann Littlewood, Jill Nelson-Debord, Candy Plant, and Mary Ratcliff. Additional thanks go to Darlene Carlson, Linda Craig, Anne Eakin, Kimm Fox-Middleton, Laurie Garretson, Gay Greger, Susan Hartner, Diane Harris, Carol Ann Maxwell, Gary & Barbara Michaelis, Kathy O'Neil, Beth Parmenter, Steve Pearson, John Plant, Roberta Lampert, Rebecca Rubin, Toni Rubin, Marilyn Scott, Allan Solares, Tammy Spencer, Jill Turner, Rusty Whitney, Bob Wilson, and Claire Wilde.

Next year's Wild Arts Festival will be held, as always, the weekend before Thanksgiving, so mark your calendars for the 2017 Wild Arts Festival on November 18–19, 2017.



6x6 Project. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Thank you, sponsors!

We extend a huge thank you to **Backyard Bird Shop**, who returned this year as our **Presenting Sponsor**. Our gratitude goes out to the following organizations and individuals:

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The Joy of Giving:
Giving for Results

by Donna Wiench,
Donor Relations Manager

Marlene Huntsinger and Steve Pearson are active, practical, results-oriented people who have been giving to Audubon for nearly 20 years.

Both majored in math in college, and both held numbers-oriented leadership positions that carried much responsibility for local public utilities, so when Marlene says they support Portland Audubon “because it’s an effective investment and a valuable place to put their money,” it’s worth taking note.

But for Marlene and Steve, Portland Audubon isn’t just about the bottom line of effectiveness with conservation and outdoor education; it’s also a source of joy.

“It’s fun!” Steve said. “It gets me outside, and it helps me be a better volunteer.” Fortunately, Portland Audubon is one of the ten organizations with which he volunteers.

Steve is responsible for the checkout area at the Wild Arts Festival’s Book Fair. He says, “When people come to the cashier after talking to authors, they’re happy. And the artists and authors who participate seem happy to be part of the Festival.” Marlene added, “One of Portland Audubon’s real strengths is its volunteers. People need to feel engaged, and Portland Audubon helps us with that.”

Since retirement, Marlene is paying more attention to birding (about which Steve says, “She’s not going to say this, but she’s really good,”), and she regularly participates in a conversational Spanish class. Together, they’re planning a springtime trek in New Zealand with two of their daughters.

Steve and Marlene are avid hikers and bikers who find an outing of 35–50 miles on their bikes just about right.



Steve Pearson and Marlene Huntsinger. Photo by Donna Wiench

“We worked up to it,” Marlene says. “Five miles around the neighborhood used to be a big deal. But now the challenge is keeping up with the eighty-year-olds in our bike group.”

Marlene says she gives to Portland Audubon because, “I can see results that are consistent with my values. The organization provides great services, such as the Nature Sanctuary, education for kids and adults, lectures, important conservation work, and events like the Wild Arts Festival.”

Summing up their feelings, Marlene said, “Portland Audubon is a successful organization. Who would not want to be part of that?”

Join us at BRINK, the Fifth Annual Audubon Society of Portland Benefit Show at Antler Gallery!

Our wonderful partner, Antler Gallery is hosting the fifth annual benefit show, BRINK January 27 to February 23, 2017. You won’t want to miss this unique show, which features regionally and nationally celebrated artists inspired by wildlife and the natural world, focusing on the theme of extinction.

These new, original pieces will be on display and offered for sale, with 20% of all sales donated to the Audubon Society of Portland. Antler Gallery founders and curators Susannah Kelly and Neil M. Perry believe strongly in Portland Audubon’s mission to protect birds, wildlife, and habitat. Over the past four years, the gallery has raised more than \$11,000 to support wildlife conservation across Oregon.

“We are thrilled to be sharing Antler Gallery’s five-year anniversary with BRINK,” said Neil. “We feel so fortunate to be able to partner with the Audubon Society every January, and truly appreciate the incredible resource they are, both through their tireless work to protect the environment and their education outreach to future generations.

Brin Levinson, one of the artists whose work will appear in the show, shared, “I am so excited to once again participate in Antler’s BRINK show. I love that the relationship with the Audubon Society of Portland extends beyond the BRINK exhibition dates—from life drawing sessions with their education birds, to guided tours through their sanctuary. As an artist who focuses on animals and the natural world, it’s wonderful to be a part of this community of creatives and environmental protectors.”

Participating artists include Vanessa Foley, Sam Wolfe Connelly, Josie Morway, Brin Levinson, Erika Sanada, Jennifer Parks, Aunia Kahn, Brian Mashburn, Courtney Brims, Zoe Keller, Teaghan White, Susannah Kelly, J. S. Weis, Sabrina Jackson, Neil Perry, Audrey Pongracz,



BRINK artist © Portland Audubon

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BRINK
Fifth Annual Benefit show
January 27 to February 23, 2017
Opening Night
Thursday, January 27, 2017
6pm–9pm
Antler Gallery
2728 NE Alberta St.
Portland, OR 97211

Chris Austin, Keith Carter, Rachel Sabin, Mark Rogers, and Johnny Acurso.

In addition to the donation from sales, there will be other fundraising events at the gallery during opening night and throughout the show.

Please join us opening night for a fun evening of art and libations! Dogwood Distilling of Forest Grove will be serving cocktails crafted to suit the theme of the show.



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 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.

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

Birdathon 2017 — Counting Birds Because Birds Count!

by Mark Fitzsimons, Birdathon Coordinator

What, Birdathon already? Yes! **Let's again make Birdathon 2017 the biggest, baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi!** Last year was wonderful— 31 teams, more than 290 participants, and over 2,100 donations set a new record of \$182,000 raised to protect birds across Oregon! Besides raising essential funds for Audubon Society of Portland's conservation and education programs, Birdathon raises awareness for birds and their habitat, and builds a community of bird and nature lovers. Mark your calendars for **Birdathon registration on March 15**. We'll update you in the March-April *Warbler* and on our website. Be sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest information. You know what the early bird catches, so let us help you **hatch your plan**:

- The easiest way to participate is to join one of our organized teams.
- Take it to the next level and create your own Birdathon team:
 - You and your friends get together for a morning of bird watching.
 - You and your family enjoy a special day of birding at your backyard feeders.
 - You introduce co-workers to your favorite birding spot.
 - You ask your company to sponsor you and/or a company team.
- Many also participate as individuals; let your imagination take flight with spring migration and hatch your own personal Birdathon plan.

Join the fun! The success of our Birdathon lies in the depth and growing diversity of our Birdathoners — all of you! For information about creating a Birdathon team, contact our **Birdathon Coordinator, Mark Fitzsimons**, at mark.birdathon@gmail.com.



Wild Turkeys. Photo by Heather Wilson



Millennial Falcons. Photo by Portland Audubon



Owl Be Darned. Photo by Kayla McCurry

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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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Weekday Warblers. Photo by John Rakestraw

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