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LightsOut Portland:

TAKE THE PLEDGE!

by Mary Coolidge, BirdSafe Campaign Coordinator

This summer, we are launching a Take the Pledge pilot project as part of the larger LightsOut campaign to reduce light pollution in our metropolitan region. This is a neighborhood-scale initiative in which we are asking households in the Portland metro area to join a collective effort to help raise awareness about light pollution. Participation involves doing a simple audit of your home lighting and identifying areas where you can reduce outdoor lighting. Pilot phase signups will get a free Take the Pledge yard sign or window cling, so enroll now!

What does light pollution have to do with protecting birds? In early May, we got sobering news about a flock of 398 songbirds colliding with a brightly lit, 23-story building in Galveston, Texas. Twenty-five species of birds hit that building, and all but three died on the scene. While the appallingly high number of deaths at one location on a single night captured nationwide public attention and grieved the building owners, it wasn't unprecedented and it was certainly preventable. The silver lining: the gravity of this event raised awareness about the toll that the combination of light pollution and windows are taking on our wild bird populations, and the building owners pledged to go lights out for the remainder of the migration season.

We already know that up to 1 billion birds die every year as a result of hitting a window—56% at low-rise buildings, 44% at residences, and fewer than 1% at high-rises. Most collisions occur between ground level and 40 feet, and windows that reflect vegetation pose the highest risk.

Light pollution is a contributing factor to this phenomenon, particularly during migration seasons when birds undertake

long-distance journeys between their wintering grounds and their breeding grounds. LightsOut programs help prevent the disorientation of songbirds as they pass over urban areas while migrating at night. The luminescent dome of light over cities, or skyglow, obscures the celestial cues that nocturnal migrants use to navigate. Couple that with weather conditions in which birds are migrating at low altitudes, and you have the perfect recipe for collisions.

This year's fall LightsOut launch will be on September 15th, a one-night event in which residential households and commercial buildings dim their lighting as a means of reducing impacts to migratory birds. Last September, over 2,000 households and 13 iconic buildings participated! We aim to build on that effort this year, asking households to deepen their commitment to reducing light pollution by enrolling in the Take the Pledge program and taking some simple actions at home. Our partners at Lloyd EcoDistrict are collaborating with us on the launch of this initiative, encouraging residents and buildings in their district to participate in the citywide effort to **save energy, save birds, and see stars!**

The visible glow of our planet from space is an accumulation of all kinds of poorly designed, overly bright, and oftentimes unnecessary lighting that spills light into the sky, where we don't want it, instead of downward, where we do. It's a sloppy practice, and one that we need to reevaluate. Our regional leaders need to work together toward a constructive and thoughtful strategy that simultaneously reduces light pollution and creates a



pleasant, safe nighttime cityscape for people. The goal of the LightsOut program is to help stimulate imaginative thinking about the way we have been carelessly engineering the night to host us, the consequences of which are more dire than we've previously realized.

This summer, Take the Pledge to join the LightsOut movement, and hang your sign someplace prominent in your front yard or in a window that is visible from the street! Your participation will help make our region safer and healthier for wildlife and humans alike, and will help raise awareness about the growing impact that light pollution has on the world around us!

For more information about our Take the Pledge program, visit bit.ly/lightoutpledge or contact **Mary Coolidge** at mcoolidge@audubonportland.org.



Youth activist speaks at rally before City of Portland hearing. Photo by Colin McLean

the void must be filled at the local level, and Multnomah County and the City of Portland are showing that **Cities Can Lead** this fight.

Thank you to everybody who wrote or testified on these resolutions. Together, we are making a difference!

City of Portland and Multnomah County Unanimously Pass 100% Renewable Resolutions

by Stephanie Taylor, Conservation Field Organizer

On June 1, the day the Trump administration withdrew from the Paris climate agreement, the City of Portland and Multnomah County committed to a goal of meeting 100% of community energy needs with renewable power by 2050.

It was a historic occasion. Both the Portland City Council and Multnomah County Commissioners voted unanimously for what some would say were overly ambitious goals.

The city resolution included a variety of commitments for more energy efficiency, energy conservation through expansion of green infrastructure, community-based renewable energy, transit expansion and electrification, minority- and women-owned business participation, and rate protections and job training for low-income

residents that could be disproportionately affected by climate change and the transition to clean power. Together these commitments set the stage for a **"Just Transition"** to renewables in a way that benefits the most impacted communities.

The resolutions were a major victory for conservation groups, climate change activists, and environmental justice advocates who have collectively been pressing the city and county to build on its existing climate action plan. These resolutions had been in the works for months, and the timing of the votes and Trump's announcement on the Paris Accords was coincidental. But the coincidence felt deeply symbolic at Thursday's meetings, with both the city and county adding amendments reaffirming their commitment to the international agreement. In the absence of leadership on climate issues from our current federal administration,



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From our Executive Director

Who First Introduced You to the Outdoors?

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director

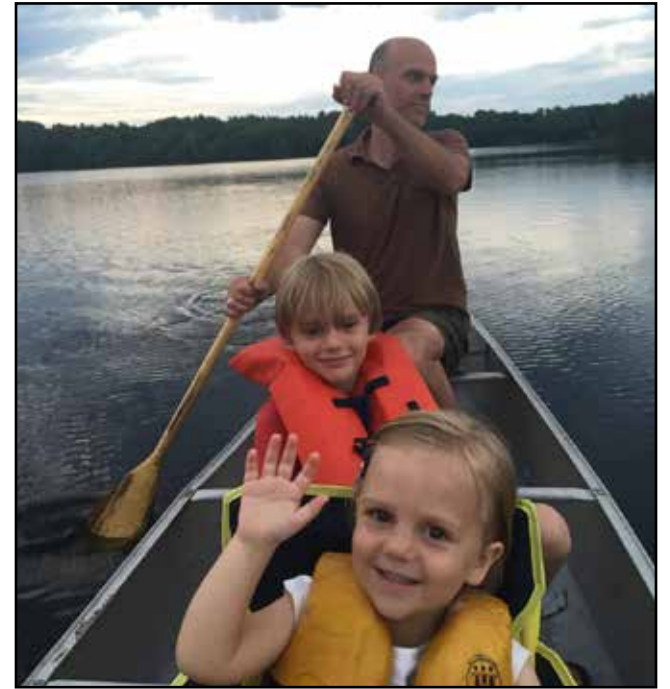


Every season offers its share of wonders at Portland Audubon, whether it's the beauty of fall migration, or spring bird song walks, or recovering baby birds at our Wildlife Care Center, our annual calendar always has its share of excitement. Over the past two weeks, the most exciting aspect (for me) is the expanded presence of so many dedicated and talented environmental educators at our Portland sanctuary.

We're ramping up for a season of summer camps and are welcoming veteran naturalist educators and high school counselors to campus for training and orientation.

This year, a week of that training will happen at our greatly expanded Marmot Cabin camp facility, located in Sandy, Oregon, on our 91 acre sanctuary on the slopes of Mount Hood. Marmot's capacity has now tripled from just 20 to 60 bunks, allowing us the potential to introduce far more youth to the type of immersive nature experience—an overnight adventure—that is proven to be the most influential in impacting people's lives.

Many of us were introduced to the wonders of nature and birding by a family member. We may have been taken on family trips, or gone to overnight camps, activities that remain out of reach for too many people. In our nearly completed 5-year strategic plan, to be unveiled in the September issue of the *Warbler*, we'll share the numerous ways that Portland Audubon will be removing barriers that



Nick paddles with his kids.

prevent many Oregonians from developing a meaningful connection with nature.

In the coming decades, we'll make sure that even more nature-supporting children and adults can attribute their introduction to nature to Portland Audubon and its dedicated community. Our planet is calling for it.

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Great Horned Owllet and Adult Released Back Into the Wild!

This past spring, Portland Audubon members received a special letter from volunteer Mariha, telling the story of a Great Horned Owllet and adult that were being rehabilitated at our wildlife care facility. The letter included a request to support the Wildlife Care Center, one of our greatest assets for inspiring conservation by connecting people with wildlife

Today we want to not only extend our gratitude to you for your generosity and for making our spring fundraising efforts a success, but also give you an update on the Great Horned Owls! On June 13, on a beautiful evening at Clackamas Community College, the Great Horned Owllet and adult were released back into the wild. This was the owllet's first flight out in its natural habitat!

First, Micah Meskel, our Conservation Field Coordinator, spoke to a group of 35 students and educators, talking to them about conservation, how we can better protect wildlife, and how they can get involved in protecting their local habitat.



Photo by Ali Berman.



Great Horned Owl takes flight. Photo by Tara Lemezis.

Then, the excited crowd lined up to the side, and Micah released the two birds, who quickly flew off into the nearby trees to start their lives anew. These moments never lose their magic for us or for the lucky onlookers able to witness the start of a new journey.

The majority of native animals that arrive in the Wildlife Care Center represent a larger conservation issue. Whether it's an owllet who was taken from her parents because a bystander mistakenly thought she was orphaned, a Western Tanager who crashed into a window, a baby Robin caught by an outdoor cat, a Bald Eagle entangled in fishing line, or a Turkey Vulture who was illegally shot, each individual life gives us the chance to tell that story and educate the public so that fewer animals meet the same fate.

Because of loyal supporters like you, Audubon Society of Portland can treat more than 3,000 native wildlife each year and inspire people of all ages to explore and connect with Oregon's natural world, so that they help protect it today and well into our future.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit audubonportland.org/support



Burrowing Owl at Malheur NWR. Photo by Tara Lemezis

Harney County and Malheur NWR Tour

September 14–17

Join Portland Audubon on a four-day, three-night trip to the high desert of Harney County and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge to learn about conservation issues on public lands in Eastern Oregon, as well as look for birds and other wildlife who call the sagebrush sea home.

This trip will overlap with fall migration and cap the end of a busy and productive summer season in which Audubon Society of Portland maximized our efforts working with Refuge staff and the Harney County community on wildlife surveys, work parties, and other events. This trip will be a great opportunity to see amazing birds, learn about local conservation efforts on and off the Refuge, show your support for Malheur and public lands, and support the local economy.

The trip will be led by Portland Audubon conservation and education staffers **Joe Liebezeit** and **Patty Newland**, and will include a morning behind the gates with our onsite field biologist, **Candace Larson**.

Price: \$550 for members; \$600 for non-members. Includes transportation, hotel lodging for three nights (double occupancy), breakfasts and lunches, and behind-the-scenes tours with our experienced trip leaders. Some minimal hiking will be required.

Sign up for this exciting eastern Oregon adventure at bit.ly/2rN23t6

Contact **Joe Liebezeit** at jliebezeit@audubonportland.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Sponsor a Camper

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

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

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You can sponsor a community camps camper! © Tinsley Hunsdorfer

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Audubon Outings — Wild in the City and Beyond

Bring binoculars and dress for the weather — beginners welcome!

 = Mostly weekday excursions

 = Sign-up needed

 = Fee involved

July 5 (Wed), 7am–10am Sandy River Delta



Join leader **Ron Escano** on a walk around this rich riparian area near the Columbia River. We hope to see Bullock's Oriole, Red-eyed Vireo, Eastern Kingbird, and Lazuli Bunting. From Portland, take I-84 east, take Exit 18. At the stop sign turn right, loop under the freeway, and look for the park's signed entrance straight ahead. Meet Ron at 7am at the parking lot by the restroom, and we should be done by 10am. Bring water, binoculars. Beginners welcome. Space is limited so call Ron at 503-771-3454 to reserve a spot.

Friday Morning Walks at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters

Callie Gesmundo, of Portland Audubon, will be leading 45-minute bird walks around Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters **every Friday from now until August 11**. Malheur's Headquarters (with nearly 300 bird species documented!) is the perfect birding spot for both beginning and advanced birding enthusiasts. Come experience the amazing bird diversity Malheur has to offer! No prior registration needed—walks will leave outside the Visitor Center/Nature Store at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. Don't forget your binoculars! All ages and experience levels welcome. For any questions or concerns contact Malheur's main office at: (541) 493-2612.



Ruby the Turkey Vulture © Tom Schmid



International Vulture Awareness Day is coming to Audubon!

FREE EVENT!
Saturday, September 2
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Heron Hall

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

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

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

Come and help us celebrate the beauty of vultures!

July 11 (Tues), 10am–12pm Magpie Outings Planning Meeting

The Magpie outing leaders will hold our annual planning session in the Jay Conference Room at Portland Audubon. We will be planning the calendar for 2017–2018. If you would like to be a trip leader or co-leader for the Magpies, please plan to join us.



Bullock's Oriole. Photo by Hayley Crews



Cassin's Finch. Photo by Scott Carpenter

August 2 (Wed), 7am–6pm Timberline Lodge



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

Visit Our Sanctuary in Northwest Portland

Folks in the Portland metro area love to get outside during the summer, and thanks to our state's diverse array of habitats, within a few hours you can step your feet onto forest, coastal, mountain, grassland, and desert landscapes. Even with just an hour or two of time to spare, right within our city limits you can experience Oregon's magnificent flora and fauna!

Located just ten minutes from downtown Portland, our 150-acre sanctuary is the perfect place to visit during the summer months. On our more than four miles of trails you'll see species like Pileated Woodpecker, Wilson's Warbler, Western Tanager, Black-headed Grosbeak, Pacific-slope Flycatcher, Northern Flicker, Chestnut Backed Chickadee, Steller's Jay, Raven, Giant Pacific Salamander, and Rough-skinned Newt! And under our thick forest canopy in the northwest hills, you'll notice it's considerably cooler than down in the city, providing a much needed reprieve from some of those 90 degree days.

Once you return from your walk, head over to our Wildlife Care Center, the oldest rehabilitation center in the country and the busiest in the region. Every year we take in more than 3,000 native animals—from Bald Eagles to Beavers to Barn Owls—and answer thousands of calls and emails from the public, helping them solve problems and peacefully coexist with their wild neighbors. Open seven



Barred Owl seen on the Founders Trail. Photo by Hayley Crews

days a week, you'll see staff and volunteers hard at work during our busiest season of all: baby bird season. And you'll meet our education animals: Aristophanes the Raven, Julio the Great Horned Owl, Ruby the Turkey Vulture, Jack the American Kestrel, Finnegan the Peregrine Falcon, and Bybee the Western Painted Turtle, all unreleasable animals who have a permanent home here at our sanctuary.

After the Wildlife Care Center, you can walk over to our interpretive center to see incredible specimens like a Golden Eagle, Cougar, and Great Gray Owl, and then check out our Nature Store, where all the profits are for the birds! With a large selection of binoculars, scopes, tripods, field guides, books on natural history, children's books, bird feeders, seed, and so much more, you'll find items for your home, or gifts for your favorite nature lovers.

We hope to see you this summer!

Catio Tour Gears Up for its 5th Annual Event

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



On **Saturday, September 9, from 10am to 2pm**, the Audubon Society of Portland and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon are teaming up to bring you Portland's fifth annual **Catio Tour**. This self-guided tour will showcase catios of all shapes and sizes; from fabulous to frugal you'll see creative entries in and out of windows, enclosed "cat-walks" across the backyard, and more.



Relaxing in a catio. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

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

Registration for this year's tour is now open! Reserve your place today at CatsSafeAtHome.org/catio-tour-info

Conservation

State Land Board Votes Unanimously to Keep the Elliott State Forest in Public Ownership!

by Micah Meskel, Conservation Field Coordinator

Oregonians spoke out and the State Land Board listened. At their May meeting, the Oregon State Land Board voted 3-0 to terminate the protocol to sell off the Elliott State Forest. The board also directed the Department of State Lands to move forward on determining how to finance and manage the Elliott as a public forest.

At a time when public lands are under unprecedented threat, **this represents a major step forward and sends a strong message that Oregon intends to protect its public lands.** Portland Audubon appreciates the leadership of Governor Kate Brown and Treasurer Tobias Read in coming to this decision, and Secretary of State Dennis Richardson for joining them to make the vote unanimous. Liquidation of public treasures like the Elliott State Forest should never have been considered, and the Land Board made a decision that reflects the overwhelming public opposition to the threat of privatization of public lands.

Now that the cloud of privatization has been lifted, Portland Audubon looks forward to working with the state and other stakeholders to develop a permanent management strategy

for the Elliott State Forest. Our analysis of both the governor and treasurer's plans is that they both contain elements that could be part of a permanent management structure. We look forward to participating in working through the details, which will unfold in the coming year. Portland Audubon favors an approach that would permanently and completely decouple the Elliott State Forest from the Common School Fund while retaining the entire forest in public ownership. We believe that any plan should fully protect the Elliott's older forests and imperiled species such as Coho Salmon, Northern Spotted Owl, and Marbled Murrelet.

We now turn our eyes toward the legislature and strongly support the united effort of the governor, treasurer, and Democratic leadership to bond for \$100 million as a critical step in beginning to decouple the Elliott from the Common School Fund, **a win for conservation and education!** We are also working to pass the Trust Land Transfer Bill



Advocates rally to protect the Elliott at State Land Board Meeting. Photo by Bob Sallinger

(SB 847), which represents an important tool to address the Elliott and other Common School Fund trust lands that may have high ecological value but produce limited revenue.

As the legislative session winds down, please contact your state representatives and urge them to support passage of SB 847 and \$100 million in bonding to decouple the Elliott from the Common School Fund.

Thank you again for speaking out for public lands and the Elliott!

Oregon's Marine Reserves: Five-year Review

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager

We are at the halfway mark in Oregon's evaluation of its five marine reserve/marine protected area (MR/MPA) complexes. In 2012, Senate Bill 1510 designated 90 square miles of MR/MPAs in Oregon's biologically rich territorial sea, a three-mile-wide strip that hugs the coastline covering about 9% of Oregon's state waters. In 2023, the Oregon legislature will evaluate next steps for the state's marine reserve program, which could range anywhere from expansion of the reserve system to dropping the entire program altogether. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the agency leading the marine reserve program, is charged with conducting both ecological and human dimensions (i.e., socioeconomic) monitoring of the reserves and adjacent "comparison areas" during this timeframe to inform the 2023 decision.

A marine reserve is an area where you cannot remove any living marine resource (fish, shellfish, kelp, etc.). They are also protected from ocean development or extraction (e.g., fishing, energy development). Marine protected areas are like marine reserves but allow for some extractive uses. These "undersea nature parks" were created with two main goals: 1) protection and sustenance of marine biodiversity at key sites in our nearshore waters, and 2) scientific research. Marine reserves are new to Oregon but have been in existence in other parts of the United States and around the world for decades. A recent review study of 124 marine reserves worldwide indicates that marine reserves consistently have significantly higher population density, larger fish sizes, and higher species diversity compared to adjacent areas.

This past April, ODFW provided an update to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) science committee and

public on the progress of their marine reserves program since 2012. A few take-home messages:

- ODFW has implemented ecological monitoring surveys to assess changes in diversity and abundance in fish, invertebrate, and habitat communities in and outside the MR/MPAs. The scientific community suggests it will take 10–15 years to see a response. Since the monitoring in the reserves has been staggered (the last reserve came on line in 2016) and monitoring will end in 2021, it is unlikely the ecological response of the reserves will be able to be measured before the 2023 review.
- ODFW's human-dimensions monitoring program includes research to document the influence of marine reserves on coastal businesses, visitor use of reserves, and modeling economic impacts of marine reserve restrictions. These studies are ongoing with no results produced yet, but related studies conducted prior to marine reserve implementation indicate overwhelming support for the marine reserves (69%) among Oregon residents.
- There has been good coordination between ODFW and the Oregon Marine Reserves Partnership (OMRP, which includes Portland Audubon and other conservation NGOs) on communications and outreach to the public on the marine reserve program. Over the past three years alone, outreach and engagement through the OMRP has reached well over 1 million people via digital communications, engaged over 1,000 community scientists involved in projects from seabird colony surveys to water quality monitoring, and connected with over 20,000 individuals via presentations, field trips, exhibits, and events. However, many Oregonians still are unaware of Oregon's marine reserves and why they are important, so more outreach is needed.



Tufted Puffin. Photo by Scott Carpenter

With the evaluation of the marine reserves approaching in 2023, soon it will be time to ramp up advocating for the continuation of the marine reserve program. Even if ODFW cannot document a positive response through their monitoring in time for the 2023 review, research from around the world clearly shows marine reserves consistently provide long-term benefit for marine life and human communities. In the face of a changing climate, increasing fishing pressure, and a difficult political situation, helping to maintain and potentially expand Oregon's system of marine reserves is critical.

To get more involved, join our ocean conservation email list to get updates on events, community science opportunities, and opportunities for public comment on the marine reserve process as well as other marine conservation issues. Contact **Joe Liebezeit (jliebezeit@audubonportland.org)**, Avian Conservation Program Manager.

East Sand Island Cormorant Colony on Brink of Collapse

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

After three years of relentless killing by federal agents, the world's largest Double-crested Cormorant colony, located on East Sand Island in the Columbia River Estuary, now stands at the brink of collapse. The loss of the East Sand Island Colony, which represents 40% of the Double-crested Cormorant population in the western United States, goes far beyond what is allowed under the law and could put the entire western population at risk. The complete collapse of this colony would mark a low point in the modern era of wildlife management, and the blame lies squarely with the three agencies responsible for the killing: US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

This spring, very low numbers of cormorants have returned to East Sand Island, and no nesting has been documented. This decline comes one year after an unprecedented event in which 16,000 cormorants abandoned their nests on East Sand Island in a single day following weeks of boat-based shooting of adult birds and just days after federal agents began entering the colony and destroying nests. Despite the 2016 colony collapse, the federal agencies continued shooting cormorants into the fall of 2016 and resumed shooting in the spring of 2017. In a stunning abdication of its responsibility to protect wild birds, the US Fish and Wildlife Service did not even mention the 2016 colony collapse when it issued permits to resume killing cormorants in 2017.



East Sand Island Cormorant Colony in 2014. Photo by Bob Sallinger

The federal agencies are now trying to blame predation by Bald Eagles for the collapse of the colony. However, cormorants have coexisted with high number of eagles in their midst for years. It was only when the agencies began their lethal control activities that the colony

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collapsed. Eagles are undoubtedly putting pressure on the cormorants, but to ignore the added pressure of relentless shooting of thousands of cormorants, and federal agents traipsing through the colony destroying nests is absurd.

Ironically, the collapse of the colony may put the salmon the agencies are ostensibly trying to protect at even greater risk. The federal agencies insisted that lethal control of a percentage of the cormorants at East Sand Island was the only acceptable path forward because dispersing the birds off the island could result in the birds moving farther up the estuary, where they likely consume even more salmon smolts.

Even as the worst-case scenarios pertaining to lethal control of cormorants on East Sand Island are being realized, the basis for lethal control has eroded. Last year, the US Federal Court in Oregon ruled in separate cases that the Corps failed to adequately address the primary cause of salmon declines in the Columbia River—the federal hydropower system—and that it failed to adequately consider alternatives to lethal control on East Sand Island as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In 2015, it was revealed that the US Fish and Wildlife Service hid analysis produced by its own biologists demonstrating that lethal control of cormorants on East Sand Island was unlikely to produce any benefit for salmon recovery in the Columbia River.

The Corps has temporarily suspended shooting while it determines what is happening with the cormorants, but it could resume at any time. Portland Audubon has called on the US Fish and Wildlife Service to immediately and permanently withdraw permits to kill cormorants at East Sand Island. But there is nothing to indicate that the agencies will discontinue this senseless slaughter.

Check out our website to learn more about the situation on East Sand Island, and please become an Audubon Activist to help us protect cormorants and other wildlife.

Update on House Bill 2525: A Bill Regulating Donation of Game Meat to Food Banks

by Mary Coolidge, BirdSafe and Lead-free Campaign Coordinator

Many states, including Oregon, allow for the donation of game meat to charitable organizations. In a state where one in five people faces food insecurity, we respect the contribution that hunters make to reducing hunger by sharing their harvest. We also believe that it is critical to minimize the risk of accidental lead ingestion in game meat by unsuspecting children and families.

This legislative session, Representative Knute Buehler introduced a bill that would have done two things: expanded authority for game-meat inspection to include state police and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) licensed meat processors; and expanded eligible donations to include all fish and game for which ODFW regulates hunting and angling. Portland Audubon supported an amendment to integrate lead screening into the existing game-meat inspection process. In mid-May, the bill had a hearing before the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. We appreciate that members of the committee took the issue of lead exposure seriously, though ultimately they did not advance the bill to a work session because of concerns that the bill itself was not protective enough in a variety of ways. One concern regarding human health and safety cited that ODA's inspection standards for game processing plants are far less stringent than those of the US Department of Agriculture, the standard to which our commercially available meat is held. Another concern was the expansion of eligible game meat to include all species for which ODFW issues tags and licenses, raising a question about whether this might increase the potential for poaching.

Huge thanks to those of you who wrote comment letters and testified in support of the A3 amendment, which would have incorporated lead screening into the certification process. Overwhelming scientific evidence demonstrates the toxicity of lead in the human body, particularly in children. Lead is a neurotoxin that bioaccumulates and affects multiple organ systems. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there is no safe blood lead level for children without deleterious, potentially long-term effects. It is therefore critical that food served via low-income nutritional centers, public-school nutritional centers, and other charitable organizations be lead free. A large body of research demonstrates that game meat harvested with lead ammunition can be contaminated with hundreds of lead fragments, which have been demonstrated to travel up to and, in some cases, over 14 inches from the wound channel. Many studies have demonstrated that lead-based ammunition poses a significant source of lead exposure for people who eat wild game.



Lead bullets can fragment into hundreds of tiny pieces. Photo courtesy of HuntingWithNonLead.org

A number of states recognize the human-health risk associated with lead ammunition. A 2008 study in North Dakota found that 59% of 100 randomly selected packages of donated venison were contaminated with lead. The North Dakota Department of Health distributes a fact sheet warning consumers that eating wild game shot with lead ammunition is an important risk factor in elevated lead levels, saying that “most lead particles in venison will be too small to see, feel or sense when chewing.” Eight states (CO, CT, MI, MN, ND, NH, NJ, and WI) recommend against pregnant women and children eating lead-bullet-harvested venison. All hunter-harvested game in Minnesota is x-rayed for lead prior to donation to food banks. Both Michigan and Wisconsin have developed health reports addressing the risk of lead in venison. The CDC has unequivocally indicated that the best way to protect children is to prevent or eliminate all sources of lead exposure in the first place.

Unfortunately, there is a history in this country of ignoring lead-exposure risks in too many cases for too long. Integration of lead screening into the food-bank game-donation-inspection process is not unprecedented, and is an opportunity to be both proactive and protective. The toxic impact of even very small amounts of lead on vertebrate systems has been widely and scientifically established.

Sign up for action alerts on our **Get the Lead Out Campaign** and help us continue to pressure our state legislators to address lead as an environmental contaminant. For more information, contact **Mary Coolidge** (mcoolidge@audubonportland.org) or visit audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/lead

A 3,000 Mile Journey Ends with a Crash

by Tara Lemezis

Millions of birds manage the impressive feat of round-trip migration, sometimes thousands of miles, returning to nesting and wintering locations year after year. Long-distance, nocturnal migrants, like the Western Tanager, travel from Mexico and Central America to western North America as far north as Alaska. They migrate at night to avoid predation and maximize daytime foraging hours, using celestial cues from the stars for navigation. By the time they reach Oregon, they may have already traveled over 3,000 miles, making it past predators, storms, and other obstacles.

As they pass through our urban landscapes, they face another hazard: windows. Such was the case with an adult male Western Tanager who slammed into a residential window and is now being treated at our Wildlife Care Center. The medium-sized, brightly colored neotropical songbird came to us semiconscious, with labored breathing and soft tissue swelling on the top of his head. He is just one of many victims of window strikes that we will see this year.

More than 200 species of migratory birds pass through the Portland-Metro area thanks to our location along the Pacific Flyway. This annual journey is necessary to the success of each species, but navigating over urban areas presents a number of challenges to migrant birds. Among the biggest threats? A lethal combination of light pollution and windows. Bright city lights lure nighttime migrants into urban areas, obscuring their navigational aids and causing them to collide with windows.

What species of birds are brought to Portland Audubon's Care Center after hitting a window?

“A little bit of everything,” said Lacy Campbell, our Wildlife Care Center Manager. “Windows don't just pose a threat to small migratory songbirds, but also to hawks, owls, herons, and woodpeckers that become confused by reflective surfaces.”

Whether the species is rare or common, young or old, resident or migratory, most birds are at risk of collision-related injury or death.

“We tend to get more young birds in the fall, who have never encountered reflective glass,” Lacy explained. “And during spring migration, we tend to see migrants like Western Tanagers and other passerines that get disoriented as they pass through our city and then slam into buildings.”

Scientists estimate that up to 1 billion birds die annually as a result of window strikes in the United States alone. Light pollution lures them into urban environments and then, because birds do not recognize glass as a solid object, they become confused in the windowed maze of unfamiliar city landscapes, sometimes circling until reaching a point of exhaustion, or colliding directly with a building.

Reducing building reflections and turning off nonessential indoor and outdoor lighting reduces bird strikes and fatalities, having a profound impact on migratory and native bird survival rates.

Just one-third of birds that pass through our Wildlife Care Center doors after a window strike return to good health and are releasable. And that's just the birds that survive the

Wildlife Care Center



Western Tanager. Photo by Ali Berman

initial collision and are delivered to us for treatment. Many more die on impact or fly off to die elsewhere from internal hemorrhaging. Collisions with windows often result in fatal head trauma, skeletal fractures, and other internal injuries.

Want to help reduce window strikes and save the lives of birds? Voluntary and seasonal participation in our Lights Out program will help reduce bird carnage caused by light pollution. Portland Audubon is actively working with individual building owners, city governments, and agencies to adopt bird-friendly building and lighting guidelines, and we can all contribute to saving the lives of birds year-round by reducing the number of window strikes on our homes.

If we continue to carefully consider lighting options and building design, we can keep birds safe in our cities.

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.

For registration questions:

Marissa Duncan, mduncan@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6131.

For more information about any of our trips:

Dan van den Broek at dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6105 or **Stefan Schlick** at sschlick@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6119.

The Sea of Cortez

March 2018 (specific dates TBD)

The Gulf of California, aka "The Sea of Cortez," is a world-renowned biodiversity hotspot, especially famous for its array of fish, marine mammals, and birds. Its waters teem with hundreds of species of both tropical and temperate fish, and more than ten species of whales can be found here, including **Humpback**, **Sperm**, and the awe-inspiring **Blue Whale**. Cruising the Gulf of California in our own chartered vessel, we'll explore the seas and desert islands north of La Paz, going ashore on several of the islands to enjoy a bit of hiking, birding, and beachcombing. Birding highlights include the **Magnificent Frigatebird**, **Red-billed Tropicbird**, **Royal** and **Elegant Terns**, and the **Blue-footed Booby**, just to name a few.



Blue footed booby.
Photo by Dick Daniels

Leaders: **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and **Steve Engel**, former Adult Program Manager for Portland Audubon
Fee: \$2895 members / \$3195 non-members
Deposit: \$1400 required to secure your place

Sayulita: Birding the Pacific Coast of Mexico

December 1-11, 2017

The tropical Sayulita Coast lies just north of Puerto Vallarta in western Mexico and the area's forests, fields, coast, and mountains provide habitat for a wonderful diversity of birds such as **Pale-billed Woodpecker**, **Rufous-bellied Chachalaca**, **Cinnamon Hummingbird**, **Orange-fronted Parakeet**, **Mexican Parrotlet**, and **Ivory-billed Woodcreeper**. With the Pacific Ocean at your back, you can bird an unspoiled lagoon hosting **Roseate Spoonbill**, **Bare-throated Tiger Heron**, **Northern Jacana**, and **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**. We'll spend five nights in San Pancho, allowing us to explore the best birding areas within a day's drive. A boat trip through the mangrove-lined estuary at San Blas will give us opportunities to see **Limpkin**, **Common Black-Hawk**, **Snail Kite**, and **Laughing Falcon**. We wrap up by heading inland to the historic village of San Sebastian del Oeste. The oak and pine forests above San Sebastian will provide a different offering of birds, including **Magnificent Hummingbird**, **Crescent-chested Warbler**, **Slate-throated Redstart**, and **Red-headed Tanager**.

Leader: **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$2895 members / \$3195 non-members
Deposit: \$1400 required to secure your place
Single supplement: Limited availability

Belize and Tikal January 10-20, 2018

With vast wetlands, tropical rain forests, Mayan ruins, and the second longest barrier reef in the world, Belize is one of the most remarkable countries in the world! We'll team up with Belize's top birder and visit some of the country's finest birding hotspots.



Leader: **Steve Robertson**, Senior Trip Leader, and local guides
Fee: \$3095 members / \$3395 non-members
Deposit: \$1600 required to secure your place

Fiji

March 22-April 6, 2018

Fiji...tropical paradise of the South Pacific. Over 300 islands compose this tiny country, and together they provide an array of habitats that support a rich diversity of birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Encircling the islands are vibrant coral reefs, an attractive bonus to any marine enthusiast. Among Fiji's birds are 28 species found nowhere else on earth. We'll have a good chance of seeing most of these endemics, including the charismatic **Collared Lory** and the elusive **Silktail**. We'll bird Viti Levu in search of the **Masked Shining Parrot**, **Barking Imperial Pigeon**, and **Fiji Parrotfinch**. Then we'll visit Kadavu and Taveuni, the former being home to the endemic **Crimson Shining Parrot** and **Kadavu Fantail**. Here we'll have opportunities to snorkel and/or scuba dive on the Great Astrolabe Reef. On the island of Taveuni, we'll look for the magnificent **Orange Dove** and the **Many-colored Fruit-dove**, while having time to enjoy more snorkeling and the island's beautiful beach.



Great Astrolabe Reef.
Photo by Ivan Phillipsen

Leaders: **Steve Robertson**, Senior Trip Leader, and **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and local guides
Fee: \$3995 members / \$4395 non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Greece

April 28-May 11, 2018

Greece...a land of ancient culture and famous ruins that harkens back to the dawn of modern civilization. We'll bird the slopes of Mt. Parnassos, where **Coal Tit** and **Mistle Thrush** await, while the lower foothills should produce **Blue Rock Thrush** and **White-eared Wheatear**. Then it's off to Delphi to find the **Rock Nuthatch**, **Cirl Bunting**, and **Subalpine Warbler**. A visit to Mt. Immitos should produce the **Rueppell's Warbler**, and then to Schinias National Park for the **Zitting Cisticola**. Other hotspots include the Evros Delta, one of Europe's most significant wetlands, and Lake Kerkini, where the **Roller**, **Penduline Tit**, **Pygmy Cormorant**, and **Dalmatian Pelican** will be our targets. Back in Athens, we'll look for the **Hoopoe** as we explore the grounds of the magnificent Akropolis.



The Parthenon.
Photo by Chris Brown

Leaders: **Steve Robertson**, Senior Trip Leader, and **Stefan Schlick**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and local guides
Fee: \$3795 members / \$4195 non-members
Deposit: \$1800 required to secure your place

Colombia—A Treasure Trove of Avian Gems Magdalena Valley to Santa Marta

March 16-30, 2018

Leader: **Dan van den Broek**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and local guides
Fee: \$4595* members / \$4895* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Korean Spring

April 24-May 5, 2018

See amazing birds from islands to estuaries at the height of migration, and explore Korea's modern culture and ancient palaces.

Leader: **Dan van den Broek**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader, and local guides
Fee: \$3895* members / \$4195* non-members
Deposit: \$2000 required to secure your place

Northwest Trips

More information available online at audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult

Grays Harbor Bay—Fall Migration September 8-10, 2017

Leader: **Stefan Schlick**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$395* members / \$455* non-members
Deposit: \$200 required to secure your place

Nature Illustration at Cape Perpetua September 8-10, 2017

Leader: **Zebith Thalden**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$515* members / \$615* non-members
Deposit: \$250 required to secure your place

Explore Malheur

September 14-17, 2017

Experience fall migration and a unique behind-the-scenes tour with our conservation and education trip leaders. Minimal hiking will be required.

Leaders: **Joe Liebezeit**, Avian Conservation Program Manager, and **Patty Newland**, Portland Audubon Trip Leader
Fee: \$550 members / \$600 non-members
Deposit: \$250 required to secure your place.

Birding the Olympics October 26-29, 2017

Leaders: **Stefan Schlick** and **Randy Hill**, Portland Audubon Trip Leaders
Fee: \$795* members / \$895* non-members
Deposit: \$400 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.

A portion of your fee is a tax-deductible donation to the Audubon Society of Portland.

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.

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.

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. Register by phone: Call Marissa Duncan (971-222-6131) to pay over phone. We accept VISA, MasterCard, and Discover.

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

Adult Classes

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

Bird Journals: Sketching and painting birds simply for pleasure

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. Create or continue a bird journal: learn to see and then draw just enough to suggest the bird you saw. Then add some watercolor and create a sense of the surroundings. Fun and easy exercises to help you see, so you can record the birds you see, by hand. You will learn so much that way. No art experience required, just enthusiasm!

Each class has a specific focus and is complete in itself. You may take one or more. Supply list online. All classes will use watercolor, pen, pencil.

July 8: Quick studies are the way to draw live birds, and learning how to see and what to focus on is essential! We will use specimens and possibly live education birds to practice these skills, then add some watercolor to get markings and surrounds, and create a unique bird journal page.

Aug 12: Bird Coloration and Markings: How to suggest, with watercolor and pen.

Stripes, dots, wings, blendings: learn ways to use your paints and pen to create color and markings!

Sep 9: Creating simple surroundings for your birds. Suggest different habitats with pen and watercolor. Simple suggestion is more powerful than overdetailed!

Fee: \$45 members / \$65 non-members for each class
Limited to 16 participants per class.

PDX Rocks! Geology of the Portland Metro Area

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

Aug 12 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

Underneath the MAX lines, rose gardens, and coffee shops of Portland lies evidence of our region's wild geologic past. Thick layers of hardened lava, wind-blown sediments, and flood deposits were laid down over the last 20 million years by an assortment of geologic processes. Some of them, like the Missoula Floods of the Ice Age, were truly awesome in the scale of their destruction. Join naturalist **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** in the classroom and on a field trip around the

city and learn how these floods, as well as other events and processes, have shaped our city's natural landscape.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:
\$95 members / \$115 non-members (transportation provided)

Class-only Option: \$14

What eBird Can Do for You

Aug 17 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Aug 19 (Sat), 7am–10am: Field Trip to Sauvie Island

eBird has matured into a fabulous multipurpose tool that has been widely adopted by birders in the Americas and beyond. By submitting your sightings to eBird, you can actively contribute to the data that the scientific community is using to understand the status for a species. There are great ways for eBird to help you plan for an upcoming trip. Some folks use it to maintain the lists for their favorite spots. It is easy to learn and even easier to use. Many will say that it is pretty close to the best thing since sliced bread. **Stefan Schlick** will walk you through eBird's most important functionality in the evening class, and some of those learnings will be applied during a morning field trip to Sauvie Island.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

\$50 members / \$65 non-members

Class-only Option: \$14

Trees of Western Oregon

Aug 23 (Wed), 7–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Aug 26 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

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

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

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

Class-only Option: \$14

Fall Shorebirds

Aug 15 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall

Aug 19 (Sat), 7am–5pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

Southbound shorebird migration starts in July and continues through October, providing lots of opportunities to study these long-distance travelers. Differences between some species can be subtle, but most birds can be readily identified when you know what to look for. This class, taught by **John Rakestraw**, will help you to identify shorebirds by shape, color, and behavior. On the field trip (transportation provided) we will explore hotspots along the north coast to practice your new skills. The field trip will leave early to avoid the heat and will involve some walking.

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

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

Class-only Option: \$14

Living in the Flow: An Introduction to Stream Ecology

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

Sep 2 (Sat), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)

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

Class with Field Trip, limited to 12 participants:

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

Class-only Option: \$14

Summer Camp 2017 at the Audubon Society of Portland

Grades 4th–5th

Berry Berry Fun 2

Aug 14–18

Visit local farms on Sauvie Island and around the Portland area to see, pick, and taste for yourself how beautiful and delicious berries can be. Find out why plants make berries and which animals eat them. Taste wild berries from Portland Audubon's own Wildlife Sanctuary. We will identify, collect, taste, paint, and even draw with nature's brilliant bounty of beautiful berries. This week is sure to be full of fantastic, fruity fun!
Fee: \$325 members/\$345 non-member



High Seas & Low Tides findings. Photo by A. Constance

Grades 6th–8th

High Seas & Low Tides (Overnight)

Aug 21–25

If you love a day at the beach, how about a whole week? During this action-packed camp, you'll explore the rich diversity of species in a tidepool by day and roast marshmallows over a bonfire on the beach by night. Have you ever wanted to be a Marine Biologist? Have you ever wanted to go crabbing and then eat your catch? Do all this and more as we set up camp at Sunset Bay State Park.

Come and explore the most spectacular tidepools on the Oregon Coast and gain the skills and knowledge to identify the plethora of species living in this beautiful but harsh environment. Giant Green Sea Anemones, delicate Opalescent Nudibranchs and the voracious Sunflower Star are just a few of the cool creatures waiting to be discovered by you! Learn how to tell a Mollusk from an Echinoderm and a Crustacean from a Cnidarian during this weeklong dive into marine biology. See the true "lions of the sea," the Steller and California Sea Lions as they bask and frolic on the sand. We will keep a log of the species we encounter and be sure to journal each day to remember every moment of this week of non-stop, oceanic FUN!

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

Fee: \$430 members/\$450 non-member

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

Grades 6th–8th

Audubon Classic: Fire, Sticks, & Stones (Sun-Fri) (Overnight)

July 9–14

What's old is new again, as Portland Audubon has added two brand new yurts to our property just outside of Sandy, Oregon. Donated back in 1977 by Dr. Joe Miller, Marmot Cabin has been given a face lift with two new yurts for overnight programs. We continue to honor Dr. Miller's legacy and donation by adding these new structures for the comfort of our campers and teaching the nature skills that Joe would be proud of! Come join us in this endeavor as we explore Portland Audubon's Classics: Fire, Sticks, and Stones...

Do you know how to build a waterproof shelter out of nothing but sticks and leaves? Can you make a campfire without using any matches? Learn the art of Wilderness Living such as Animal Tracking, Fire by Friction, Ethnobotany, and Debris Hut construction. You'll gain real knowledge during this fantastic and fun weeklong adventure.
Fee: \$395 members/\$415 non-member

Keeping kids in touch with nature!

Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

The Subtleties of Bird Vocalization

Birds communicate by voice, and most species have several different songs and many calls, chatters, and other noises. In addition to individual variations, there are regional or subgroup dialects, and slight variations to give different meanings to the same type of vocalization. Fortunately, despite these variations, the calls and songs have a similar tonal quality that identifies the call as coming from the same species.

While the song is the easiest vocalization to learn for identifying birds, songs are sung for only a few months out of the year and then mostly for a short time in early morning. The short calls of most species are given almost anytime all year long. If a person can become familiar with bird calls, it would be even more advantageous than learning bird songs in helping to identify the species.

The terms “song” and “call” denote certain bird vocalizations, but often it is hard to understand just what is a call and what is a song. The chip of a sparrow or warbler is easily noted as a call, but is the caw of a crow a call or a song? What is the song of a starling?

Sightings

Migrations this spring were conspicuous, often exciting, and contained a number of unexpected species. Not as widespread as some other springs, but several reports noted colorful flocks of male **Western Tanagers**. On May 9 Wink Gross found a swarm at Pittock Mansion. Vance Kimball watched a large flock working along the Columbia River waterfront in Vancouver May 5. That day Bill Evans noted a flock at Beaver Creek. Others visited many local bird feeders as they moved through.

Most unusual were the number of **Swainson’s Hawk** reports this spring. On April 18 Eric Carlson saw one near Rocky Butte in east Portland. Beverly Hallberg saw one there April 25. Joe Blowers found one near Wilsonville April 21, and Tom Love saw one over McMinnville May 2.

Colorful migrant warblers are often exciting. **Hermit Warblers** are seldom seen in the Portland area, but Bonnie Comegys saw one on Mt. Tabor April 24, and Jeff Gilligan found one May 15 in his Laurelhurst neighborhood. Tricia Snyder noted a **Nashville Warbler** in Troutdale May 1, and Ruth Morton reported one in Gladstone April 30. Mark Greenfield reported the first **Wilson’s Warbler** on Sauvie Island April 30. Chris Bennett noted one May 1 in Southeast Portland. Most unusual was the bright **Blackburnian Warbler** Jenny Goetz observed at her feeders in West Linn May 17.

On May 17 Rich Howe saw an **Acorn Woodpecker** in West Linn. Peggy Evans spotted a **Mockingbird** April 16 in her Northeast Portland neighborhood. Anthony Boutard



Spotted Towhee. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Spring and summer is the time for music among birds. The songs and calls they sing contain many meanings, including what species they belong. Experienced birders listen more than look during this period and end their trips with much more information and a larger list than those unfamiliar with bird songs.

There are many birds that sing notes far beyond human hearing, but at least part of their song can be heard by most people. Field guides give the songs heard by most people, not the full song the bird sings. If your hearing is a bit impaired, you might hear only a few notes. These few notes might be enough to identify the bird if you have enough experience.



Rock Wren. Photo by Hayley Crews

reports that up to 65 **White Pelicans** wintered and have remained in the neighborhood of Wapato Lake near Gaston in Washington County.

On April 28 Adrian Hinkle spotted a **Rock Wren** on Mt. Tabor. It remained for several days. Peyton Cook reported two **Franklin’s Gulls** at the Tualatin River NWR May 17. Kathy van der Horst found three **Yellow-breasted Chats** at Fernhill Wetlands May 19. These were part of the unusually high numbers reported in the Willamette Valley this spring. Shawneen Finnegan reports that a **Clark’s Grebe** and a **Red-breasted Merganser** remained at Fernhill Wetlands through the spring period.

On May 24 Steve Nord spotted a **Lark Sparrow** at the Sandy River Delta. On April 23 David Mandell saw a **Loggerhead Shrike** there. On April 25 Beverly Hallberg spotted a **Black Swift** over the Delta. On April 30 Bill Shanahan observed a **Brewer’s Sparrow** at the Sandy River Delta, and Jen Sanford reported one from Fairview April 20.

Perhaps most unusual of all was the bright male **Lawrence’s Goldfinch** Rick Bennett photographed May 8 at his feeders in Sherwood.



Devon Rehse with Julio. Submitted photo

Volunteer of the Month: Devon Rehse

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Manager

Devon Rehse started volunteering in the Wildlife Care Center during baby bird season 2013. She came to Audubon through an interesting way:

“I started doing some volunteer work remotely for Cornell University monitoring raptor nests. One day I was watching the news and saw Portland Audubon was having an open house. When I discovered I could be working with wild birds directly, I thought that would be awesome!”

Since 2013 Devon has logged over 900 hours in various capacities. The majority of her time is spent volunteering for her weekly shift in the Wildlife Care Center where she provides care for over 3,000 injured or orphaned wild animals (and cookies she bakes from scratch for her fellow volunteers). She also rescues injured wildlife (especially herons) and does educational presentations with Julio the Great Horned Owl. When she isn’t handling birds, Devon will input records into our intake database and help us with our rehabilitation permit reports we file twice yearly.

When asked what her favorite part of the job is, she replied: “Definitely working with the herons and the raptors.”

Devon is an amazingly dedicated volunteer. She comes in multiple times per week to help out. Everyone is impressed by her work and attitude, and we all just love working with her. She has a wealth of knowledge on owl and heron natural history, and when it comes to working with these often dangerous birds, she is a natural.

Devon is an essential member of the Wildlife Care Center team, and we wouldn’t be able to do what we do without amazing volunteers like her. If you are interested in becoming a Wildlife Care Center volunteer, please contact Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager, at dsawtelle@audubonportland.org, or check our website for the next volunteer orientation. We would love to have you!

Volunteering at Portland 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.)
- 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 Portland Audubon by volunteering as a receptionist or an Audubon Docent.
- Help make Portland Audubon’s special events successful, like the Wild Arts Festival, the Native Plant Sale, International Vulture Awareness Day, and Swift Watch.

New Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday, August 16, 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, August 19, 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**, Volunteer Manager, at dsawtelle@audubonportland.org, or 503-292-6855 ext. 108.



The Friday afternoon Care Center crew gets psyched to care for critters. Photo by Deanna Sawtelle.



Carol Gross fields a call at reception. Photo by Deanna Sawtelle

Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

Here you'll find books, hiking & field guides, binoculars & spotting scopes, bird feeders & seed, plus gifts & toys for adults & children, all with a nature theme. Plus, **Portland Audubon members receive a 10% discount off regular prices.**

Swarovski Optik Introduces the BTX Eyepiece!

Swarovski has just introduced an exciting new component for their ATX/STX line of modular scopes. The new BTX eyepiece combines the visual power of both eyes for a revolutionary viewing experience that blends the benefits of both binoculars and scopes. The BTX pairs with any of the objective lenses in the modular series (65mm, 85mm, or 95mm). A forehead rest and angled view guarantee comfort for hours on end.

When paired with the 65mm or 85mm objective lenses, the BTX offers a 30x fixed magnification. Paired with the 95mm objective, the BTX has a fixed magnification of 35x. It features the Swarovision technology of field-flattening, high definition lenses to give perfect edge-to-edge clarity, highest color contrasts, and elimination of distortion. Stop by the Nature Store to see how the BTX presents vivid, true-to-life images while offering the comfort required for long-term observation. (BTX Eyepiece only: MSRP \$2988, member price \$2689.20, additional objective lens required.)

Additional New Swarovski Accessories!

ME 1.7x Magnification Extender.

Swarovski now offers a 1.7x magnification extender for the BTX/ATX/STX series. It fits between the ocular and objective modules (MSRP \$410, member price \$369). Here are the yields:

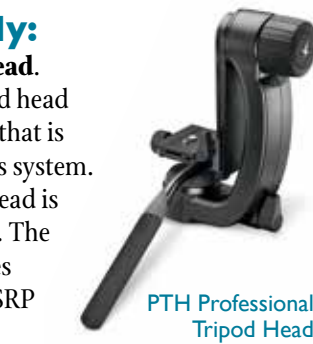
- BTX ocular with 65mm objective increases magnification to 50x fixed
- BTX ocular with 95mm objective increases magnification to 60x fixed
- ATX/STX ocular with 65mm or 85mm objectives brings maximum magnification to 100x
- ATX/STX ocular 95mm objective brings maximum magnification to 120x



ME 1.7x Magnification Extender

And coming in July: PTH Professional Tripod Head.

Swarovski will add a new tripod head to their line with a connection that is compatible with the Arca-Swiss system. The PTH professional tripod head is ideal for extended observation. The integrated fluid bearing ensures smooth, even movements. (MSRP \$699, member price \$629.10)



PTH Professional Tripod Head



BR Balance Rail

BR Balance Rail. This new balance rail will be especially useful for digiscoping as its adjustable movement allows you to slide the scope forward to counterbalance the weight of a camera or smartphone. Works with any Swarovski scope. Two support points ensure complete balance and perfect stability. (MSRP \$221, member price \$198.90)

New Compact and Mid-sized Binoculars for Summer Travel!

Don't leave your binoculars behind because they are too heavy for active travel. Downsize instead! The Nature Store has added some additional models to our wide selection of practical and portable viewing options.

The **Nikon Prostaff 7s 8x30** is an affordable waterproof, fog-proof mid-size that is fully multicoated. The fiberglass-reinforced polycarbonate resin body results in a weight of less than a pound. Nikon's Eco-glass is lead and arsenic free. (Member price \$189.95)



Nikon Prostaff 7s 8x30



Opticon Oregon 8x25

Opticon has added a new compact to their popular line of Oregon binoculars. The new **Opticon Oregon 8x25** has an easy-to-use single hinge body design, is waterproof and fog-proof. For its small size it has a wide 357-foot field of view and a close focus of 6.6 feet. Opticon covers it with their Comprehensive No Fault Warranty, so if you accidentally drop it, they fix it! (Member price \$95.40)

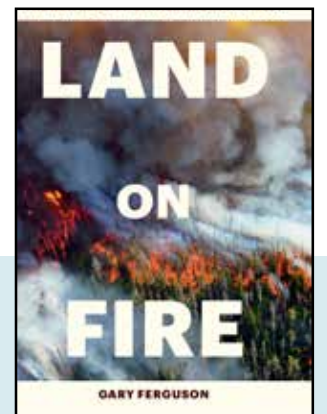
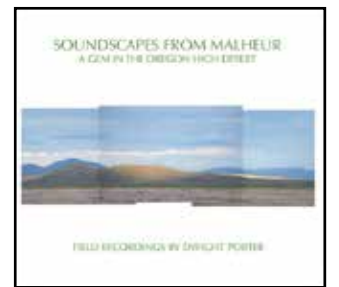
Want a pair of "real" binoculars for your kids? The Nature Store sells toy binoculars to get kids started, beginning at \$6.99, but for years we've been testing inexpensive "real" binoculars. We finally found one with enough value for the money that we think adults might like it as a starter pair as well. The **Opticon Adventurer 8x21** has a bi-fold hinge that makes it small enough to drop in your pocket. That same feature also allows it to hinge in to fit small children's faces. It has fully coated optics and twist-up eyecups, and comes with a soft case, rain guard, and strap. And the best news: the member price is only \$39!



Opticon Adventurer 8x21

Can't Get to Malheur? Let These Recordings Take You!

Avid Oregon birder Dwight Porter has just released a new CD titled **Soundscapes from Malheur, A Gem in the Oregon High Desert.** Dwight made high-quality ambient recordings at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge at four different times and locations to capture some of the many moods of this magical place. The tracks are "Nighthawks Booms," "Afternoon-Early Spring," "Deep Night Coots," and "Marsh After Dark." Each track features the voices of a variety of birds, all of which are listed on the inside liner notes. Total playing time of the CD is 58 minutes and the price is a reasonable \$12. Want to learn more about Malheur? The Nature Store also sells the DVD **Malheur, Seasons of Change** (\$20). It is a celebration of the seasons, birds, and animals of Malheur and Steens Mountain by Oregon filmmaker Diantha Knott, with music by Portland composer and musician Skip vonKuske. Two fun ways to celebrate one of our most important birding sites!



New Book by Gary Ferguson:

Land On Fire: The New Reality of Wildfire in the West

"At its most essential level, wildfire is a force that rearranges energy." In his latest book, Gary Ferguson examines both the social and ecological history of wildfire in the west, as well as what we are learning today to help manage this force of nature.

With fire season already well underway in many parts of Oregon, and with the duration and intensity of wildfires

growing each year, this book could not have come at a better time. The pages of *Land On Fire* are liberally punctuated by striking photographs that beautifully capture each theme. Whether you come to the topic viewing wildfire as a terrible destroyer or a vital factor for ecological health, you will be thoroughly absorbed by this well-researched and insightful overview. (\$27.95; member price \$25.15)

LA Soul Tank Tops



Several styles, including Freedom (pictured)

just \$12 each

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Special Store Hours

Portland Audubon Administrative Offices and Nature Store will be **closed on Tuesday, July 4.**

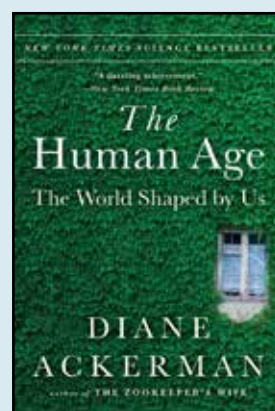
Portland Audubon Birding Book Club

Wednesday, July 19, 7-8pm

Interpretive Center at Audubon Society of Portland

The Human Age: The World Shaped by Us, by Diane Ackerman, is a *New York Times* best seller and winner of the P.E.N. Henry David Thoreau Award. In this landmark book, Diane Ackerman confronts the unprecedented fact that the human race is now the single dominant force of change on the planet. But she writes, "Our relationship with nature has changed radically, irreversibly, but by no means all for the bad. Our new epoch is laced with invention. Our mistakes are legion, but our talent is immeasurable." Join our book club as we discuss this author's surprisingly optimistic view of the natural world and our place in it.

Available to participants at a 20% discount at the Nature Store



Nature Book Donations Wanted!

Save the date for the second annual Portland Audubon used book sale, **September 23-24** in Heron Hall.

Last year's sale netted over \$1,500 to support Portland Audubon programs. If you're cleaning out your attic or garage this summer, we encourage you to contribute used nature, travel, or gardening books, videos or sound recordings. Drop them off at the Nature Store during open hours, or for larger donations (two or more boxes) you can contact **Sally Loomis** at sloomis@audubonportland.org to arrange pickup. *Please no magazines, textbooks, or items with mold/mildew.*

Meet the 2017 Mamie Campbell Award Winners

by Deanna Sawtelle, Volunteer Manager

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

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

Rosie Sanchez, our new Wildlife Care Center Assistant, describes **Steve Delach** as someone who "asks all the right questions and has the utmost respect for his team members and the patients he cares for. With a hunger for knowledge and a heart as big as he is tall, Steve is a motivating and vital member of our volunteer community." Since 2014, Steve has logged over 1,000 volunteer hours in the Wildlife Care Center, as an education bird handler, and as a Red-breasted Winesucker Birdathon team member. He can also be found helping at lots of special events, like the Wild Arts Festival and Raptor Road Trip. Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Manager, says, "Steve is so great! Not only is he the tallest volunteer we have, he also has a passion for education. Steve is really great with technology and has helped us analyze Care Center data over the years."

If you're looking for **Pat Gorman**, you can most likely find her in the Nature Store. Since she began volunteering in 2010, she's logged over 1,200 hours there, as well as in the Wildlife Care Center, doing tabling events out in the community, and on Birdathon teams. Pat has taken several Portland Audubon classes and is a member of our new Birding Book Club. Sally Loomis, Nature Store Book Buyer, really appreciates Pat, saying, "During her regular Thursday morning Nature Store shift, Pat has literally received and priced tons of bird seed and suet, as the first volunteer on hand when we get our weekly deliveries. Always calm and unflappable, Pat is a ready source of advice for customers with questions about bird feeding and bird watching. Her dedication to Audubon as an organization is clear."

While **Pam Meyers** was our Membership Manager, she also volunteered as an education bird handler, a Volunteer Council member, and for Community Science projects including Swift Counts, Grassland Birds, Oak Island, and Wapato. She's led sanctuary tours and been on a Birdathon team every year since she started volunteering in 2008.

Pam has donated 2,355 hours. She was the first volunteer to earn her 400-hour award in Community Science and has since earned one in the Volunteer Program. Now that she's retired, we'll get her even more! Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager, describes Pam as "a stalwart volunteer who is willing to get down and dirty as a community scientist on a bunch of projects. I can always trust Pam to bring her enthusiasm, dedication, quality data collection, and passion to any project." Lacy Campbell says Pam is "one of the nicest people she's ever met. She loves to learn and has an incredible ear for bird songs."

Leslie Mundt began volunteering just four years ago but has already donated over 2,200 hours of service. Every week, Leslie's a regular Wildlife Care Center volunteer one day and a Care Center receptionist another. She does education bird presentations on- and off-site, leads sanctuary tours for local school children, helps with lots of special events, and is a member of the Volunteer Council. Rosie Sanchez says, "How lucky am I when I get to work with Leslie two days a week! What a wonderful, joyful, impressive human to work alongside and learn from. The compassion Leslie gives is motivating and inspiring. She brings fun to each shift and lends a helpful hand wherever she can." Lacy Campbell describes Leslie as "a very engaging volunteer who loves to teach people and loves birds. We can always count on her to take the time and effort to connect with everyone. She's really a team player."

If you ever hear a volunteer described as the "bunny whisperer," that's **Eileen Wynkoop**. According to Lacy Campbell, "Eileen not only cares for the animals in the WCC, she takes her volunteer responsibilities home with her, too. Since Eileen started helping raise wild brush rabbits for the Wildlife Care Center, our success has increased exponentially." Eileen began volunteering in 2012 and has logged 2,090 volunteer hours. In addition to her work in the Wildlife Care Center, Eileen offers her leadership skills and input to the Volunteer Council. She's an education bird handler and participates on Birdathon and at lots of special events. She's one of our WART volunteers—that's our Wild Animal Rescue Team—and brings injured and orphaned wildlife to the Care Center when the person who found the animal can't.

Since she began volunteering in 2011, **Maggie Bell** has donated over 2,500 hours of service to Portland Audubon. She's a Red-breasted Winesucker every year for the Wildlife Care Center's Birdathon team, and also a feral-cat monitor and native-plant gardener. She helps with Swift Watch and is another WART volunteer who helps transport native injured and orphaned animals when needed. Usually you'll find Maggie in the Wildlife Care Center either on



Back row from left: Pam Meyers, Leslie Mundt, Steve Delach, Pat Gorman. Front row from left: Eileen Wynkoop, Maggie Bell
Photo by Deanna Sawtelle

her weekly shift or as a substitute...a valuable commodity in the WCC. According to Rosie Sanchez, "There are not enough positive and heartfelt words to express how truly magnificent Maggie is as a person. What a light she brings every week. She truly has a way with people, and she also has immeasurable compassion that she brings to the patients she handles. Truly a gentle and helping soul!" Lacy Campbell agrees by saying, "Maggie has such a great attitude! She is always in a good mood and can be counted on to brighten up any shift."

Please join Portland Audubon's staff in congratulating our 2017 Mamie Campbell Award winners.



Photo by Portland Audubon

The Education Department Must Say Farewell to Laura Newton

by Portland Audubon Education Staff

Over the past three and a half years, the Education Department at Audubon Society of Portland has had the privilege and absolute joy of working with Laura Newton, Environmental Educator. Laura's energetic voice, inspirational teaching style, and passion for facilitating a nature connection for youth have been a true influence on how Portland Audubon teaches. She has inspired thousands of campers and school kids while working here, through her own unique style and grounded demeanor.

Laura's teaching abilities span a variety of natural history mediums. One could find her teaching bird language one day, then leading a summer camp program in animal tracking or friction fire-making techniques the next. Laura continuously pushed her own growing edge as an Educator each season, leading large and small groups in harmonious song around a campfire, or using story as a medium to teach, weaving natural history concepts with inspirational messages.

She brought many essential skills to our programming, like basket weaving, medicinal plant knowledge, and nature-awareness activities. Her ability to read students' needs and understand what they require to feel comfortable and inspired in the woods is second to none. We have had the pleasure of watching Laura lead with an intention of joy and passion that creates a safe learning environment for all of the campers and students she has worked with.

She is a lifelong learner of nature and song, and we are certain that we will miss one of the most attentive and courageous educators Portland Audubon has seen. Laura, we wish you many harmonious days as you sing and walk into new adventures and new experiences. You will be missed...



Nature Store Welcomes Janet Drake!

by Nancy Mattson, Nature Store Director

In June, **Janet Drake** joined the staff of the Nature Store. She comes to us with experience as an Assistant Branch Manager for the Alaska Geographic Bookstore at Mendenhall Glacier. She also served as a Park Guide at Sitka National Historical Park where she helped visitors "connect to the park's resources through education and conservation." We look forward to utilizing her skills to connect our members and visitors to the special place that is the Audubon Nature Sanctuary and to our educational and conservation activist opportunities. Janet also will be sourcing new products to sell in the store. If you know of any interesting products that fit our emphasis on local, natural, recycled, or renewable nature-related gifts, stop in and let Janet know. You'll recognize her as the one with the bright smile and infectious laugh!

Conservation Welcomes JP Marchetti-Mendez!

by Nikkie West, Backyard Habitat Program Manager

The Conservation Department is thrilled to welcome aboard our new Backyard Habitat Program Assistant, **JP Marchetti-Mendez**. After volunteering with our Sanctuary Department, the Backyard Habitat Program, conservation activism, and special events since last August, JP officially joined the Backyard Habitat Certification Program staff in June 2017.

JP grew up in São Paulo, Brazil, and albeit living in a "concrete jungle," he has always had a passion for plants and animals. He kept a vivarium with poison dart frogs and tropical plants for a few years, but currently only cares for an indoor cat named Michi, some Hawaiian red shrimp, earthworms in his vermicomposting bins, a corn snake, and the wild birds that visit his feeders. JP speaks English, Portuguese, and Spanish. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Concordia University and over 13 years of varied clerical experience—from customer service, to executive administrative assistant, to office manager.

JP enjoys hiking, camping, creating artistic projects, and volunteering and is excited to work with fellow gardeners to create an urban environment where people and wildlife thrive together.



The Joy of Giving

by Donna Wiensch, Interim Development Director

“It’s a magical thing to know the birds we share our world with.”

If you’ve shopped in Portland Audubon’s Nature Store or been on a Portland Audubon weekday bird walk, chances are you’ve met Mary Ratcliff. She holds a weekly Nature Store shift, co-chairs the book team for the Wild Arts Festival Book Fair, and is co-organizer with Carolyn Arnold of Portland Audubon’s free weekday birding trips. This year the group offered 28 outings, and Mary co-led eight of those.

Being such an active volunteer allows Mary to see the contribution Portland Audubon makes to our community, and that’s what motivates her to give generously: “Portland Audubon’s real focus is on protecting our environment for generations on down. The mission to help people love and protect nature is something I really want to do. People protect what they love, and kids have to learn about nature so they can protect it.”

For Mary, learning about nature means using all her senses, and with birds that means hearing as well as sight: “I went on some birding trips and realized people were really listening to birds. Then I came home and became aware of the Song Sparrows in my neighborhood. I realized just how much more there was to birding because I could listen. But I didn’t really do a lot of birding by ear until I took classes with Dan van den Broek. That’s when I started to work at it.”



Photo by Donna Wiensch

She knows more than 100 bird songs now. “Five years ago,” she says, “I knew maybe thirty. Every spring I review the songs I know and try to learn ten new bird songs.” One of her techniques before heading off on a trip is to make playlist for her cell phone of the bird songs she’ll likely hear. By listening to the playlist over and over, she has a better chance of recognizing the birds she hears in the field.

Mary became a Portland Audubon member 22 years ago and began volunteering soon after retiring from a career in high tech. She spent 35 years in both the hardware and software industries, receiving an engineering degree from University of Santa Clara and then a master’s in computer science from Stanford. By the time she retired, Mary was supervising more than 100 people on several continents.

Thank you, Mary, for the many ways you give to Portland Audubon!

Wild Arts Festival 2017: Celebrating the Natural World Through Art and Literature

Save the date! The Wild Arts Festival, the Northwest’s premier show and sale of nature-related art and books is set for **Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19**—just in time for you and your friends to do some fun and meaningful holiday shopping.

With painters, sculptors, jewelers, photographers, woodworkers, ceramicists, fused-glass artists, novelists, nonfiction writers, and poets (and the list goes on!) at the Festival, you’ll find incredible work inspired by the flora and fauna of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The Wild Arts Festival, presented by Backyard Bird Shop, is a significant fundraiser for Audubon Society of Portland and helps support local and regional artists and writers who celebrate nature in their works. It also creates awareness in our community of the Portland Audubon mission. In 2016, 4,700 people attended the Festival, raising \$180,000!

Our 2017 Wild Arts Festival will again be at Montgomery Park in NW Portland. There you will find a wide variety of artists and their artworks, celebrated authors discussing and selling their books, plus hundreds of silent auction items. And because it was so popular with families last year, we will again have special activities for children from 12pm to 2pm on Sunday, with visits from our education birds!

The artists at the Festival have all been handpicked by a jury of Festival volunteers, and our roster of authors is nearing completion. Watch our website, WildArtsFestival.org, for updated lists and information.

This is the 37th year for the Wild Arts Festival. We could not stage this event, and raise such significant funds for our conservation and education programs, without our dedicated sponsors. In addition to Presenting Sponsor **Backyard Bird Shop**, Portland Audubon thanks **Morel Ink** and **Bill Naito Company** as Hawk Sponsors; and **Elk Cove Vineyards**, **Grow Construction**, **SELCO Community Credit Union**, **Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP**, **McCoy Foat & Company PC**, and the **Audubon Society of Portland Board of Directors** as Great Blue Heron sponsors.

In addition, we have a growing list of businesses and individuals who sponsor at the Owl, 40 Friends of Wild Arts, or Community Sponsor levels. If you or someone you know would like to become a sponsor, please visit WildArtsFestival.org for our sponsor benefit package or contact **Donna Wiensch**, **Interim Development Director**, at dwiench@audubonportland.org for information on approaching sponsors.

The Wild Arts Festival is a great way for you to connect with other Portland Audubon supporters. Here are some ways you can join the fun:



Wild Arts Festival. Photo by Anna Campbell

Donate a 6×6 Wild Art Project: If you are a local professional or aspiring artist, you can donate a piece of bird-themed art on a 6"×6" canvas. Our sponsor, Blick Art Materials, will have canvasses available for you to pick up at their two locations after Labor Day.

Volunteer at the Festival: If you’d like to help out on Festival days, visit WildArtsFestival.org, or email the Festival’s volunteer coordinator, **Jill Nelson-Debord**, at wafvolunteers@gmail.com. There are a wide variety of jobs available, and you’ll have a chance to get to know fellow Portland Audubon supporters.

Donate to Silent Auction: We welcome your generous gifts, such as:

- Bird houses, feeders, binoculars, spotting scopes
- Getaways to B&Bs, hotels, beach houses, mountain cabins
- Gift Certificates to restaurants and stores
- Pottery, jewelry, garden art, metal work, wood carvings, and glass pieces
- Limited-edition prints may be accepted on an individual basis.

Please note that we do not take used items, with the exception of high-value items, accepted on an individual basis.

Please download the Silent Auction Form at WildArtsFestival.org and drop off items at Portland Audubon between October 1 and November 12. Questions? Contact **Marilyn Scott** at mwestlinn@comcast.net or 503-722-8136.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 18, 10am–6pm**; and **Sunday, November 19, 11am–5pm**.

Wanted for WAF Silent Auction

- Sturdy easels suitable for displaying large framed works of art
- Portfolio cases for packing and carrying large framed art

Thank You to:

- Roy Beaty for 106 plants donated to the Sanctuary
- Marceen Bloom for 10 pieces of art donated to the Wild Arts Festival
- Jim Cruce for 24 11x14 unframed photos, 8 11x14 framed photos, 3 8x10 framed photos, 3 4x6 framed photos, and 1 16x20 framed photo
- Allison Handler for a PA system donated for general use
- Mat Ishan for 6 field guides about birds and trees for Education
- David Judkins for 1 Columbia Spotting Scope for general use
- Stephan Lashbrook for 18 Best Loved Bird Paintings by Audubon
- Ann Littlewood for 129 plants donated to the Native Plant Sale
- Alan Locklear for 6 plants donated to the Sanctuary
- Deanna Sawtelle for 850 Birthday and Thank You cards for volunteers
- Mary Simpson for donating *Hummingbirds, My Tiny Treasures* by A. Heidcamp to the Nature Store
- Jill Thompson for a flash drive with bird photos donated for publication use

Our Wish List

For Administration:

AED (automated external defibrillator)
Auditory assistance devices
Binoculars
Scope and tripod

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 Portland Audubon at 503-292-6855 ext. 102, Mon-Fri, to arrange a time for delivery/pick-up.

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We Did it Again! Audubon Society of Portland's Birdathon Celebrates Biggest Year Yet!

Our 37th year is nearly complete and yes, we are still the biggest, baddest Birdathon this side of the Mississippi! We surpassed our goal of \$175,000 to protect birds and habitat across Oregon and raised over \$189,000—thank you so much for your participation and for your donations and pledges! Wonderful new teams, more participants, and more fun all made Portland Audubon's 37th annual Birdathon a success!

A huge thank you to 304 Birdathoners! It is amazing that you volunteer your time and ask your friends and family to support your efforts, providing vital funding to the Audubon Society of Portland's important conservation work. And a big, bad thank you to our Birdathon Team Leaders for finding the time in your busy schedules to plan and lead these exciting trips. Birdathon depends upon your generosity, expertise, and leadership—we literally couldn't do it without you!



The Murre the Merrier. Photo by Arlen Snyder

Three Cheers for our Team Leaders

Ian Abraham	Hayley Crews	Andy Frank	Nancy Johnson	Kayla McCurry	Max Smith	Nikkie West
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Keia Booker	Jennifer Devlin	Mark Greenfield	Mariha Kuechmann	Carol Murdock	Sarah Swanson	Laura Whittemore
Angela Calabrese	Tim Donner (2 trips!)	Wink Gross	Brandon Lampkin	Laura Newton	Elitza Toth	Heather Wilson
Lacy Campbell	Marissa Duncan	Lynn Herring	Joe Liebezeit	Cindy Pederson	Dan van den Broek	Adrienne Wolf-Lockett
Ron Carley	Steve Engel	Adrian Hinkle	Gerard Lillie	John Rakestraw	(2 trips!)	
Bryan Crawford	Diane Field	Mike Houck	Robert Lockett	Jen Sanford	Kelli Walker	
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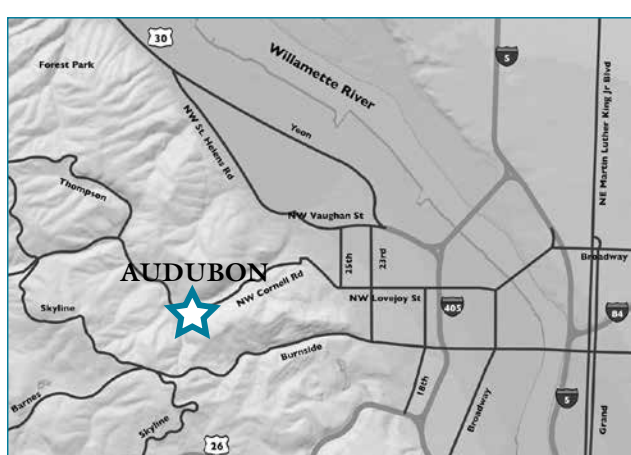
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