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## Summer Camps: The Portland Audubon Way

by Ian Abraham, Camp Director/On-site Programs Manager

In preparation for another exciting year of summer camps, Portland Audubon summer staff is busy planning trips, lessons, games and adventures that help connect each individual camper to the natural world. We strive to include elements in each of our camps that define the “**Portland Audubon Way**.” Our camps are science-based and experiential, where problem-solving and thought-provoking challenges are presented daily. Our holistic approach allows campers to express themselves through different mediums such as crafts, poetry, skits, and music. Each program has a foundation of concept-based learning that incorporates hands-on activities throughout. We recognize that campers have different learning styles and we address these by seeing, touching, smelling, hearing, and, at times, tasting! Our camper-directed approach allows for the organic nature of an informal outdoor setting to pull on the youth’s passions and interests in the natural world.

Our vision of a residential summer camp at **Portland Audubon’s Marmot Cabin** continues to become a reality: we are on schedule to complete phase one of a two-phase remodel for summer 2017. In phase one, we’ve added two thirty-foot yurts that will increase our capacity, improve the overall function of the facility, and allow us to introduce residential camps that will call Marmot Cabin home. **Audubon Classics: Fire, Sticks, and Stones** (3 sessions starting July 10, 17, and 24), will expose campers to the art and science of wilderness living while they explore and play in the Joe Miller Wildlife Sanctuary. Phase two will be the next step, and we are working to raise funds for a necessary remodel of the 60-year-old cabin. When complete, Marmot Cabin will provide not only summer camp programming, but also a fully functional Outdoor School site that will bring Portland Audubon’s unique brand of programming to new communities and schools where fee-for-service barriers may currently exist.

Our focus on providing programming to youth who have limited access to nature is progressing in other areas as well. By partnering with Portland Arthur Academy, we once again bring **Audubon East Explorers** (3 sessions starting July 31, Aug 7, and Aug 14) to our east side summer camp site for a second year. This partnership offers programs for three age ranges, 2nd through 8th graders, and we are excited to have a location nestled at the base of Mt. Tabor.

Our camps teach skills and foster awareness that enhance the personal character and growth of each individual participant. Each program’s theme offers a framework for our professional educators to provide unique and truly powerful learning opportunities. Campers can develop empathy and a scientific mind while exploring the Oregon coast (**High Seas & Low Tides: August 21**); they can become stewards of the land (**Forest to Farm: July 31**); and all our camps help children develop community. We recognize that within a week-long program we have the fantastic opportunity to create a culture of care for each other and the land through teamwork and big belly laughs.

What other organization offers camps that focus on mythology and stories of the land in **Mountain Myths** (July 10) and then bird biology as a **Jr. Bird Biologist** (July 17)? Where else, within four weeks, can an 11-year-old raft down the Clackamas River in **World of Watercraft** (July 3–7); learn to shoot a bow and arrow on an overnight program at Marmot Cabin in **Archery & Wilderness Skills** (July 31–Aug 4); and finally take to the canopies of Oregon’s forest, safely climbing trees and just **Monkeyin’ Around** (Aug 29–Sept 1)? Even if just for one week, parents have the chance to give children one of the most exceptional summer experiences of their lives. These unique programs allow parents to build a summer schedule that is safe, educational, and above all, ridiculously fun!

To register please go to:  
[audubonportland.org/  
trips-classes-camps/camps/  
summer](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/camps/summer)  
Call 971-222-6131  
See the summer camp insert for  
up to date camp openings.

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## On the Road with Finley and Bohlman

Audubon Society of Portland is proud to partner with the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) and feature the work of two of our founding members: William L. Finley and Herman T. Bohlman.



Their work during the first four decades of the twentieth century, backed by the fledgling Oregon Audubon Society (later Audubon Society of Portland) resulted in the protection of public lands across Oregon, including Klamath, Malheur, and Three Arch Rocks Wildlife Refuges; and the Willa, Deschutes, Umpqua, Siskiyou, Fremont, Siuslaw, Umatilla, and Rogue River National Forests. It also resulted in the first laws to protect wild birds in Oregon.

Finley and Bohlman left behind an astounding legacy of natural history photography and writing, land protection, and grassroots advocacy. More than 6,000 photographic images and 8,600 pages of documents—nearly 50 years of work (1899–1946) to document and protect the diversity of birds and wildlife in Oregon—are being released online from the collections of the OHS and Oregon State University.

In celebration, OHS Historian Laura Cray will be doing a five-stop speaking tour across Oregon this spring. She will be joined at three of these events by Audubon Society of Portland Conservation Director Bob Sallinger. This project is an amazing opportunity to see Finley and Bohlman’s incredible work and learn the conservation advocacy that protected much of Oregon’s landscape.

April 25, Burns, Harney County Library, 6:30–8pm  
April 27, Klamath Falls, Oregon Institute of Technology, 7–8pm  
May 13, Corvallis, Oregon State University Library, 6–7:30pm\*  
May 14, Oceanside, Netarts Community Club, 2–3:30pm\*  
June 7, Portland, Oregon Historical Society, 6–7:30pm\*\*

\*With Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger  
\*\*With Bob Sallinger, Worth Mathewson (author of *William L. Finley: Pioneer Wildlife Photographer*, OSU Press, 1987), and Tom McAllister (journalist who knew William Finley).

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To learn more, visit [ohs.org/events/](http://ohs.org/events/)



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# From our Executive Director

## A Growing Community

by Nick Hardigg, Executive Director



It's May, and our sanctuary woods are happily awakening with the sounds of spring migration. There is an added air of expectation that's shared by staff and board as we near the end of an extensive strategic planning process to determine our direction and goals for years to come. The board of directors will adopt a final plan in May, and we'll share its details soon after. Central to its themes will be expanded efforts to inspire an increasing diversity of communities to enjoy, understand, and ultimately protect birds and the habitat we all depend on.

Meanwhile, our community of volunteers, donors, and staff is organizing for our own annual spring migration, the phenomenon known as Birdathon. Beginner and expert

birders sign up for half-day, full-day, or even overnight adventures to spot birds out in the wild, and ask their friends and family to pledge support. Every dollar raised is used locally to fund our work to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat. Birdathon joins together more than 300 volunteer fundraisers who garner thousands of pledges. This year, we hope to raise \$175,000! It's our biggest and most important fundraiser of the year, and we hope you'll join this exciting celebration of what we can achieve together, all while doing what we love: walking, hiking, and biking through the Oregon wilderness to view wildlife. Find out how you can participate at [birdathon.audubonportland.org](http://birdathon.audubonportland.org).

Thank you for being a valued part of this growing community—of volunteers, birders, and conservation ambassadors, habitat stewards and creators, and the staff that supports you.



Portland Audubon Staff 2017. Photo by Jonathan Poinsner

## Ross Island Regatta in Honor of 31st Annual Great Blue Heron Week

Sunday, May 21 10am to 1pm

by Mike Houck, Urban Naturalist

In 1986, then mayor Bud Clark, while giving a speech in the downtown Hilton to several hundred western fish-and-wildlife biologists, mentioned Great Blue Herons numerous times. He related the encounters he'd had with herons at his duck blind at Scappoose Bottoms and on his paddles on the Willamette River. Having recently read about several US cities that had an official city bird and knowing Portland had none yet, I grabbed Bud by the arm on his way out of the Hilton and suggested he proclaim the heron as Portland's city bird. He let out his characteristic "Whoop, Whoop!" and two weeks later Portland had a newly appointed emissary to the natural world: the stately Great Blue Heron.

Shortly thereafter I wrote to then Oregon poet laureate William Stafford and asked him to write a short poem commemorating adoption of the heron as our city bird. He sent me the poem *Spirit of Place* within a couple weeks. Each year we read Stafford's inspiring poem, after which the mayor and city council adopt a proclamation announcing events for that year's Great Blue Heron Week and what natural resource programs and actions the city will undertake to ensure herons continue to grace Portland's skyline.

### Spirit of Place: Great Blue Heron

*Out of their loneliness for each other  
two reeds, or maybe two shadows, lurch  
forward and become suddenly a life  
lifted from the dawn to the rain. It is  
the wilderness come back again, a lagoon  
with our city reflected in its eye.  
We live by faith in such presences.*

*It is a test for us, that thin  
but real, undulating figure that promises,  
"If you keep the faith I will exist  
at the edge, where your vision joins  
the sunlight and the rain: heads in the light,  
feet that go down in the mud where the truth is."*

– William Stafford, 1987



Great Blue Heron in flight. Photo by Mike Houck

For this year's 31st Annual Great Blue Heron Week there will be only one signature event—the annual Ross Island Regatta—which will give Portlanders an opportunity to enjoy a morning on the Willamette River, paddling through the no-wake zone on the Holgate Channel, into the Ross Island lagoon, around Ross Island, and back to Willamette Park. May is the perfect time to circumnavigate the four-island archipelago (Ross, Hardtack, East, and Toe), which will be redolent with bird song, including the eerie melody of Swainson's Thrushes. We might even see a river otter or two! The paddle will launch at Willamette Park boat ramp, proceed to the west side of the Willamette River, and head downstream for a serene "birdy" journey through the Holgate Channel's no-wake zone. We will be looking and listening for Black-headed Grosbeaks, Purple Martins, and other migratory songbirds, Spotted Sandpipers, Peregrine Falcons, Red-tailed Hawks, and Wood Ducks. In the Ross Island lagoon we'll see nesting Bald Eagles that took over what had been a large Great Blue Heron nesting colony. Farther downstream we will get a good look at the relocated heron colony near Ross Island's tip. From there we will head back upstream past little Toe Island, keeping a lookout for beaver dens and Belted Kingfisher burrows.

Meet trip leaders Mike Houck of the Urban Greenspaces Institute, and Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director at Audubon Society of Portland, no later than **10am** at Willamette Park boat ramp to unload your canoe or kayak and get into the water by 10:30.

## NATURE NIGHT

**The Second Tuesday of the month from September to May unless otherwise specified.** To RSVP to any or all of our Nature Nights and receive quick entry, go to [bit.ly/NATURENIGHTRSVP](http://bit.ly/NATURENIGHTRSVP) (case sensitive). If you have a suggestion for a Nature Night presentation or any feedback about a speaker, please contact Keia Booker at [kbooker@audubonportland.org](mailto:kbooker@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855.

### The Singing Brain: Biology of Birdsong with Dr. Claudio Mello of OHSU

Tuesday, May 9 • 7pm

**Due to high interest, venue location not confirmed at time of publication. Please visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for up-to-date information.**

Our understanding of bird brains has grown dramatically since the time when calling someone a "bird brain" was an insult. The ability of these avian creatures to tell entire stories in a single dulcet phrase is not only captivating but sonically fascinating. Neuroscientist Dr. Claudio Mello will bring us new research about birds, their songs, and how they learn them. Join us for a talk about these jewels of melodic expression, and truly understand the beauty of a bird brain.



Common Yellowthroat. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Only three groups of birds are able to learn their songs; namely, songbirds, parrots, and hummingbirds. We study their behavior, their brains, and their genomes, looking for clues as to how these birds are capable of accomplishing this complex learned behavior. The way songbirds learn to sing is in many ways similar to how we humans learn to speak, and indeed birdsong research has contributed many insights into the evolution and mechanisms of human speech and language. Dr. Mello will present some of the latest updates in the neuroscience and genomics of birdsong learning. As we enter spring, this is the perfect time to talk about how the brain circuits in singing birds change in response to cues in the environment and in preparation for the breeding season.



Western Tanager. Photo by Scott Carpenter

Dr. Claudio Mello, PhD, is an associate professor at Oregon Health and Science University. He has presented at Portland Audubon several times and is always a delight.

**Due to high interest, venue location not confirmed at time of publication. Please visit [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for up-to-date information.**

This talk is sure to fill up fast, so we encourage you to grab your seat early! EXPRESS ENTRY is available by signing up at [bit.ly/NATURENIGHT](http://bit.ly/NATURENIGHT) (this is not an RSVP but gains you quick access to the event).

**Directions:** Willamette Park entrance is at SW Macadam Avenue and SW Nebraska Street. If you are renting a canoe or kayak from Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe or the nearby Portland Kayak Company, make sure you leave plenty of time to get your craft and be at Willamette Park at 9:30am sharp to put in. Alder Creek Kayak, 503-285-1819, [aldercreek.com](http://aldercreek.com). Portland Kayak Company, 503-459-4050, [portlandkayak.com](http://portlandkayak.com). After unloading your craft at the boat ramp, park in a CAR parking space. You will be ticketed if you park in a trailer space. Be sure to pay for parking. There are two parking pass machines near the restroom at the south end of the main parking lot. For more information contact Mike Houck, [mikehouck@urbangreenspaces.org](mailto:mikehouck@urbangreenspaces.org). The paddle is a leisurely two and a half hours and is suitable for beginning paddlers and families. You must provide your own life jackets and kayak or canoe. There will be a safety boat accompanying the paddlers.



# 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

## May 4 (Thurs), 7:30am–12:30pm



### Columbia County Slough

Join **Karen Chaivoe** for birding in the Columbia County Slough and Water Treatment Plants. We will look for spring migrants who are singing and settling into territories. Meet on Sauvie Island in the TriMet Park and Ride lot. Please plan to carpool and drive about 40 miles round trip. A \$3 parking fee required for the Port of St. Helens. **Limited to 18 participants.** For questions or for more information, contact Karen at [kchaivoe@comcast.net](mailto:kchaivoe@comcast.net). **Limited to 18 participants.** **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/may4-col-slough](http://tinyurl.com/may4-col-slough)

## May 6 (Sat), 8am–11:30am



### Larch Mountain

Join leader **Tim Shelmerdine** as we explore the montane habitats in eastern Multnomah County. We will be looking for such interesting species as Gray Jay, Hermit and other warblers, and listening for booming Sooty Grouse. We will start at 8am and should be done by 11. Meet at the Troutdale Outlet Mall. Dress for the weather and beginners welcome. Signup encouraged. Call Tim at 971-221-2534 with questions and to sign up.

## May 10 (Wed), All-day Trip



### White River Oak Woodlands and Rimrock Country

Interested in exploring the unique oak woodland and basalt rimrock country of North Central Oregon? Chance to see Lewis's Woodpeckers, Ash-throated Flycatchers, Lazuli Buntings, Canyon Wrens, and Golden Eagles. We will spend most of our time on the White River Wildlife Management Area around Tygh Valley (south of The Dalles). We will leave the Troutdale Outlet Mall parking lot at 7am. Plan on an all-day adventure, not getting back to Troutdale until after 6pm. **Registration required.** Call **Ron Escano** (503-771-3454) for more details and to reserve a spot.

## May 10 (Wed), 7:30am–10am



### Cooper Mountain Nature Park

Join **Kathy van der Horst** and **Mary Ratcliff** to explore the park's forest, oak woodland, and prairie for spring warblers, finches, wrens, and vireos in their best breeding plumage and voice. Please note that some trails are steep. This Metro park is at 18892 SW Kemmer Rd, Beaverton. Call Kathy (503-233-7143) with questions. **Limited to 14 participants.** **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/CooperMt-2017](http://tinyurl.com/CooperMt-2017).

## May 18 (Thurs), 7:30am–1pm



### Ridgefield NWR

Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Karen Chaivoe** for a mid-May exploration of Ridgefield to look for migrants, waterfowl and with luck, Virginia Rail and Sora. We will walk the Oak to Woodlands trail, then move to bird the River S unit and walk the Kiwa trail. Meet at 7:30 am sharp at the Carty Unit parking lot: 290th & N. Main Ave. Cars will need a NWR pass, available at the Carty Unit headquarters. Questions: email Mary at [mratclif@aracnet.com](mailto:mratclif@aracnet.com). **Limited to 15 participants.** **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/Ridgefield-5-18-2017](http://tinyurl.com/Ridgefield-5-18-2017).

## May 25 (Thurs), 8am–12pm



### Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve

Join **Dick Demarest** at Jackson Bottom to search for spring migrants, including shorebirds and warblers. Resident waterfowl should have young and, of course, the raptors will be hunting. Meet at the Nature Center about 1 mile south of Hillsboro on Rt. 219. Questions: Call Dick at 503-407-7912. **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/JacksonBottomsTrip](http://tinyurl.com/JacksonBottomsTrip)

## May 27 (Sat), 7am–3pm



### Washington County Coast Range

Join **Stefan Schlick** for a day in the nearby Coast Range. We will look for American Dipper, Hermit Warbler, Townsend's Solitaire, and Hammond's Flycatcher. Northern Pygmy-Owl and Sooty Grouse are also possible. Meet at Jim's Thriftway in Banks. Dress for the weather and beginners welcome. To register or for questions, email Stefan at [greenfant@hotmail.com](mailto:greenfant@hotmail.com).

## May 31 (Wed), 7:30am–11:30am



### Sandy River Delta

Join **Mary Ratcliff** and **Kathy van der Horst** to search for Red-eyed Vireos, Yellow Warblers, Yellow-breasted Chats, and more. Head east on I-84 to Exit 18 and loop back toward the west. At the bottom of the ramp turn right to pass under freeway, and follow frontage road 0.2 mi east to the entrance of the park. Email Mary at [mratclif@aracnet.com](mailto:mratclif@aracnet.com) with questions. **Limited to 16 participants.** **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/SandyRiverDelta-5-31-2017](http://tinyurl.com/SandyRiverDelta-5-31-2017).

## June 3 (Sat), 8am–11am



### Cooper Mountain Botany and More

Join **Bonnie Deneke** and **Dan van den Broek** to observe spring flowers, birds, and butterflies of Cooper Mountain. Please note that the park has steep terrain. Directions: From the north take Murray Blvd. south to Weir Road and turn right (west). Continue up the hill. Turn right at the top of the hill and then left on Kemmer Road. After the four-way stop, continue on Kemmer. The park is one the left at 18892 SW Kemmer Road. **Limited to 15 participants.** **Registration required:** email Bonnie ([bonniedeneke@gmail.com](mailto:bonniedeneke@gmail.com)).

## June 4 (Sun), 7am–5pm



### Butterflies of the Lower Deschutes

Study Swallowtails, Whites, Sulphurs, Brush-footeds, Blues, and more with **Dennis Deck** and **Dan van den Broek**. Search for 15 or more species in the mountains, dry canyons, and riparian areas along the lower Deschutes. **Limited to 14 participants.** Contact Dan ([dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org)) to reserve a spot. More information and carpooling will be arranged after you have made your reservation.

## June 7 (Wed), 8am–11am



### Powell Butte Nature Park

Join **Ron Escano** to explore the unique habitats of Powell Butte, and especially looking for nesting Lazuli Bunting. The park entrance is at SE 162nd Ave and Powell Blvd. Meet at the top parking lot. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather, and beginners welcome. Registration required: call Ron (503-771-3454) to reserve a spot.

## June 7 (Wed), 8am–5pm



### Mt. Hood Lakes

Join **Kathy van der Horst** and **Karen Chaivoe** to search the beautiful slopes of Mt. Hood at Wildwood Recreation Area, Trillium Lake, and Little Crater Lake Meadows. We depart at 8am from the SW parking lot of the Olive Garden Restaurant, 8700 SE Sunnyside Road, across from Clackamas Town Center. Bring a lunch and insect repellent. There will be one \$5 parking fee per car. Call Kathy at 503-233-7143 with questions. **Limited to 16 participants.** **Registration required:** email Kathy ([kathyfrans@opusnet.com](mailto:kathyfrans@opusnet.com)).

## June 13 (Tues), 8am–12pm



### Sandy River Delta

Join **Kathy van der Horst** and **Linda Magnuson** at one of the Portland area's premier birding spots in late spring. It will be alive with bird song: Yellow Warblers, Bullock's Orioles, Lazuli Buntings, Yellow-breasted Chats and Red-eyed Vireos, to name a few. Meet by the restroom in the parking lot. We walk approximately 2 miles on flat trails. Dress for the weather. Directions: Take I-84 east to Exit 18. Turn right at the stop sign, pass under the freeway, and follow the road as it turns east into the parking lot. **Limited to 16 participants.** **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/SRD6-13-17](http://tinyurl.com/SRD6-13-17).

## June 20 (Tues), 7:30–11am



### Camassia Natural Area & Canemah Bluffs

Join **Dick Demarest** and **Kathy van der Horst** to search the rocky meadows and woods of two cliffside parks along the Willamette River. Warblers, vireos, woodpeckers, Osprey, and Bald Eagle are possible. Meet at Jon Storm Park, 1801 Clackamette Drive in Oregon City to carpool. Note: trails (about 3 miles total) are uneven and poison oak is present. **Limited to 9 participants.** **Registration required:** [tinyurl.com/Camass-Canemah-June-20](http://tinyurl.com/Camass-Canemah-June-20)

## June 22 (Thurs), 8:30am–11:30am



### Clackamas River

Join **Karen Chaivoe** and **Mary Ratcliff** to look for birds along the beautiful Clackamas River. We'll meet in Estacada and carpool to two lovely spots to look for breeding birds that nest in the area. A State Park pass is required for cars parking at the Milo McIver State Park (\$5 for day use). Meet in the parking lot at Mossy Rock, a gift shop, at 398 S Broadway St, Estacada, OR, 97023 at 8:30 am. Questions: email Karen ([kchaivoe@comcast.net](mailto:kchaivoe@comcast.net)) or Mary ([mratclif@aracnet.com](mailto:mratclif@aracnet.com)).

## Bird Song Walks 2017

7am Mon–Fri, various locations: **FREE!**

Audubon Society of Portland is proud to sponsor the 2017 season of weekday-morning Bird Song Walks! From beginners to advanced birders, anyone who is fascinated by the sounds of birds should take advantage of these volunteer-guided walks to the metro area's prime spring migration hotspots. By starting with the earliest trips you can become familiar with the songs of the common resident species and then keep pace with the migrants as they arrive.

**Bird Song Walks begin at 7am and end at around 9am.** No pre-registration required. Leave whenever you like. Bring binoculars and a field guide, and be sure to dress properly for the weather: Spring mornings can be surprisingly chilly.

Try taking the bus if available. Go to [trimet.org](http://trimet.org) or call **503-238-RIDE (7433)** for route information. For natural history information, maps, and directions for these natural areas, see the latest edition of *Wild in the City: Exploring the Intertwine*, available at Portland Audubon's Nature Store. Websites are provided here for each locale.

**Mondays** May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### Tryon Creek State Park

**Leaders: Rick and Stephanie Wagner**  
11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland, OR 97219. Meet at the Nature Center. More at [tryonfriends.org](http://tryonfriends.org).

**Tuesdays** May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### Oaks Bottom Park

**Leader: Hailey Walls**  
Meet in Sellwood Park at the corner of SE 7th Ave & Sellwood Blvd in Portland, OR 97202. For more info about Oaks Bottom, visit [portlandoregon.gov/parks](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks).



Lazuli Bunting. Photo by Jim Cruce

**Wednesdays** May 3, 10, 17, 24

### Mt. Tabor Park Leaders: Gerard Lillie and Tom McNamara

From SE Belmont, go south on SE 69th two short blocks, just into the park turn right and drive as far as possible to gate. Park along street. Mt. Tabor Park is closed to cars on Wednesdays, so be sure to use this entrance. [TriMet bus #15 stops at SE 69th & Yamhill]. **Please be aware of bicyclists on Mt Tabor! Make room and share the road!** More at [portlandoregon.gov/parks](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks).

**Thursdays** May 4, 11, 18, 25

### Pittock Mansion Leader: Wink Gross

3229 NW Pittock Drive, Portland, OR 97210. Follow W Burnside about 1.2 miles west of NW 23rd and turn right onto Barnes Rd. Follow the well-marked signs through the neighborhood for another 0.7 mile to the park, and meet at the Pittock parking lot. [TriMet bus #20 stop #687 at W Burnside and NW Barnes is closest stop.] More at [pittockmansion.org](http://pittockmansion.org).

**Thursdays** May 4, 11, 18, 25

### Rood Bridge Park Leader: Steve Engel

Meet at 4000 SE Rood Bridge Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123. For more information, call 503-681-6283 or visit [ci.hillsboro.or.us](http://ci.hillsboro.or.us).

**Fridays** May 5, 12, 19, 26

### Portland Audubon Sanctuary

**Leaders: Stefan Schlick, Dan van den Broek**

Meet at the Portland Audubon Society at 5151 NW Cornell Rd, Portland, OR 97210. For more info, visit [audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/visiting](http://audubonportland.org/sanctuaries/visiting).



# Conservation

## Moving Toward a Conservation Solution for the Elliott State Forest

by Micah Meskel, Conservation Field Coordinator

After hearing from thousands of Oregonians on the importance of the Elliott State Forest and protecting public lands, State Treasurer Tobias Read has announced that he is no longer in favor of selling the Elliott State Forest and instead is pursuing an option that will keep the Elliott entirely in public ownership and decouple the forest from the Common School Fund. He has joined Governor Kate Brown in declaring his opposition to selling the Elliott, creating a majority on the State Land Board in favor of protecting this public treasure. This announcement would not have happened without the incredible advocacy of literally thousands of people who sent a powerful message that selling off our public lands is unacceptable. It represents a major step forward but there is still work to be done. It will be critical to stay engaged.

The State Land Board, composed of Governor Brown, Treasurer Read, and Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, will meet again on May 9 to consider options for how to move forward on the Elliott. If a majority of the Land Board reaches an agreement on the Elliott, the State Legislature will then need to pass legislation to move the Land Board’s proposal forward. It will take ongoing pressure to ensure that our elected leaders stay the course and adopt a solution that truly protects this 80,000+ acre forest and imperiled species such as Spotted Owls, Marbled Murrelets, and Coho Salmon.

The details will matter. The State illegally clear-cut endangered species’ habitat for decades until Portland Audubon, Cascadia Wildlands, and the Center for Biological Diversity brought a lawsuit to stop the illegal logging. The threat by the State to sell the Elliott was a misguided response to being forced to stop this illegal activity. A real solution for the Elliott means not only backing away from the sale but also instituting responsible management practices on the Elliott that protect and restore its natural resources.

We look forward to seeing the details of the State Land Board’s plans and will continue to let you know how you can advocate for the strongest conservation solution possible for the Elliott. Please keep up the pressure. **You can help by attending the State Land Board meeting on May 9 in Salem and by contacting your state representatives now and urging them to support a solution that protects the Elliott and keeps it in public ownership.**

We would not be in the position we are today without the efforts of Portland Audubon members and other grassroots activists from across the state. Thank you all for your phone calls, emails, and in-person visits down in Salem! It’s amazing what our collective voice can do!

Forest activists from across the state rally for the Elliott State Forest at State Land Board meeting. Photo by Bob Sallinger



Scrambling through old growth of the Elliott. Photo by Alex Harris



### Upcoming Portland Audubon Activist Opportunities

Grassroots activism has always been at the core of our efforts to protect wildlife, wild places, and the health of our community. Your voice is more important than ever as we head toward critical environmental decisions at the local, state, and national levels.

For more information on any of these events or to RSVP, please contact **Stephanie Taylor, Conservation Field Organizer**, at [staylor@audubonportland.org](mailto:staylor@audubonportland.org) or 971-200-4681.

**State Land Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 10am–1pm**  
**Department of State Lands, 775 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301**  
Please join us by attending the upcoming State Land Board meeting for the Elliott State Forest to let Governor Brown, Treasurer Read, and Secretary of State Richardson know that the public wants a real solution for the Elliott! Opportunity for public testimony is likely, but it is also important to attend to show support for potential alternative plans that protect the Elliott’s unique natural resources. Please wear green to show solidarity for a conservation solution.

Transportation provided. **Please RSVP to reserve a seat:** [staylor@audubonportland.org](mailto:staylor@audubonportland.org)

**Activist Training: Effective participation in public processes**  
**Thursday, May 25, 6-8:30pm Portland Audubon’s Heron Hall**  
Public participation is an essential part of our municipal, state, and federal government. Most see voting in elections as their only way to engage politically, but there are many other ways that you can voice your opinion and ensure your values are represented. For most of its 100-year history, Portland Audubon has harnessed the power of its community to help guide and direct public policy for the betterment of wildlife and people in our region. Attend this presentation to learn tricks to effectively participate in a variety of public processes, through submitting testimony, following decision-making process, and seeing those improvements to enactment.

## From Wastewater to Wetlands: Community Scientists Help Portland Audubon Document Dramatic Bird Response to Restoration at Fernhill Wetlands

by Joe Liebezeit, Avian Conservation Program Manager



Virginia Rail. Photo by Jim Cruce

The greater Fernhill Wetlands site, encompassing more than 700 acres, has historically been a popular birding location in the Portland Metro region and is officially designated as an Important Bird Area. In 2014 and 2015, Clean Water Services (CWS), the owner of the wetlands property, implemented an ambitious habitat restoration project that transformed 90 acres of unused sewage ponds into a complex of native wetland habitats designed to naturally treat wastewater. The goal is to create quality wildlife habitat, while at the same time improving wastewater treatment in a manner that will end up saving ratepayers money. The surface was entirely restructured, and workers planted more than 750,000 native wetland plants and over 3 billion seeds. More than 180 logs and snags were introduced to create habitat and perches for birds and other wildlife. This restoration effort is innovative and builds on the success of other high-profile constructed wetland projects at wastewater treatment plants, such as Arcata Marsh in California and Sweetwater Wetlands in Arizona.

In 2015, through a community science effort involving local birders as well as formal bird surveys, the Audubon Society of Portland began working with CWS to understand how birds are responding to the habitat restoration effort at Fernhill Wetlands. We created an easy-to-follow protocol for community scientists to use as they birded the site and entered their data into eBird (an online database for posting and sharing bird checklists). The birding coverage at this site has been amazing, with surveys conducted over 150 days per year by over 30 dedicated volunteers. Thanks, volunteers!

It’s been only two years since the major restoration work was completed, but we’ve documented some exciting preliminary findings. “Species richness” (the number of different bird species) in spring, summer, and winter has increased significantly following the restoration effort. High species richness during spring and summer is a promising sign that birds are not only flocking to the site during migration but that breeding conditions may have improved for many species. Marsh birds like the Virginia Rail and Sora have increased dramatically following the restoration, with a fourfold increase in less than two years. Numbers of wetland-dependent songbirds, including Red-winged Blackbird and Common Yellowthroat, have increased, as have dabbling ducks, including Mallard and Gadwall. Species that depend on large water bodies (such as wintering Western Grebes) have become generally less common after the restoration, since the amount of open water has been reduced. Birds and wildlife are still adjusting to the vegetation as it matures, so Portland Audubon and volunteers will continue to monitor the site to track changes in the bird community.

The findings from the monitoring effort at Fernhill Wetlands will inform CWS on how to maximize benefit to birds and wildlife that use this site. This collaborative project is bringing a better understanding of the multiple benefits that can be achieved through use of green infrastructure strategies to manage stormwater and wastewater. Lessons gleaned from the Fernhill Wetlands restoration may help foster and inform similar restoration projects at other water treatment facilities across the nation.

If you would like to get involved as a community science volunteer for this project, contact **Joe Liebezeit** ([jliebezeit@audubonportland.org](mailto:jliebezeit@audubonportland.org)). To read a detailed report on the preliminary results visit [bit.ly/fernhillwetlands2017report](http://bit.ly/fernhillwetlands2017report)

### Conservation Wish List

Do you have a small motorboat, travel trailer, or recreational vehicle in good condition that you no longer use and would like to donate to the Portland Audubon Conservation Program? Any of the above would help us tremendously in our field work around the state of Oregon, and all donations are tax deductible!

- This is what we are looking for:
- Small motorboat with trailer suitable for work on Columbia River and coastal estuaries
  - Recreational vehicle or travel trailer sufficient to house two people (larger is fine as well)

Contact **Bob Sallinger** at 503-380-9728 or at [bsallinger@audubonportland.org](mailto:bsallinger@audubonportland.org)



## Wildlife Care Center Looking Forward

by Lacy Campbell, Wildlife Care Center Manager,  
and Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

Spring ushers in the Care Center's busiest season, and the increase in phone calls and intakes is already apparent. Early nesters such as Great Horned Owls and Anna's Hummingbirds are already passing through our doors, and we know that a torrent of injured and orphaned animals is not far behind.

The past year has been one of transition for the Care Center. The passing of the Care Center's longtime veterinarian, Deb Sheaffer, last summer was a huge loss for our community. In the months since her death, we have reflected on where we are and planned for the future. We think Deb would be proud of the amazing way our community has come together to support the Wildlife Care Center during this time, and pleased with what lies ahead.

We recently hired four new full- and part-time staff. The outpouring of support for the Care Center after Deb's passing has allowed us to add a new full-time position, something for which Deb had long advocated. The increased staffing enables us to continue to raise the bar on wildlife care, expand our outreach efforts and volunteer opportunities, and upgrade the facility.

In the coming year, we look forward to a variety of exciting projects that will dramatically increase the impact of the Wildlife Care Center. Initiatives we are developing include a veterinary internship program, wildlife research partnerships

with educational institutions, and for the first time, a formal youth volunteer program within the Care Center.

We will also be implementing a number of capital improvements to the Care Center facility. We will have much more to tell you about this effort in coming issues of the *Warbler*, but in the coming weeks, visitors will see a difference as we add new educational bird caging and replace our ventilation system to improve air quality. We have already made a significant investment in a new wildlife database system that will allow the public to track the animals in our care online.

From our founding in 1902, Portland Audubon has recognized the importance of creating strong, visceral connections to the natural world. The great naturalist William Finley, our founder, promoted conservation accompanied by an orphaned California Condor that he had rescued and raised. Our Wildlife Care Center was founded in the 1930s—as far as we know the first wildlife rehabilitation center in the United States. Today it continues to provide an incredible service to our community, fostering stewardship, understanding, and empathy for the wild animals that share our landscape. The last year has been one of transition and loss, but thanks to the legacy of Deb and many others, and the amazing community that volunteers and supports the Care Center, we look forward to entering our next era even stronger.



Wildlife Care Center veterinarian Kelly Flaminio releases Bald Eagle back to wild. Photo by Portland Audubon

## Portland Audubon Provides Seasonal Staff at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

For the past six years, Portland Audubon has provided seasonal staff to support conservation work and outreach at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Staff are housed on the refuge, conduct wildlife surveys and educational outreach, and supervise volunteer work parties on the refuge and in the surrounding community. The staffing we provide reflects the importance that we place on the collaborative efforts to restore Malheur to health and to building connections with the local community. This year, thanks to generous donations, we have more than doubled our commitment at Malheur and will have one or two staffers on the refuge from April through August, and intermittently in the fall.

You can track what is happening at Malheur on our **Restore Malheur** Facebook page.

To learn more about the collaborative work being done at Malheur, contact Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger at [bsallinger@audubonportland.org](mailto:bsallinger@audubonportland.org).

To find out how to get involved in a volunteer work party or get a tour of the refuge with one of our field staff contact Portland Audubon Avian Program Manager Joe Liebezeit at [jliebezeit@audubonportland.org](mailto:jliebezeit@audubonportland.org).

We would like to thank Georgia Marshall, Ursula Le Guin, the Burning Foundation, the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge for their support of this work.



Portland Audubon Field Staffer Candace Larson works on Golden Eagle surveys. Photo by Portland Audubon

## Meet Our New Wildlife Care Center Staff



Photo by Portland Audubon

**Kelly Flaminio** (right) is our new Wildlife Care Center Veterinarian. Dr. Flaminio graduated from Western University of Health Sciences' College of Veterinary Medicine and has worked as a veterinarian at the Wildlife Center of Virginia, Dove Lewis Emergency Veterinary Clinic, and the Oregon Zoo.

Kelly has been volunteering at the Wildlife Care Center for the last couple of years and has served as the Care Center's primary veterinarian on a volunteer basis for the past seven months. She will work part time at Portland Audubon and part time at the Oregon Zoo.

**Rosie Sanchez** (right) is our new full-time Wildlife Care Center Assistant. She comes to us from Barbur Blvd. Veterinary Hospital and has a wide range of experience, including wildlife rehabilitation, veterinary technology, educational animal programs, and avian field research. She previously was a crew leader at Chintimini Wildlife Center in Corvallis. Rosie grew up in Prineville, Oregon, and discovered her love of birds and wildlife through East Cascade Audubon.



Photo by Portland Audubon

**McKenzie Joslin-Snyder** will continue as the Care Center's part-time assistant. McKenzie has been working part time in the Wildlife Care Center and the Nature Store for the past year. She started in the Care Center a few years ago as a volunteer but quickly picked up the details of the job.



Photo by Portland Audubon

**Samantha DeJarnett** will be the Care Center's summer staff assistant, covering evening shifts when the Care Center goes to extended summer hours to care for baby birds and mammals. Samantha has been a volunteer in the Care Center since 2016 and comes to us with a lot of animal experience, including work in wildlife centers, veterinary clinics, and animal shelters.

We also want to express our profound appreciation to **Wendy Shoemaker**, who has served as seasonal staff in the Wildlife Care Center for the past three years and has done an amazing job helping staff the Care Center through this transition period. Wendy is moving on to finish school and pursue other conservation interests. Thanks, Wendy!



Photo by Portland Audubon

We are thrilled to welcome Kelly, Rosie, McKenzie, and Samantha to the Wildlife Care Center. Thanks to their passion for wildlife rehabilitation and working with the public, thousands of native birds, mammals, and herptiles will have a second chance at life in the wild.



# 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](http://audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult) and follow the registration link.

## Okanogan June 16–21, 2017

Join Portland Audubon on this trip to the Okanogan of north central Washington. We will be looking for summer specialties that are difficult to see in Oregon. Did you know that **Clay-colored Sparrow**, **American Redstart**, and **Least Flycatcher** are relatively easy to find as breeders just to the north of us? We will also look for some more difficult to find boreal species such as **Spruce Grouse**, **Boreal Chickadee**, **Pine Grosbeak**, and **American Three-toed Woodpecker**; however, it will require some luck.

**Leader:** Stefan Schlick, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$1195\* members / \$1495\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$600 required to secure your place



American Redstart.  
Photo by Dan Pancamo

## Ashland to Klamath June 21–25, 2017

Take a five-day birding and natural history adventure with Portland Audubon through southwest Oregon! Ashland will be our base for two nights as we explore the Rogue Valley, home to rich avifauna including **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher**, **Ash-throated Flycatcher**, and **Yellow-breasted Chat**. We'll visit a Klamath Bird Observatory banding station for a unique opportunity to observe birds in the hand and see KBO field biologists in action! We'll then traverse forest and river edges looking out for **Williamson's Sapsucker** and **Oak Titmouse** as we work our way to Klamath Falls for two more days seeking summer specialties, including breeding shorebirds and waterfowl, and the elusive **Tricolored Blackbird**.



Yellow-breasted Chat.  
Photo by Portland Audubon

**Leaders:** Candace Larson and Dan van den Broek, Portland Audubon Trip Leaders  
**Fee:** \$1195\* members / \$1495\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$600 required to secure your place

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

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This six-day adventure will take in all that the Big Sky Country has to offer, from the expansive prairies of the Northern Great Plains to the peaks of Glacier National Park. We'll begin in Great Falls and explore Benton and Freezeout Lakes. In addition to abundant breeding waterfowl and waterbirds, the wetlands and grasslands here will give us the opportunity to find many species typical of the prairies. We'll also be looking for **Upland Sandpiper**, **Marbled Godwit**, and **Sharp-tailed Grouse**.

We will continue on to Glacier, at the heart of a vast ecosystem referred to as the Crown of the Continent. Boreal and alpine specialties such as **Spruce Grouse**, **White-tailed Ptarmigan**, **Black-backed Woodpeckers**, and **Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch** will all be highlights as we explore the high elevations of this magnificent region. As we make our way south to Missoula and the conclusion of the trip, we'll stop to explore the wetlands of the Mission Valley and the pine-covered slopes of the National Bison Range.

**Leaders:** Patty Newland and Dr. Ivan Phillipsen, Portland Audubon Trip Leaders  
**Fee:** \$1495\* members / \$1695\* non-members

## Southeast Arizona August 12–20, 2017

Join Portland Audubon to explore the Sonoran Desert and the "Sky Islands" of Southeast Arizona, one of the birding capitals of the United States. Several major ecoregions converge here, and it offers a rich array of flora and fauna. In addition to birds, we'll be on the lookout for the fascinating mammals, reptiles, insects, and plants found here.



Montezuma Quail.  
Photo by Isaac Sanchez

Seasonal bird diversity will be at its highest in August, giving us opportunities for grassland sparrows such as **Botteri's**, **Cassin's**, and **Rufous-winged Sparrow**, the cryptic **Montezuma Quail** as well as resident desert species such as **Verdin**, **Curve-billed Thrasher**, **Cactus Wren**, and **Gambel's Quail**. The greatest diversity of hummingbirds in the United States is found here, and we may see up to 10 species, including the **Magnificent**, **Blue-throated**, and **Lucifer Hummingbirds**. We'll look for the **Elegant Trogon** at Cave Creek, **Violet-crowned Hummingbird** in Patagonia, **Varied Bunting** at Madera Canyon, and we should pick up a **Gray Hawk** en route.

**Leaders:** Dr. Ivan Phillipsen and Stefan Schlick, Portland Audubon Trip Leaders  
**Fee:** \$2395\* members / \$2695\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$1200 required to secure your place

For registration questions:  
**Marissa Duncan**, [mduncan@audubonportland.org](mailto:mduncan@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6131.

For more information about any of our trips:  
**Dan van den Broek** at [dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org](mailto:dvandenbroek@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6105  
or **Stefan Schlick** at [sschlick@audubonportland.org](mailto:sschlick@audubonportland.org) or 971-222-6119.

## Grays Harbor Bay Shorebirds September 8–10, 2017

Join Portland Audubon on a trip to one of the West Coast's best birding hotspots, where you can expect to see a bevy of shorebirds, and even some seabirds. Early September is the perfect time to look for **Pacific Golden-Plover**, and even a **Bar-tailed Godwit** might turn up among the **Marbled Godwit** flocks in Westport. Many other shorebird species will be present during this peak shorebird migration time. Based in Ocean Shores, Washington, we will visit Bottle Beach, Westport harbor, Tokeland, Oyhut, and the Ocean Shores jetty.

**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

Cape Perpetua, Oregon's largest marine reserve, protects essential habitat for hundreds of species, including the federally threatened **Marbled Murrelet**, **Spotted Owl**, and **Silverspot Butterfly**. With sketchbooks in hand we'll observe, study, and document marine life, coastal topography, and old growth forests. We'll start at Oregon State University, looking at the historic lineage of nature illustration, with access to the rare collections. Then it's on to Cape Perpetua to create quick sketches, long drawings, and take a short hike. On our final day, we'll travel to Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area to look for **Red Urchins**, **Tide-pool Sculpins**, and **Iridescent Seaweed** in the tide pools, **Harbor Seals** on the islands and many seabirds, including **Common Murre** and **Black Oystercatcher**, nestled on the volcanic cliffs.



Cape Perpetua. Photos by Zebith Thalden

**Leader:** Zebith Thalden, Portland Audubon Trip Leader  
**Fee:** \$515\* members / \$615\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$250 required to secure your place  
**Single supplement:** Please contact us to confirm availability.

## Birding the Olympic Peninsula October 26–29, 2017

Come join us to explore the Strait of Juan de Fuca in search of rarities, loons, alcids, and spectacular views! The scenery can be mind-blowing with the high Olympics and snow-capped peaks of the Northern Cascades in full view.

On the first day we will work our way north from Portland to Port Angeles, our base for this trip. We will make stops along the Hood Canal to look for **Barrow's Goldeneye** and **Harlequin Duck**, and at Point Wilson in Port Townsend for loons and alcids.



Harlequin Duck.  
Photo by Scott Carpenter

A day trip to Neah Bay to look for rarities is an absolute must! An amazing variety of eastern vagrants has shown up here in the last few years. This area was recently discovered as the major vagrant trap where **Tropical Kingbirds** show up annually.

We will also explore the Sequim area for a day to find **Long-tailed Duck**, **Marbled** and maybe **Ancient Murrelets**. **Yellow-billed Loon** is rare, but we will certainly investigate every loon we come across.

**Leaders:** Stefan Schlick and Randy Hill, Portland Audubon Trip Leaders  
**Fee:** \$795\* members, \$895\* non-members  
**Deposit:** \$400 required to secure your spot

**\*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](http://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](mailto:mduncan@audubonportland.org) or **971-222-6131**.

Check our website for upcoming classes not listed here!  
[audubonportland.org/trips-classes-camps/adult/classes](http://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. Add some watercolor, and create a sense of the surroundings. 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.

- May 20:** An introduction to sketching birds: form, pose, how to get it on paper. Then, add some color for markings and background.
- June 10:** We will explore more ways to create an interesting bird page, with drawing, watercolor, leaf-prints, writing and more. Also includes a review of seeing and drawing.
- July 8:** Quick studies are the way to draw live birds. Learning 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.

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



## Warblers & Flycatchers

**May 4 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
This class will focus on two groups notorious for giving birdwatchers a stiff neck and bewildered stare: warblers and flycatchers. Local author and guide **John Rakestraw** will show you how to identify these birds by sight and sound as well by as posture and performance. The field trip will visit a local migrant hotspot to solidify your new skills.

Space remains in Class-only Option: \$14

## Birding By Ear

**Laura Whittemore** will help you learn to identify birds by their songs! There’s no time like now to begin developing this very enjoyable and important bird watching skill. Three field trips provide the opportunity for repetition, repetition, repetition!

**Fee per session:** \$115 members / \$145 non-members.  
Each class limited to 14 participants.

**Birding By Ear – Migrant Birds – Class Full, but sign up for wait list!**  
**May 10 and 24 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**May 13, 20, 27 (Sat), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips**

**Birding By Ear – Nesting Birds**  
**June 1 and 15 (Thu), 7pm–9pm: Classes in Heron Hall**  
**June 3, 10, 17 (Sat), 7am–10am: Local Field Trips**

Song Sparrow  
Photo by Scott Carpenter

# Adult Classes



Rough-skinned Newt. Photo by Rhett Wilkins

## Amphibians of the Pacific Northwest

**May 31 (Wed), 7pm–9pm: Class in Heron Hall**  
**June 4 (Sun), 8am–4pm: Field Trip (transportation provided)**  
Over 30 species of frogs and salamanders inhabit the Pacific Northwest, and **Dr. Ivan Phillipsen** will introduce you to the basics of their fascinating world. On the field trip, we’ll have a fun day searching for amphibians in several natural habitats. Field trip involves hiking 4 miles through the forest on a sometimes-rocky trail that has a mostly gentle gradient.

**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

To register, go to [audubonportland.org](http://audubonportland.org) for online registration or to download a registration form.

## Audubon Classics: Fire, Sticks, & 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 arts 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, whether it’s a full-week overnighter (6th–8th grade), day trips culminating in a two-night overnighter (4th–5th grade), or day trips culminating in a one–night overnighter (2nd–3rd grade) at our pristine Marmot Cabin near Mount Hood. The Joe Miller Wildlife Sanctuary, which surrounds Marmot Cabin, is the perfect location to foster these skills.

**Session 1: Grades entering 6th–8th**  
**Week 3: July 10–14 (Overnight Sun–Fri)**  
**Fee:** \$395 members/\$415 non-members

**Session 2: Grades entering 4th–5th**  
**Week 4: July 17–21 (Overnight Wed–Fri)**  
**Fee** \$360 members/\$380 non-members

**Session 3: Grades entering 2nd–3rd**  
**Week 5: July 24–28 (Overnight Thur–Fri)**  
**Fee:** \$335 members/\$355 non-members



Fire by friction.  
Photo by Severin Piper

## Audubon East Explorers

The Audubon Society of Portland is excited to offer camps for the **second year** on Portland’s east side for several fun, weeklong camps this summer!

Go to [www.saturdayacademy.org](http://www.saturdayacademy.org) to register, or call Saturday Academy at 503-200-5858 with questions.

**Portland Arthur Academy**  
7507 SE Yamhill, Suite B, Portland, OR 97215  
Program times are 8:45 am to 4:15 pm daily.

Grades 2nd–3rd	Grades 4th–5th	Grades 6th–8th
<div><b>Backyard Birds</b> Learn how to identify and appreciate the wonderful, colorful birds that call Portland home. Spend time learning how to use binoculars to search out our feathered friends, and build your own bird feeder to take home and attract them to your own yard. Take time with your new flock to create various art projects to complement your new bird knowledge! <b>Fee:</b> \$285</div> <div><b>July 31–Aug 4</b></div>	<div><b>Wild in the City</b> Drawing from the pages of <i>Wild in the City: A Guide to Portland’s Natural Areas</i>, we will explore unique and surprising places in one of the nation’s most livable cities. We will navigate the city in search of urban greenspaces and wildlife. We are sure to find tracks and sign of many of the critters that call Portland home in some of the most unlikely places. We will call on all of our map interpretation techniques to hunt for destinations that the campers will help choose for each day. One day might take us to Crystal Springs and Oaks Bottom, while another might find us exploring the unexpected details of Pioneer Courthouse Square. This camper-directed week is sure to amaze and inspire even the most savvy of urban naturalist travelers. <b>Fee:</b> \$285</div> <div><b>Aug 7–11</b></div>	<div><b>Bird Biologist</b> What does it take to live a lifelong dream of learning from our feathered friends? What are the tools of a bird biologist and how are they used? Where is the best place to find birds in Portland? Join Portland Audubon Educators for a week of feathered-friend forays to answer these questions and more! Spy on Great Blue Herons and Osprey on the Willamette River, and search for wrens and warblers at Smith and Bybee Lakes. Explore Sauvie Island, looking for blackberries and Bald Eagles, listening for the calls of American Coots and Pied-billed Grebes. Whatever you do, flock to this camp and start on the path to becoming a Jr. Bird Biologist. <b>Fee:</b> \$285</div> <div><b>Aug 14–18</b></div>



# Field Notes

by Harry Nehls

## How Do Birds React to a Solar Eclipse?

On August 21 a total eclipse of the sun will pass eastward over the central sections of Oregon. This event has generated considerable interest among humans. But what effect will the eclipse have on local wildlife?

On February 26, 1979, a total eclipse passed directly over Portland, allowing many to experience the phenomenon and observe the effects on wildlife. An article published in the May 1979 issue of the *Audubon Warbler* described some of the effects observed:

“The morning of February 26 came up rather dull and dreary in the northern section of Oregon and southern Washington, but it didn’t dampen the excitement as everyone awaited the big event of the season—a full eclipse of the sun! Presumably only humans anticipated its coming so there was considerable interest on how other forms of life would react. Special watches were set up to observe the reactions of various birds and mammals as the light faded and record what effect it would have on their behavior. For the most part animal life reacted with a little apprehension and some interest. Some species show more emotion than others, which is interesting.

“Most birds responded by settling down and waiting for the sun to come back out again. Mammals responded the same way but showed more interest in the phenomenon. My dog became apprehensive when it began to darken but throughout the event never left the window. The wolves at the zoo also became a bit unsettled but did little more than watch the proceedings.

## Sightings

Cold, wet storms passed over Oregon and California during late winter and continued uninterrupted through March. This must have had considerable influence on the early spring migrations. The main movements, however, arrived about on schedule.

Dennis Deck reported the first migrant flock of **Tree Swallows** at the Tualatin NWR February 13. **Violet-green Swallows** were first noted February 18 by Matt Cahill near the Troutdale Airport and by Stefan Schlick at the Fernhill Wetlands. Good numbers of both species were around by later in the month.

On March 14 Nick Mrvelj spotted a single **Rough-winged Swallow** and a single **Cliff Swallow** among a swallow flock over Force Lake in North Portland. Harry Fuller noted a **Rough-winged** the Tualatin NWR the same day.

**Yellow-rumped Warblers** remained rather uncommon through the spring. Single **Orange-crowned Warblers** were reported through the winter and slowly increased to small flocks by late March. Mark Greenfield reported a **Common Yellowthroat** April 2 on Sauvie Island.



Solar Eclipse. Photo by NASA

“In wild birds, however, some response was noticeable if anyone stopped to observe. Starlings seem to be masters of any situation they get into, but during the eclipse they became completely unraveled, perhaps showing their intelligence. At the approach of darkness these sociable birds gathered in the tops of the trees, squalling and fluttering about in complete disarray until the light returned to normal. Gulls pretty much under control usually, lifted off the grassy parks and golf courses as darkness approached in unorganized flight but soon were circling overhead probably on wind currents caused by the sudden cooling. They returned to the grounds soon after the turbulence settled. Most birds however, just flew into cover and remained quiet until it was over.

“John Cowles, birding in the Rainier area reported that during the eclipse all was silent, even the dogs quieted down. Afterward he took a seven-block walk into town and all the way could hear the haunting calls of the Varied Thrush coming from every direction. He had heard a few thrushes in this area all winter but was amazed at the number that were calling that morning. Thinking that there may have been an influx he checked the area again for the next several mornings but heard only the four or five calls noted prior to that time. He reports that the eclipse had a profound effect on humans in the area but to follow it up with an outpouring of mournful Varied Thrush calls was eerie.”



Western Kingbird. Photo by Hayley Crews

**Say’s Phoebe** are uncommon migrants west of the Cascades, but this spring Portland-area birders found more than usual. On February 17 Dan Strong noted one at the Oregon City Sewage Ponds. It remained through March. Vicki and Ryan Madden found one March 4 at the Koll Center Marshes. On February 12 Matt Cahill found one near the Troutdale Airport and one at Powell Butte Park. By March 25 two were at Powell Butte. On March 21 Steve Jagers found one at Oaks Bottom.

On March 23 Janet Ehrenfreund saw a flock of eight **Mountain Bluebirds** at Powell Butte Park. They remained through March. On March 27 Bonny Comegys spotted a **Western Bluebird** in the flock.

## Volunteer of the Month: Leslie Mundt

by Ian Abraham, Camp Director/  
On-site Programs Manager

**L**eslie Mundt, a Washington native who moved to Portland as a teenager, has volunteered in the Education Department since 2013, where she has taken on many roles within the organization: leading Sanctuary Tours for students in kindergarten through fifth grade, volunteering in the Wildlife Care Center, and handling the education birds. Leslie has been a wonderful educator, leading many children on their first formal experience with environmental education and their first “academic” walk in the woods. She takes every opportunity to engage and educate the public on all matters concerning Portland Audubon’s goals to inspire people to love and protect nature.



Photo by Ian Abraham

Since her arrival, Leslie has been a beacon of positive energy, not only for her student groups, but for Education staff and volunteers. Whether it’s 70 degrees and cloudless, or wet, dark, and dreary, Leslie’s smile never falters while she’s leading tours. Her kind and gentle teaching style is a big hit with her students and helps make her one of our most effective Sanctuary Tour leaders.

Leslie’s commitment to Portland Audubon’s conservation and education goals is evident in the myriad of other volunteer opportunities that she takes advantage of within the organization. She is the only Portland Audubon volunteer who has two full-time shifts in the Care Center: one answering phones as a receptionist, and the other in the hospital rehabilitating orphaned and injured wildlife. As an education bird handler, Leslie exhibits her mastery of public engagement through educating visitors on why wild animals belong in the wild.

When she’s not at Portland Audubon, you can find Leslie volunteering at the Judicial Department on the Citizen Review Board or twirling her baton as a member of two different marching bands.

Thank you, Leslie, for all of the hours you have given Portland Audubon and for your enduring positive attitude and cheery smile!

On March 23 Brian and Chantelle Simmons found a **Loggerhead Shrike** at the Good Shepherd Church near Boring. Another was found by David Mandell March 25 at the Sandy River Delta.

Perhaps most surprising this spring were the very early **Western Kingbirds**. Abby Haight found one in Oaks Bottom March 20. Carol Hallett saw one the same day at the Portland Airport. On April 1 Abby saw one at Powell Butte Park. On March 19 a female **Western Tanager** visited Lona Pierce’s feeder in Warren.

## The Symbolism in Changing a Symbol

by Bob Sallinger, Conservation Director

**I**n a 1927 contest sponsored by the Oregon Audubon Society, the nearly 80,000 schoolchildren, representing every county, voted and chose the Western Meadowlark as the official state bird. Thirteen years later, Gabrielson and Jewett, writing in the seminal *Birds of Oregon* noted,

*The Western Meadowlark was chosen by a vote of the schoolchildren as Oregon’s State bird...and nearly every person who has written on Oregon birds since has had something to say about this species which is probably the most widely distributed and among the most abundant of the permanent resident birds. It is equally at home in the arid sage plateaus of southeastern Oregon and the tide flats of the humid coast district. It appears in our field notes from every county in the State and its cheery song is known to our school children everywhere, facts that probably account for its choice as State Bird.*

Now the Oregon Senate wants to impose its own preference for a state bird over the one chosen by the schoolchildren of Oregon. Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 18 calls for replacing the Meadowlark with the Osprey. The Senate voted to make this change with no public engagement effort whatsoever and even rejected a proposal by Audubon chapters across Oregon to sponsor a contest for kids to select an official state raptor.

Today the Meadowlark is far less common than in 1927—the loss of grassland habitat has made it increasingly uncommon west of the Cascades. The Oregon Legislature, which now proposes to relegate the bird to the memory hole of state symbols, has repeatedly failed to consider legislation in recent sessions that would have provided funding to help recover Oregon’s imperiled birds, and specifically the Western Meadowlark. Its declining distribution should not be cause to sweep it aside as our state symbol; it should be cause to redouble our

commitment to protecting it and the habitat on which it depends.

The proposal is now headed to the Oregon House for consideration, and hopefully our representatives in the House will demonstrate greater wisdom and reject SCR 18. Better yet, they could reject it and commit to bringing forward legislation in 2018 to help fund restoration of the Meadowlark and other declining bird species so that children throughout the state can once again hear its melodious song.

Please take a few minutes to email or call your state representative and ask him or her to vote No on SCR 18. For more information contact Portland Audubon Conservation Director Bob Sallinger at [bsallinger@audubonportland.org](mailto:bsallinger@audubonportland.org)

Western Meadowlark  
Photo by Jim Cruce





## Members Receive a Discount at the Nature Store!

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



Monarch Fieldscope 20-60 zoom

## Nikon's "Monarch Extreme" Promotion

This year Nikon introduced a wonderful new Monarch Fieldscope. It has all the features we love: ED (extra-low dispersion) glass, both 82mm and 60mm models, mid-body helical focus ring, comfortable angled design, field flattening lenses, and an optional wide-angle eyepiece. **And from April 5 to May 20, when you purchase a Monarch Fieldscope, you'll receive a free pair of Nikon Monarch 5 binoculars!** The Monarch 5 is Nikon's best-selling, lightweight, full-sized binocular. Now how "extreme" is that? We'd say "Extremely satisfying!" After you make your purchase, you'll fill out some simple paperwork, and Nikon will mail your choice of full-sized Monarch 5 binoculars directly to your home or office. "Extremely" easy! The member price of the Monarch Fieldscope with a 60mm objective lens with 16-48 zoom is \$1399.95 and the 82mm model with 20-60 zoom runs \$1599.95. The optional wide angle lens is \$549.90 for members. **The value of the free Monarch 5 binoculars is up to \$349.95 depending on which model you choose 8x42, 10x42 or 12x42.**



Monarch 5 8x42 binoculars

## Join us for a Book Club Discussion

**Monday, May 15, 7-8pm**

**Heron Hall at Audubon Society of Portland**

Book: **Lab Girl**, by Hope Jahren (2015). Purchase the book at the Portland Audubon Nature Store for a special 20% discount.

"Some people are great writers, while other people live lives of adventure and importance. Almost no one does both. Hope Jahren does both. She makes me wish I'd been a scientist."

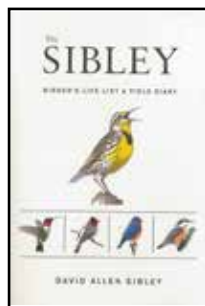
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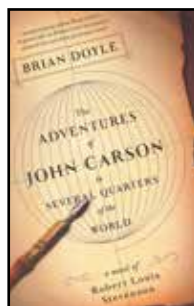


## Perfect Summer Reads!

We are always on the lookout for new products from David Allen Sibley, and are delighted to announce the arrival of ***The Sibley Birder's Life List and Field Diary*** (Clarkson Potter, \$19.95). Meant to be a companion to the Sibley field guides, it gives you a place to log your sightings of all 990 bird species that have been accepted in the North American region by the American Birding Association, plus room for vagrants and exotics. It comes in a handy spiral-bound format with waterproof cover, so it will hold up to lots of abuse in the field.

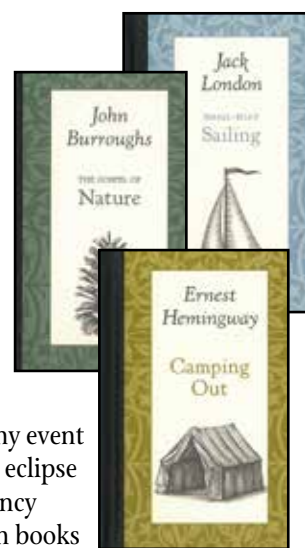


Here is a pair of new literary works by popular Northwest authors. Seattle-based nature writer Lyanda Lynn Haupt (perhaps best known for ***Crow Planet***) has a new title, ***Mozart's Starling*** (Little Brown, \$27.00), which shifts between the historical relationship of Mozart and a pet starling, and present-day complexities of invasive starlings in the North American landscape. Portland writer Brian Doyle's latest novel, ***The Adventures of John Carson in Several Quarters of the World*** (St. Martin's Press, \$25.99), is a tale of love and adventure based on the life of Robert Louis Stevenson.



Applewood Books publishes a series of charming small hardbound works of classic literature, all selling for \$9.95. The publisher calls

them "tactile mementos of American passions by some of America's most famous writers." These would make terrific gifts for graduation or Mother's/Father's Day, or a perfect excuse to meditatively sit under a tree on a warm afternoon.



This summer's most noteworthy event will probably be the total solar eclipse on August 21. Local author Nancy Coffelt has created a pair of fun books for kids to prepare for the experience: ***The Big Eclipse*** (\$12.95) and ***The Big Eclipse Activity Book*** (\$4.95). Both eclipse science and mythology are presented in a colorful format for kids ages 5-11.



Finally, we know there will be bugs in summer. Most will be perfectly harmless and essential parts of the ecosystem, and then there are the ones that will bite, sting, and generally be annoying. Be prepared with the natural bug remedies found in Stephanie L. Tourles' ***Naturally Bug-Free: 75 Nontoxic Recipes*** (Storey Books, \$10.95). Using essential oils, herbs, and other natural ingredients, there are remedies for mosquitos, pantry bugs, and closet moths. Also, treatments to keep your pets tick and flea-free.



## Woodpecker Conflicts: What Are Your Options?

"Who's hammering outside my window, why didn't my landlord warn me, and how did they get up to the third floor of my building?" I asked myself this very question one spring morning as I was roused by a loud, methodical tapping on the exterior wall of my bedroom. As I lay there pondering, the pieces fell into place: woodpeckers.

Every spring, Nature Store staff and volunteers answer variations on this question dozens, if not hundreds, of times. Many folks are disappointed to learn there's no catch-all solution; the ways to get woodpeckers to stop destroying your siding are as varied as the reasons for the behavior. Woodpeckers typically peck for three reasons:

### Nest-Making (April-June)

Woodpeckers nest in cavities they have excavated in mature trees. In an urban setting, they sometimes substitute man-made wooden structures. If you see holes roughly two inches in diameter, and the timing is right, you might have nesting woodpeckers.



**Flicker Nest Box \$69.00**

**Solution:** Provide a woodpecker nest box (available in the Nature Store). Chances are good that nesting woodpeckers will go for the premium, pre-made option rather than expend more energy than necessary excavating a brand-new hole.

### Territorial Drumming (April-June)

During mating season, male woodpeckers will drum on anything that produces a loud noise to drive away competitors and attract mates.

**Solution:** Cover the object the bird is drumming with noise-deadening material such as heavy plastic, tarp, or foam. If the drumming produces less noise, he will look elsewhere for something to thump on. If it's not the noise that bothers you but the fact that the drumming is damaging your property, try hanging sheet metal specifically for males to use as an alternative drumming instrument.

## Drilling for Insects (Year-Round)

The signs of insect drilling usually look like a series of very small holes all over the affected area.

**Solution:** Where insects are involved, it's best to treat the problem at its source and get your home checked for infestation. Short-term solutions include covering the area with woodpecker-resistant material such as ¼-inch hardware cloth or plastic. Aversion tactics include Mylar scare tape to frighten the birds. Providing alternative food sources such as suet can also be a temporary and bird-friendly fix until you can treat the infestation.



**Holographic Mylar Scare Tape \$8.00**

## Welcome Back, Rufous Hummingbirds!

At the Nature Store, we look forward every year to the Rufous Hummingbirds coming back into town after a long winter away. They follow blooming flowers up the Pacific coast from Mexico in the spring and are said to be especially fond of red-flowering currant. It's not all sugar and sunshine once they arrive; Rufous Hummingbirds must compete for food and nesting habitat with year-round resident Anna's Hummingbirds. Rufous Hummingbirds are known by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology as "the feistiect hummingbird in North America," and it's easy to see why: these flying pipsqueaks have a penchant for picking fights. While their aerial antics can be a treat to watch, we decided to help all the hummers in our sanctuary spend a little less energy arguing over territory. It was as simple as adding another feeder to our array.



**Hummzinger 12 oz 4-port hummingbird feeder \$25.00**

As it turns out, even a large saucer feeder with multiple feeding ports is too close for comfort for most hummingbirds. After hanging a second feeder a few feet away, we noticed a significant drop in territorial posturing. By the end of the day, three hummingbirds (two Anna's and one Rufous) were even seen drinking at the same time from our two feeders.



# Sally Loomis Says Farewell after Ten Years

by Toni Rubin, Portland Audubon Volunteer

Over the past eight years I've had the privilege and joy of working with Sally Loomis as a volunteer Nature Store clerk, Storytime organizer and reader, and member of the Wild Arts Festival Book Fair Committee.

Dry, macabre wit; mischievous twinkle of the eye; a librarian's memory of every volume on offer in the store, what's in and out of print, pertinent new titles coming out soon; and the reading and birding passions of regular customers and folks who work with her frequently. That's Sally at Portland Audubon.

If you add a comprehensive knowledge of plants, bird feeders, bird seed, suet, and optics, and an easy willingness to answer volunteer clerk questions no matter how often repeated, you have barely gotten to know the energetic, soft-spoken, efficient, and creative woman those lucky enough to work with her know. Sally is a focused and fabulous resource

In fact, she is so intently focused that it takes some time to get to know her. But once you do, you have a friend for life. Two years ago Sally, remembering I would be going through Michigan soon, brought me an article on Tawas Point Park, a famous

birding spot on Lake Huron. Thanks to that article, my friends and I managed to hit the park during a May fallout, and we could barely advance along the trail for all the wood warblers we were seeing. I went back last year and watched an American Redstart build her nest just barely an arm's length away. Two of my most fulfilling birding experiences that I will always associate with my friend, Sally, and her graciousness, kindness, and fantastic memory.

Sally and I are taking our friendship outside Portland Audubon's walls and have begun to explore our myriad common interests. I will miss her on campus but am certain whatever she takes up in the future will be stimulating and just as crazy interesting as the recent article in *The Atlantic* on Rough-skinned Newt and Garter Snake evolution and the toxicity arms race. Have you seen that one yet, Sally? You will love it!



Sally Loomis.  
Photo by James Davis

## Katrina Montoya, Our New Sanctuaries Caretaker, Hits the Trails

Katrina Montoya jumped straight into the deep end as our new Sanctuaries Caretaker, right before the start of one of the most challenging winters the sanctuary has faced in years. Winter storms brought with them downed trees, power outages, and trail closures. Thankfully, Katrina came to us as a trails technician, and used her skills both with trails maintenance and volunteer management to quickly and expertly reopen the pathways throughout our 150 acre sanctuary.

Among her many duties here at Portland Audubon, Katrina maintains our trails, manages our native plants nursery, coordinate volunteers, and gives her expertise as a natural resources specialist and facility assistant. Katrina Montoya grew up playing along the Willamette and Umpqua Rivers and their tributaries. After high school she served an 11-month service term in an AmeriCorps

environmental-based program in Trout Lake, Washington, an experience that started her on a career path conserving, maintaining, and enhancing fish and wildlife habitats in natural areas throughout Oregon and Washington. She graduated from Oregon State University with a BS in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Applied Ecology and Resource Management in 2009.

Katrina says about her new role as Sanctuaries Caretaker, "I spent a lot of time working with parks, local government and did my internship with a nonprofit, and I really wanted to get back to nonprofit work, especially working with an agency that has a mission I can get behind, and I found that place at Portland Audubon."



Katrina Montoya.  
Submitted photo.

## Sharon Jamin Joins Portland Audubon as New Bookkeeper

Handling the finances of a large and busy nonprofit like Audubon Society of Portland is no small job, and Director of Finance and Operations Xander Patterson was thrilled to find a very competent assistant in **Sharon Jamin**. Sharon started helping keep the books for Portland Audubon last April, working just one day a week as a contractor. She proved herself so valuable that her duties have steadily expanded, and she joined the staff in March of this year.

Sharon was born and raised in Indonesia, but she came to the University of Oregon for her undergraduate studies and promptly fell in love with the Pacific Northwest. She moved to Portland right after graduation in 2000 and has

been working in various capacities for small to large Portland nonprofits, such as the Intertwine Alliance, Friends of Tryon Creek, and Portland Parks Foundation. Sharon says that she's been doing accounting work all her life, but the dedicated staff and volunteers at Portland Audubon make all the difference in her day, and she's thrilled to be a part of the organization's larger mission. Plus she is surrounded by nature and birds at work—what could be better than that? We are very glad for her diligent work and warm presence, and her older child is happy to come to camp this summer! Welcome to the team, Sharon!



Sharon Jamin.  
Submitted photo.

### Join Our Flock — Become a Member

Your membership dollars support our Conservation, Education, and Wildlife Rehabilitation Programs! Memberships help us protect native birds and their habitats, and come with perks such as discounts on classes, camps, and trips and in our Nature Store. You can join online at [audubonportland.org/support/membership](http://audubonportland.org/support/membership), in our Nature Store, or send in this handy form.

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Relaxing in a catio. Photo by Tinsley Hunsdorfer

## Showcase Your Outdoor Cat Enclosure in the 5th Annual Catio Tour

In partnership with the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO), we're accepting submissions for the upcoming Catio Tour; which will feature outdoor cat enclosures on Saturday, September 9. From functional to fabulous, be sure to submit your catio to be part of this popular event!



The tour, which has gained enormous popularity over the past five years, seeks to inspire cat owners to build or buy their own outdoor cat enclosure so their felines can exercise and bask in the sun safely—while also protecting wildlife from cat predation.

Visit [catssafeathome.org/catio-host](http://catssafeathome.org/catio-host) to submit your catio for consideration.

Submissions are due by June 16.

The Catio Tour is part of our Cats Safe at Home™ campaign, where we work in partnership with the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon, Multnomah County Animal Services, and Washington County Animal Services on strategies to reduce the number of cats living outdoors in a humane and environmentally responsible manner. Our coalition believes every cat deserves a safe home where they are loved, cared for, and kept free from hazards. For more information about the campaign, visit [audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/cats](http://audubonportland.org/issues/hazards/cats) or contact Nikkie West at [nwest@audubonportland.org](mailto:nwest@audubonportland.org) or 503-292-6855.

### Thank You to:

- Harriet Anderson for books, skulls, feathers, shark skins, sea shells & fossils to Education
- Sandra Armstrong for a pair of 10x50 Leupold binoculars to Education
- Jim Cruce for 5 8x10 photos, 12 11x14 photos, & 4 20x30 photos to Development
- Leupold & Stevens, Inc. for 5 10x30 Yosemite binoculars, 3 8x30 Yosemite binoculars, & 3 6x30 Yosemite binoculars to the Nature Store
- Candace Plant for 2 incubator fans to the Wildlife Care Center, & 1 game of animal tracks, coloring pencils, & permanent markers to Volunteers
- Paul Speer for 2,500 mason bee cocoons to Education
- Candace Sweeney for 1 *Sibley Guide to Birds* for the Wildlife Care Center

### 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.



# The Joy of Giving

by Donna Wiench, Interim Development Director

*“Audubon helped me discover my love for the natural world. I knew I liked it, but I didn’t know how much.”*

People who volunteer for Portland Audubon are often among our greatest financial supporters. A volunteer gets an inside look at whether a donor’s investment is well spent, and sees if employees are dedicated, hardworking, and loyal.

Volunteer Jill Nelson-Debord says: “My husband, Ray, and I give because (1), it’s a good cause. It’s really critical that we motivate young minds and plant seeds big time. And (2), I trust Audubon to spend money wisely. They operate with a tight budget. I see a frugal style. That matters to me.” Jill and Ray Debord met at PGE, where Jill was the employee assistance coordinator, and Ray worked at the system control center. Ray says he supports Portland Audubon because it’s significant for his wife, and because “Audubon does very important work protecting wildlife.”

Jill volunteered at several places before settling on Portland Audubon, where she coordinates volunteers for the Wild Arts Festival held each November. “Audubon treats you best,” she said. “The fact that you have 450 volunteers and staff members who know my name is important. I find Audubon supporters to be smart, clever, dedicated, and fun.”

At Portland Audubon, Jill is able to combine her three hobbies: birding, gardening, and traveling. She said: “Audubon turned me on to birding. I’ve always been a gardener, but Audubon directed some of my interest into native plants. I’ve also always been a traveler, and Audubon birding trips have taken me to some interesting places.”



Ray Debord and Jill Nelson-Debord.  
Photo by Donna Wiench

Both Ray and Jill grew up enjoying nature and regularly take their grandchildren on outdoor adventures. For them, the education programs are key. “Portland Audubon has planted important seeds in the hearts of thousands of children who will hopefully grow up to care about the environmental world. Portland Audubon has become a well-known resource in our community for native animals and the environment.”

“Portland Audubon is an organization I hope to continue to be involved with for years to come,” says Jill. And that would be fine with us—we are fortunate to have the depth of commitment and support that members like Ray and Jill freely give.

# Welcome Our New Membership Manager, Tony Arnell

by Donna Wiench, Interim Development Director

Portland Audubon’s new Membership Manager, Tony Arnell, is looking forward to helping expand the number of member households in our region while taking good care of our current members. He comes to us from the Oregon Zoo Foundation, where he served as Annual Giving Manager. There he managed fundraising activities for the annual fund while also working to inspire support from new and longtime donors.

An Oregon native with nine years’ experience in nonprofit fundraising, Tony graduated from Southridge High School in Beaverton and received his degree in business administration from the University of Oregon. Tony’s childhood home was surrounded by forest on Chehalem Mountain in Newberg, so a love for our natural world was instilled in him at a very early age—and it continues to inspire him every day. Tony says: “Audubon does great work in advocating for wildlife and the wild places of Oregon—and I’m proud to support that mission. I believe it is our responsibility to protect all species and the beautiful natural spaces they reside in.”

During his downtime, Tony enjoys road trips along the West Coast, yurting and camping, attending live theatre and music shows, spending time with family and friends, and going on walks with his dog, Zeppelin.



Photo by Donna Wiench

Tony recently became an uncle when his younger sister welcomed a baby girl over the winter, and he is eagerly awaiting the arrival of a second niece this spring when his twin sister delivers. Tony loves nature and wildlife and is looking forward to learning more about birds. We welcome Tony to the organization and are excited to see his plans take shape!



In addition to treating 3,000 injured and orphaned native wildlife each year, Audubon Society of Portland’s Wildlife Care Center is the only resource of its kind in our region that educates individuals on how to reduce unnecessary human/wildlife conflicts. By making a gift today, you are helping save lives and creating a community equipped with the tools and knowledge to coexist with our wild neighbors.



Donate today:  
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# Summer Camps: The Portland Audubon Way

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Finally, our community satellite camps continue to provide opportunities for underserved populations that typically have limited access to environmental education. For six weeks, the **Explorador** program runs in a partnership with **Bienestar**, **Hacienda** and, **Rose City C.D.C.** We are thankful for the dedication of our community partners and our generous funding partners. With their help we offer these camps free of charge to participants.

We take great pride in our array of nature camp offerings and send our appreciation to all the parents who have entrusted us with their most precious beings. The campers we work with allow us, as a staff of Environmental Educators, College Interns, and High School Counselors, to express our own passion for nature and care for Oregon’s wild places and beyond. Our summer camps truly promote the understanding, enjoyment, and protection of native birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for all participants to enjoy.

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Birdathon 2017

Counting 37 years strong!

Ever wish your hours spent birding could help save the lives of birds? Then join us for Birdathon! It's like a walk-a-thon, but so much better. Friends, family members, and coworkers pledge money for you to find and count birds...something you'll likely be doing anyway this spring. Register today and know that every bird you spot will raise funds for their protection!

Birdathon veteran and Owl Be Darned leader **Hailey Walls** shares why she thinks every birder should participate:

**You get to meet other birders.** I've met several friends on Birdathon teams over the years, and I've met more experienced birders that I could turn to for help finding and identifying birds. It's a perfect way to find birding buddies and mentors.

**You'll bond with your team members.** Travel time is filled sharing great birding stories, bonding over nemesis birds, and talking about dream birding destinations. You also get the joy of working together to accomplish a goal, and you create new stories together.

**You'll learn about "secret" birding spots.** Trips often incorporate personal birding hotspots—a field behind a warehouse that always has a pheasant, a Best Western parking lot that tends to get great birds at the feeders. The seasoned birders putting together the routes know the strange spots that won't show up in a birding guide.

**You discover that birding can happen anywhere, anytime.** Finding an unexpected warbler species at a bathroom stop or defending why the woodpecker that flew over the car as you drove through the woods was "definitely a hairy and not a downy" is a huge part of the excitement.

**Birdathons are exciting, and every bird is new.** Because Birdathons are about seeing as many species as possible, each and every one counts. Common birds are new again for experienced birders, and your team celebrates them right alongside you.

**You will have a chance to watch more experienced birders ID many different species.** Most Birdathon teams have members with a wide range of experience levels; you aren't likely to be the only new birder, your new birder eyes will help the team find species they may have overlooked, and you can watch your leaders search for specific species and explain their identifications to the team.

**You'll be able to celebrate your wonderful birding day.** It's really satisfying at the end of the trip to spend some time with your new friends reliving the amazing moments and making plans for the next one over a meal or a beverage.

We invite everyone who raises \$75 or more to celebrate with us on June 20 at the **Birdathon Celebration!** Birdathon participants and supporters will be eligible to win prizes and enter raffles for items from dozens of local businesses. We will also have two pairs of Zeiss binoculars

available for purchase only to those attending: **Zeiss Victory SF 8x42** – regular price \$3166.66, member price \$2849.99, sale price at the event \$2204; and **Zeiss Victory SF 10x42** – regular price \$3222.21, member price \$2899.99, sale price at the event \$2243. Doors will open at the North Star Ballroom at 6pm.

We'd love to see each and every Audubon Society of Portland member participate—join a team, make a pledge to a friend or relative, or simply make a Birdathon donation. Together we all count to protect birds and wildlife across Oregon:

**Donate online at Birdathon.audubonportland.org,** or use the pledge envelope included in this *Warbler*. **Join a team**—there are birding trips for any level of birder. See the great trips with available space below, find out how to create your own team—or just fly solo! Follow the links at **Birdathon.audubonportland.org**.

Space is still available in these and other trips:

**Greater Peewees**  
**Sunday, April 24, 7am–12:30pm**  
For new birders seeking to develop field skills, with Sauvie Island expert **Greg Baker**.

**The Great Big Sit**  
**Sunday, April 24, 8am–Noon**  
The perfect Birdathon experience for beginning birders, with **Corrinne and Bryan Crawford, Bob Lockett,** and **Adrienne Wolf-Lockett**.

**Morning Doves**  
**Monday, May 1, 6:30am–10:30am**  
Morning chorus walk at Cooper Mountain with **Darlene Betat**.

**Cooper Mountain Chickadees**  
**Saturday, May 20, 8am–11am**  
Birding and photography with **Molly Sultany, Hayley Crews,** and **Angela Calabrese**.

**Millennial Falcons**  
**Saturday, May 21, 8am–Noon**  
A trip for birders 30 and under, with **Robin Juskowiak** and **Brandon Lampkin** at Fernhill Wetlands.

**Jackson Bottom Ramblers**  
**Saturday, June 4, 7am–Noon**  
Birding with former Audubon staffer **Steve Engel** at this Important Bird Area.

**Full-Day Trips**  
**Washington County Wormeaters**  
**Saturday, May 6, 5am–7:30pm**  
Washington County's birding gems with **Joe Liebezeit** and **Carol Murdock**.

**Mult Madness**  
**Saturday, May 13, 7am–7pm**  
**Wink Gross** and **Andy Frank** lead a tour of birding hotspots in Multnomah County.



Owl Be Darned.  
Photo by  
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Weekday Warblers 2016. Photo by John Rakestraw

**Portland Sneak Creepers**  
**Saturday, May 13, 8am–3pm**  
Behind-the-scenes critical habitat exploration with **Micah Meskel**.

**Soggy Bottom Birders**  
**Friday, May 20, 9am–4pm**  
An exclusive birding tour of wetlands, with **Ian Abraham, Tim Donner, Laura Newton,** and **Marissa Duncan**.

Report your Birdathon adventures and follow us at **#BirdathonPDX!**

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